# Chapter IX

## **ELECTIONS**



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#### HOW AN ISSUE BECOMES A BALLOT PROPOSAL

#### Background

Historically, the phenomenon of "direct democracy" — voters casting ballots to amend statutes or the state constitution — has its roots in the populist movement of the turn of the twentieth century. Since 1898, when South Dakota adopted a statewide initiative and referendum capability, many states have incorporated mechanisms for direct citizen participation in lawmaking. Michigan provides more access to the ballot for its citizens than most states. Only 15 states, including Michigan, provide for all three of the tools for citizens to place proposals on the ballot: the initiative to propose changes to the state constitution, the initiative to propose legislation, and the power of citizens to invoke the referendum.

The mechanisms of the referendum and initiative, through which many proposals reach the ballot, have been part of Michigan law for many years. The Michigan Constitution of 1908 contained the right of initiative and the right of referendum (as a result of a 1913 amendment). The referendum used by the Legislature to submit any bill to a vote of the people and the right of the people to propose amendments to the constitution are also found in the 1908 constitution. The right of initiative is defined in the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended, as ". . . the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws . . .", and the people's right of

An issue can become a statewide ballot proposal as a result of any of the following actions:

- A citizen petition invoking the **initiative** relative to Michigan's statutes.
- A citizen petition invoking the **referendum** relative to Michigan's statutes.
- A citizen petition seeking to amend Michigan's constitution.
- Legislation enacted by the legislature which includes a provision that says the legislation cannot become law unless approved by a majority of voters.
- A measure adopted by the legislature seeking to amend the constitution.
- A constitutionally mandated provision which automatically places on the ballot each sixteenth year the question of a general revision of the constitution. This question appeared on the ballot in 1978, 1994, and 2010.

With the exception of the constitutionally mandated provision that automatically places the question of a general revision of the constitution before the electorate every 16 years, every ballot proposal is the result of either citizen or legislative action.

#### Initiative

In order to exercise the right to initiate legislation, a citizen or group must secure, on petitions, the signatures of registered electors in an amount not less than eight percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last gubernatorial election.

The Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, as amended, establishes requirements and provisions that must be followed in order for a proposed piece of legislation to reach the ballot. These requirements include page and print size specifications, the full text of the proposed law to be printed on the petitions, and the manner in which they are to be circulated. Before they are circulated for signatures, all petitions to initiate legislation or amend the constitution must be filed with the Secretary of State to be made available to the public. Not less than ten days before the beginning of a session of the legislature, completed petitions to initiate legislation are filed with the Secretary of State and the Board of State Canvassers, which then must check validity and sufficiency of the signatures and make an official declaration of approval or disapproval at least two months before the election. The Elections Division of the Secretary of State recommends that petitions be filed at least 160 days prior to the general election to assure placement on the ballot, if required. The legislature has 40 days from the time it receives the petition to enact or reject the proposed law or to propose a different measure on the same question. If not enacted, the original initiative proposal and any different measure passed by the legislature must go before the voters as ballot proposals. A substitute passed by the legislature would be a separate proposal. Regarding situations where legislative and citizen-originated measures, or any proposals, are approved and conflict, the constitution provides:

If two or more measures approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

If an initiated proposal is passed by a majority of those voting, the new law takes effect ten days after the date of the official declaration of the vote. A new initiated law thus passed cannot be vetoed by the governor. It can only be amended or repealed by a subsequent vote of the electors or by a three-fourths vote of the members in each chamber of the legislature. (Article 2, Section 9, Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.)

The method of initiative used in Michigan is sometimes called the indirect initiative because the measure is first submitted to the legislature rather than directly to the voters.

#### Referendum

A referendum is also exercised through the gathering of signatures. The number of registered voters needed to invoke the referendum is five percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last gubernatorial election. A referendum cannot be proposed to approve or reject a law that appropriates money for state institutions or to meet deficiencies in state funds. A referendum petition must be filed with the Secretary of State within 90 days of the final adjournment of the legislative session during which the law in question was enacted. As with the initiative, these petitions are filed with the Secretary of State and the Board of State Canvassers is responsible for ascertaining the validity and sufficiency of the signatures.

