

Justice-Involved People's Guide to Michigan Voting Rights

Did you know?

- Formerly incarcerated people in Michigan **CAN VOTE** in all local, state and federal elections.
- The right to vote is restored immediately upon release, even if you are on parole.
- People who are on probation are also eligible to vote.
- People who are in county jails waiting to be adjudicated (have been charged but not yet convicted and are not currently serving a sentence for another crime) may also vote in all elections.
- People who are in jail awaiting trial may request an absentee ballot. The application for an absentee ballot can be found at www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf.

Register to vote:

- The next election is Nov. 6, 2018.
- The deadline to register for the upcoming election is Oct. 9, 2018.
- If you have been incarcerated, moved or haven't voted in a while, you may need to re-register to vote. To see if you're registered, you can check online at webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/.
- To register to vote, you can download the form at www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf and then:
 - Bring the form to your city, township or county clerk's office, or
 - Mail it, along with **copies** of the forms of identification described on the application, to your city, township or county clerk, or
 - Visit a local Secretary of State's office.

Who is eligible to vote in Michigan?

- In order to vote in Michigan, you must meet **all** of the following qualifications:
 - Be a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote. That means you have a drivers license with a Michigan address or can show a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank document or government document listing both your name and your address in your locality.
 - Be a citizen of the United States of America.
 - Be at least 18 years of age by Election Day. Note: 17-year-olds may register if they will be 18 by the time of the next election.
 - Not be serving a sentence in jail or prison.

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