



Making every vote accessible and empowering your community

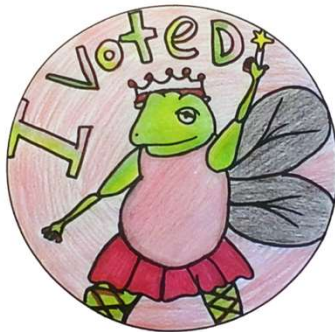
MML Annual Convention

Session hosted by Michigan Black Caucus of Local Elected
Officials

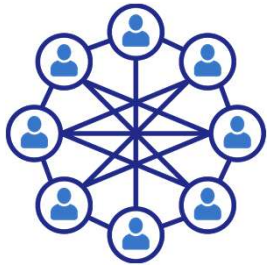
Presented by Michigan Deputy Secretary of State,
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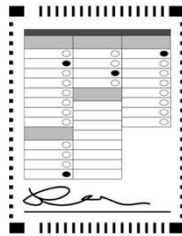
Welcome/opening



Michigan elections are secure



***Highly
decentralized***



Paper ballots



***1600+ high-integrity,
pro-democracy clerks***



***Checks and
balances at every
stage of the
process***

Michigan elections are accessible

Fighting every day for voter's access to the **ballot** and to honest and informative **election education materials** that meet Michiganders where they are.



Young, new, or first-time voters



Blind, deaf, wheelchair users, voters with disabilities



Underserved communities



English as second language voters

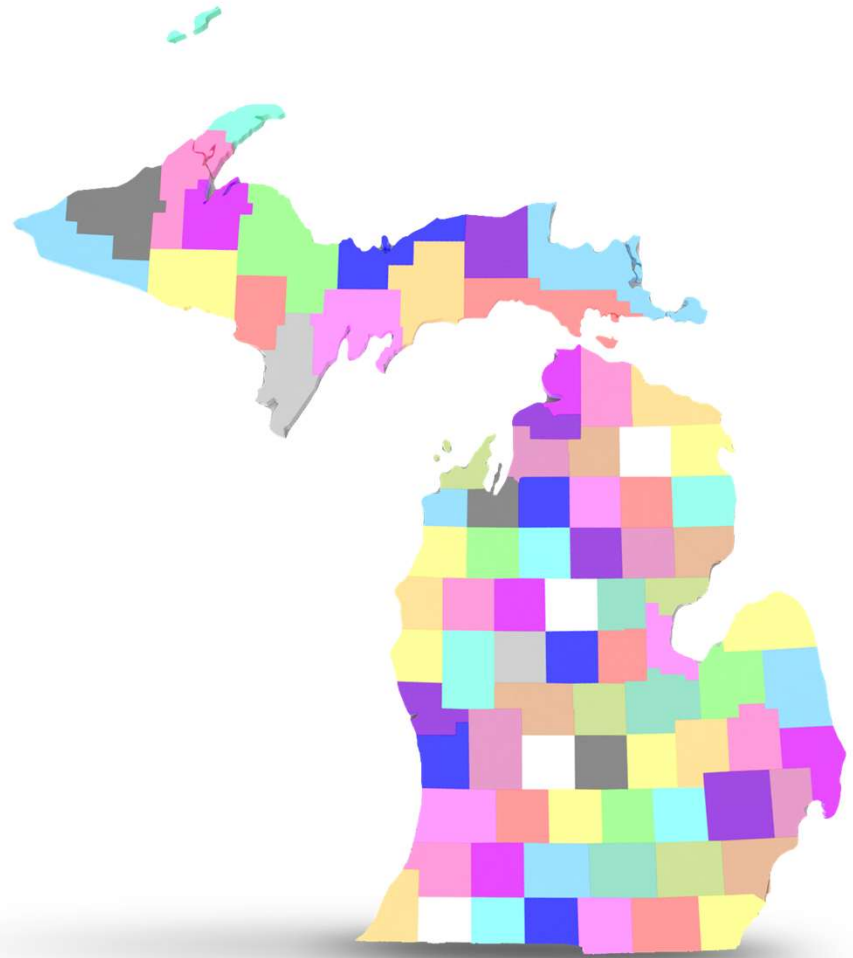


Elderly and infirmed

Michigan voters have options

Michigan's philosophy:
Every eligible voter should have multiple secure ways to participate in democracy

- ✓ Vote by mail
- ✓ Vote early in person for at least nine days
- ✓ Vote on Election Day
- ✓ Use secure ballot drop boxes
- ✓ Register and vote on the same day
- ✓ Track absentee ballots online



Know your voting rights

And help others in your community know them!

- ✓ Register to vote up to and even on Election Day
- ✓ 16- and 17-year-old Michigan residents can preregister to vote
- ✓ Vote by mail in every election – no reason required
- ✓ A minimum of 9-days of early voting – even on Sundays
- ✓ You do not have to produce an ID to cast your ballot
- ✓ Cast your ballot without fear of intimidation



Election administration FAST FACTS

- ✓ Poll worker structure and bipartisan oversight
- ✓ Ballot handling and the strict chain of custody
- ✓ Post-election audits and re-counts
- ✓ Certification processes
- ✓ Proven accountability systems and legal protections



Elections: Myth versus fact



Non-citizen voting



Dead people voting/
poor QVF records
maintenance



The Secretary of State
personally counts
the votes

SOS role in protecting elections

- ✓ Combating misinformation
- ✓ Providing election education opportunities and materials
- ✓ Prohibit voter suppression
- ✓ Work with legislators on voter-friendly laws and protections
- ✓ Educate, collaborate, and listen to clerks across the state
- ✓ Fight for voters facing challenges
- ✓ Work with pro-democracy groups, other states, and local municipalities on best practices

We can all help defend democracy



Know the truth about elections and share it with others



Serve as an election worker in your community



Seek out civic involvement activities



Start a voter registration drive



Thank you! Questions?