After the referendum is properly invoked, the law in question must be suspended until the next general election, at which time the law will appear before voters as a ballot proposal. A law approved through the referendum by a majority of the voters takes effect ten days after the date of the official declaration of the vote. Unlike laws approved as a result of the initiative, which require a three-fourths majority of each legislative chamber to be amended, a law approved under referendum may be amended using the normal legislative process. If the law is rejected, of course, it does not go into effect. (Article 2, Section 9, Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.)

#### **Constitutional Amendments**

Citizen action, through the petition, can also be used to amend the constitution. In the case of proposed constitutional amendments, signatures of registered voters must equal at least 10 percent of the number of votes cast for all candidates in the last gubernatorial election in order for the matter to go before the electorate. As in the case of initiative and referendum, petitions seeking amendments to the state's constitution are filed with the Secretary of State, and the Board of State Canvassers is responsible for ascertaining the validity and sufficiency of the signatures. Petitions must be filed at least 120 days prior to the election. After the correct number of valid signatures are ascertained, the proposed amendment to the constitution is placed on the ballot at least 60 days prior to the election. Any proposal that is approved by a majority of those voting becomes part of the constitution and takes effect 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved. (Article 12, Section 2, Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.)

#### Legislative Action

Ballot proposals placed before the electorate as the result of legislative action are of three types: proposed amendments to the constitution (traditionally proposed as joint resolutions of the two legislative chambers), bills passed by the legislature and approved by the governor that stipulate that voter approval is necessary for the bill to become law, and questions pertaining to the state borrowing money for specific purposes.

Nothing in the constitution may be altered without the approval of the voters. Thus, any measure by the legislature to amend the constitution must be placed on the ballot. An amendment proposed by the legislature in the form of a joint resolution can be introduced into either the Senate or the House of Representatives. In order to become a ballot proposal, such a measure must be agreed to by a two-thirds majority of the members in each chamber. If passed by the legislature at least 60 days before the election, the measure is placed on the ballot at the next general or special election. If approved by a majority of those voting on the ballot proposal, the measure becomes part of the constitution 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved. (Article 12, Section 1, Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.)

The legislature may, in effect, ask for voter approval of a bill. This may be done for any bill that has passed the legislature and has been approved by the governor, except one appropriating money. In order for a ballot proposal to go before the voters in this manner, the bill must contain a provision that the bill cannot become law unless it receives approval from a majority of those voting. (Article 4, Section 34, Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.)

Another manner in which a proposal goes before the people involves the state borrowing money for specific purposes. Through an act (or acts) by the legislature which is adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members in each chamber, the **question of borrowing money** may go before the electorate. The proposal must state the amount to be borrowed, the specific purpose to which the funds are to be devoted, and the method of repayment. (Article 9, Section 15, Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, as amended.)

#### **Ballot Proposal Language**

A great deal of attention, and occasional controversy, is often focused on the actual ballot language of the proposals. The language that is printed on the ballots as "Proposal 14-1," "Proposal 14-2," etc. is often different than the wording of the actual amendment or law that is being considered. Obviously, the length of some measures and the technical language used to gain legal clarity prevent an entire measure from being reproduced on the ballot. The important task of summarizing each proposal into a yes or no question in less than 100 words (excluding the title) is the responsibility of the Board of State Canvassers. The wording that is finalized as the ballot proposal is often the result of many hours of discussion.

#### **Recent Ballot Proposals**

Since the ratification by Michigan voters of the current constitution, the Constitution of 1963, there have been many significant changes in our state that have come about because of ballot proposals. Many elements of our everyday lives have resulted from this method of direct citizen impact. Things such as daylight savings time, the legal drinking age, the removal of sales tax on food and prescription drugs, the prohibition of nonreturnable beverage containers, the Vietnam era veterans bonus, tax limitations, school financing, and setting term limits for state elected officials. In all, there have been **78 proposed amendments to the Constitution of 1963**. Thirty-one of these have resulted from initiatory petitions, while 44 have been placed on the ballot by the legislature. Also included are three questions of calling a constitutional convention: in 1978, 1994, and 2010, which were all defeated. Of the 78 total proposed amendments to the constitution (including the question of a constitutional convention), 32 have been approved by the voters of Michigan.

There have been 13 occasions in which **the initiative** has brought a proposed law before the people for a vote under our present constitution. Seven of these proposals have been passed by the voters. Successful initiatives that have passed and become law have included daylight savings time in 1972, the prohibition of nonreturnable beverage containers in 1976, casino provisions in 1996, and the legalization of medical marihuana in 2010.

Twenty-four instances of **the referendum** bringing legislation to the electorate for approval or rejection have occurred since the Constitution of 1963 became effective on January 1, 1964. Eleven of these referenda were approved by the voters.

There have been seven instances of the **legislature approving initiatives proposed by the citizens**, which eliminated the need for the measures to go before voters. These citizen-initiated and legislature-approved acts were 1964 PA 2, 1987 PA 59, 1990 PA 211, 2004 PA 135, 2006 PA 325, 2013 PA 182, and 2014 PA 281.

## LAWS PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION AND SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE, 1964-2014

	Date of		Va	te
Subject of Petition	Election	Action	For	Against
New legislation to allow licensed physicians to per- form abortions upon demand if period of gestation has not exceeded 20 weeks.	Nov. 1972	Rejected	1,270,416	1,958,265
Repeal Act 6 of 1967, to permit the establishment of daylight saving time in Michigan.	Nov. 1972	Adopted	1,754,887	1,460,724
New legislation to prohibit use of nonreturnable beverage containers; to require refundable cash deposits for returnable containers; and to provide penalties for violation of the law.	Nov. 1976	Adopted <sup>1</sup>	2,160,398	1,227,254
Amend section 33 of, and add section 33a to, Act 232 of 1953, to revise standards for grant of parole and to prohibit grant of parole for certain defined crimes until court-imposed minimum sentence is served.	Nov. 1978	Adopted <sup>2</sup>	2,075,599	711,262
Amend sections 3105, 3140, and 3204 of Act 236 of 1961, to prohibit a lender from using a "due on sale" clause in foreclosure proceedings on a mortgage or land contract unless security is impaired	Nov. 1982	Rejected	1,344,463	1,445,897
Amend title and sections 6a and 6b of Act 3 of 1939, to prohibit utility increases without full notice or hearing and to amend rate adjustment provisions.	Nov. 1982	Adopted <sup>3</sup>	1,472,442	1,431,884
New legislation calling for mutual, verifiable nuclear weapons freeze between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and requiring transmission of communication to United States government officials.	Nov. 1982	Adopted <sup>4</sup>	1,585,809	1,216,172
Amendments to auto insurance statutes.	Nov. 1992	Rejected	1,482,577	2,480,032
Amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to limit bear hunting season and prohibit the use of bait and dogs to hunt bear	Nov. 1996	Rejected	1,379,340	2,225,675
New legislation to permit casino gaming in qualified cities.	Nov. 1996	Adopted <sup>5</sup>	1,878,542	1,768,156
Amendatory legislation to legalize the prescription of a legal dose of medication to terminally ill, compe- tent, informed adults in order to commit suicide	Nov. 1998	Rejected	859,381	2,116,154
Amend School Aid Act to set mandatory funding levels.	Nov. 2006	Rejected	1,366,355	2,259,247
New legislation, the Medical Marihuana Act	Nov. 2008	Adopted6	3,006,820	1,790,889
Compiled as \$445.571 at seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws				

<sup>1</sup>Compiled as §445.571 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled as §\$791.233 and 791.233b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>3</sup> Following the enactment of Act 212 of 1982, which amended Act 3 of 1939 and was made subject to referendum, the legislature received an initiative petition to amend the 1939 statute, upon which it failed to act. Under the provisions of Const 1963, art 2, §9, the petition was placed on the ballot as Proposal D. Act 212 was placed on the ballot as Proposal H, following a court challenge to its submission to the voters (*Michigan State Chamber of Commerce v Secretary of State*, Court of Appeals No 65841 (1982)).

At the November 1982 general election, both Proposals D and H were approved, with Proposal H receiving 1,670,381 votes to Proposal D's 1,472,442 votes. Subsequently, an action was commenced in Ingham County Circuit Court seeking a declaratory judgment as to which of the two conflicting proposals would become effective. At the request of the governor, the Michigan Supreme Court asked the lower court to certify the controlling questions directly to the supreme court. Addressing the issue of whether Proposal H was validly enacted, the supreme court ruled that the legislature had enacted Proposal H subject to voter approval consistent with its power to approve legislation subject to referendum under Const 1963, art 4, 534. The court rejected the argument that the legislature was bound to act on the initiative under Const 1963, art 2, 59, pointing out that when the legislature enacted Proposal H, it had not yet received the certified initiative petition which later became Proposal D. *In re Proposal D and H, Michigan State Chamber of Commerce v State of Michigan*, 417 Mich 409, 398 NW2d 848 (1983).

To determine which proposal would become effective, the court 'borrowed' the provision of Const 1963, at 2, \$9, which states that if 2 or more measures approved by voters conflict, that receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail. The court held that Proposal H would become the effective statute based on its higher affirmative vote in the election. *In re Proposals D and H, supra*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Compiled as §3.851 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Compiled as §432.201 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Compiled as §333.26421 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## **REFERENDA ON LEGISLATION ENACTED** BY THE LEGISLATURE, 1964-2014

	Date of		Vo	te
Subject of Referendum	Election	Action	For	Against
Act 240 of 1964, to amend sections 685, 696, 706, 737, 775, 782, 786, 803, and 804 of Act 116 of 1954, to institute use of Massachusetts ballot in Michigan to prevent straight party ticket voting. <sup>1</sup> ( <i>Referendum Petition</i> )	Nov. 1964	Rejected	795,546	1,515,875
Act 6 of 1967, to permit establishment of daylight saving time in Michigan. <sup>1</sup> ( <i>Referendum Petition</i> )	Nov. 1968	Rejected	1,402,562	1,403,052
Act 76 of 1968, to authorize issuance of bonds for okanning, acquisition, and construction of facilities for orevention and abatement of water pollution and for oans and grants to municipalities. <sup>2</sup> ( <i>Legislative</i> <i>Action</i> )	Nov. 1968	Adopted <sup>3</sup>	1,906,385	796,079
Act 257 of 1968, to authorize issuance of bonds to provide funding for public recreational facilities and programs and for loans and grants to munici- valities. <sup>2</sup> ( <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1968	Adopted <sup>4</sup>	1,384,254	1,235,681
ct 304 of 1969, to authorize issuance of bonds for rban redevelopment to increase the supply of low- ncome housing and for loans and grants to unicipalities and redevelopment corporations. <sup>2</sup> <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1970	Rejected	921,482	1,388,737
ct 231 of 1972, to authorize issuance of bonds to rovide funding for bonus payments and educa- onal benefits to Vietnam and other veterans. <sup>2</sup> <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1972	Rejected	1,490,968	1,603,203
ct 106 of 1974, to authorize issuance of bonds to rovide funding for bonus payments to Vietnam nd other veterans. <sup>2</sup> ( <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1974	Adopted <sup>5</sup>	1,668,641	700,041
ct 245 of 1974, to authorize issuance of bonds to rovide funding to plan, acquire, construct, and quip transportation systems and to make loans and rants for that purpose. <sup>2</sup> ( <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1974	Rejected	963,576	1,319,586
ct 250 of 1980, to amend sections 51 and 475 of ct 281 of 1976, to increase the state income tax 1% for 5 years to fund the construction of regional prrectional facilities, the demolition of the Michigan eformatory, and other state and local correctional rojects. <sup>6</sup> ( <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1980	Rejected	1,288,999	2,202,042
ct 212 of 1982, to amend sections 6a and 6b of ct 3 of 1939, to prohibit certain utility rate adjust- ent clauses, utility rate increases without notice ad hearing, and acceptance of employment with any tility for 2 years by member of 81st Legislature. <sup>6</sup>				
<i>Legislative Action</i> ) cct 59 of 1987, to prohibit use of public funds for ne abortion of a recipient of welfare benefits unless ne abortion is necessary to save the life of the	Nov. 1982	Adopted <sup>7</sup>	1,670,381	1,131,990
nother. <sup>1</sup> ( <i>Referendum Petition</i> ) Act 326 of 1988, to authorize issuance of bonds to inance environmental protection programs that vould clean up environmental contamination sites ind address related problems. <sup>2</sup> ( <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1988	Adopted <sup>8</sup>	1,959,727	1,486,371
Act 327 of 1988 to authorize issuance of bonds to inance state and local public recreation projects. <sup>2</sup> <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 1988 Nov. 1988	Adopted <sup>9</sup> Adopted <sup>10</sup>	2,528,109 2,055,290	774,451
Act 143 of 1993, to reduce auto insurance rates; place limits on personal injury benefits, fees paid o health care providers, and right to sue; and ullow rate reduction for accident-free driving.		X		
Referendum Petition)	Nov. 1994	Rejected	1,165,732	1,812,526
Bingo Act. ( <i>Referendum Petition</i> )	Nov. 1996	Rejected	1,511,063	1,936,198

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#### **REFERENDA ON LEGISLATION ENACTED** BY THE LEGISLATURE, 1964-2014 (*Cont.*)

	Date of		Vo	te
Subject of Referendum	Election	Action	For	Against
Act 377 of 1996, an amendment regarding the man- agement of Michigan's wildlife populations. <i>(Legis- lative Action)</i>	Nov. 1996	Adopted <sup>11</sup>	2,413,730	1,099,262
Act 284 of 1998, to authorize bonds for environmental and natural resources protection programs. <i>(Legis- lative Action)</i>	Nov. 1998	Adopted <sup>12</sup>	1,821,006	1,081,988
Act 269 of 2001, to amend certain sections of Michigan election law. ( <i>Referendum Petition</i> )	Nov. 2002	Rejected	1,199,236	1,775,043
Act 396 of 2002, to authorize bonds for sewage treatment works projects, storm water projects and water pollution projects. <sup>2</sup> ( <i>Legislative Action</i> )	Nov. 2002	Adopted <sup>13</sup>	1,774,053	1,172,612
Act 160 of 2004, to allow hunting season for mourn- ing doves.	Nov. 2006	Rejected	1,137,379	2,534,680
Act 4 of 2011, to authorize the governor to appoint an emergency manager to act in place of local govern- ment officials.	Nov. 2012	Rejected	2,130,354	2,370,601
Act 80 of 2014, to allocate use tax revenue for various local purposes.	Aug. 2014	Adopted14	863,459	382,770
Act 520 of 2012, to designate wolf as game for hunt- ing purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season.	Nov. 2014	Rejected	1,318,080	1,606,328
Act 21 of 2013, to allow the Natural Resources Com- mission to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting sea- son for game animals without legislative action	Nov. 2014	Rejected	1,051,426	1,856,603
<sup>1</sup> Referendum invoked by petition pursuant to Const 1963 art 2 (9)				

<sup>1</sup>Referendum invoked by petition pursuant to Const 1963, art 2, §9.

<sup>2</sup>Referendum required to borrow money for specific purposes pursuant to Const 1963, art 9, §15.

<sup>3</sup> Compiled as §323.371 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>4</sup> Compiled as §318.351 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>5</sup>Compiled as §35.1001 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>6</sup>Referendum required by statute pursuant to Const 1963, art 4, §34.

<sup>7</sup> Following the enactment of Act 212 of 1982, which amended Act 3 of 1939 and was made subject to referendum, the legislature received an initiative petition to amend the 1939 statute, upon which it failed to act. Under the provisions of Const 1963, art 2, §9, the petition was placed on the ballot as Proposal D. Act 212 was placed on the ballot as Proposal H, following a court challenge to its submission to the voters (*Michigan State Chamber of Commerce v Secretary of State*, Court of Appeals No 65841 (1982)). At the November 1982 general election, both Proposals D and H were approved, with Proposal H receiving 1,670,381 votes to

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To determine which proposal would become effective, the court "borrowed" the provision of Const 1963, art 2, \$\overline{9}\$, which states that if 2 or more measures approved by voters conflict, that receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail. The court held that Proposal H would become the effective statute based on its higher affirmative vote in the election. *In re Proposals D and H, supra*.

Compiled as §§460.6a and 460.6b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

<sup>8</sup> This added section was proposed by initiative petition pursuant to Const 1963, art 2, §9. On June 17, 1987, the initiative petition was approved by an affirmative vote of the majority of the senators-elect and filed with the secretary of state. On June 23, 1987, the initiative petition was approved by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members-elect of the house of representatives and filed with the secretary of state. The legislature did not vote pursuant to Const 1963, art 4, §27 to give immediate effect to this enactment.

In affirming the decision of the court of appeals in *Frey v Director, Department of Social Services,* the Michigan Supreme Court held that when a law is proposed by initiative and enacted by the legislature without change or amendment within forty days as required by Const 1963, art 2, §9, it takes effect ninety days after the end of the session in which it was passed unless two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature, as provided by Const 1963, art 4, §27, vote to give the law immediate effect. Act 59 of 1987, not having received votes in favor of immediate effect by two-thirds of the elected members of each house, may not take effect until ninety days after the end of the session in which it was enacted. *Frey v Director, Department of Social Services,* 429 Mich 315, 414 NW2d 873 (1987).

On March 1, 1988, petitions to invoke the power of referendum with regard to Act 59 of 1987 were filed with the secretary of state. On April 13, 1988, the board of state canvassers certified the validity of a sufficient number of petition signatures to invoke the referendum.

In a letter opinion to C. Patrick Babcock, Director, Department of Social Services, dated March 28, 1988, the attorney general addressed the following question: "IIIf the filing of petitions, which include, if they are valid, a sufficient number of signatures to properly invoke a referendum, stays the effective date of Act 59 of 1987, which will otherwise become effective on March 30, 1988? The attorney general concluded that "when a petition seeking referendum, which on its face meets legal requirements, is filed the signatures appearing on that petition are presumed valid and the statute at issue is stayed or suspended until either the petitions are found to be invalid or a vote of the people occurs."

#### **REFERENDA ON LEGISLATION ENACTED** BY THE LEGISLATURE, 1964-2014 (*Cont.*)

Act 59 of 1987, as enacted by the legislature, was submitted to the people by referendum petition and approved by a majority of the votes cast at the general election held November 8, 1988. The board of state canvassers officially declared the vote to be 1,959,727 (for) and 1,486,371 (against) on December 2, 1988.

- <sup>9</sup>Compiled as \$299.651 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- <sup>10</sup> Compiled as §318.551 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- <sup>11</sup> Compiled as §324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- <sup>12</sup> Compiled as §324.95101 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- <sup>13</sup> Compiled as §324.95201 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- 14 Compiled as \$205.91 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Please see page 96 for proposed consitutional amendments placed on the ballot.

# **STATE ELECTION RESULTS FOR SELECTED POSITIONS**

U.S. CONGRESS 2014

U.S. SENATE 2014

GOVERNOR 2014

SECRETARY OF STATE 2014

ATTORNEY GENERAL 2014

> STATE SENATE 2014

STATE HOUSE 2014

## **U.S. CONGRESS GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS 2014**

Status of incumbents seeking re-election in the primary and general elections is noted.

Congression: District	al			Delinione Condidatos Comonthe en
Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Primary Candidates Currently or Formerly Holding State Elected Office
1	Jerry Cannon (113,263)	<b>Dan Benishek</b> † (130,414)	Loel Gnadt – Lib (3,823) Ellis Boal – GRN (2,631)	
2	Dean Vanderstelt (70,851)	Bill Huizenga† (135,568)	Ronald Welch II – Lib (3,877) Ronald Graeser – UST (2,776)	
3	Bob Goodrich (84,720)	Justin Amash† (125,754)	Tonya Duncan – GRN (6,691)	
4	Jeff Holmes (85,777)	John Moolenaar‡ (123,962)	Will White – Lib (4,694) George Zimmer – UST (4,990)	
5	Daniel T. Kildee† (148,182)	Alan Hardwick (69,222)	Harold Jones – Lib (4,734)	
6	Paul Clements (84,391)	<b>Fred S. Upton</b> <sup>†</sup> (116,801)	Erwin Haas – Lib (5,530) John Lawrence – GRN (2,254)	
7	Pam Byrnes* (92,083)	<b>Tim Walberg</b> † (119,564)	Ken Proctor – Lib (4,531) Rick Strawcutter – UST (3,138) David Swartout – NPA (4,369)	
8	Eric Schertzing (102,269)	<b>Mike Bishop</b> * (132,739)	James Weeks II – Lib (4,557) Jim Casha – GRN (1,880) Jeremy Burgess – NLP (1,680)	Tom McMillin (R)‡
9	<b>Sander M. Levin</b> † (136,342)	George Brikho (81,470)	Gregory Creswell – Lib (4,792) John McDermott – GRN (3,153)	
10	Chuck Stadler (67,143)	Candice S. Miller† (157,069)	Harley Mikkelson – GRN (4,480)	
11	Bobby McKenzie (101,681)	<b>Dave Trott</b> (140,435)	John Tatar – Lib (7,711) Kerry Bentivolio† – Write-in (1,411)	
12	Debbie Dingell (134,346)	Terry Bowman (64,716)	Bhagwan Dashairya – Lib (2,559) Gary Walkowicz – NPA (5,039)	
13	<b>John Conyers, Jr.</b> † (132,710)	Jeff Gorman (27,234)	Chris Sharer – Lib (3,537) Sam Johnson – NPA (3,466)	

Congressionz District Number	l Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Primary Candidates Currently or Formerly Holding State Elected Office
14	Brenda Lawrence (165,272)	Christina Barr (41,801)	Leonard SchwartzLib (3,366) Stephen Boyle – GRN (1,999)	Hansen Clarke (D) $\pi^*$ Rudy Hobbs (D)‡

## U.S. CONGRESS GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS 2014 (Cont.)

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<b>Bold</b> – winner of general election	
* – former member of the State Legislature	
π former U.S. Congress member	
‡ – current member of State Legislature	
† incumbent	
GRN – Green Party	
Lib – Libertarian Party	
UST - U.S. Tax Payers Party	
NPA – no party affiliation	
Number in parenthesis total votes cast for candidate in November election. Source	e: http://miboecfr.nictusa.com/election/results/14GEN/

## U.S. SENATE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS 2014

Status of incumbent seeking re-election in the primary and general elections is noted.

Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates
Gary C. Peters* (1,704,936)	Terri Lynn Land (1,290,199)	Jim Fulner – Lib (62,897), Richard Matkin – UST (37,529), Chris Wahmhoff – GRN (26,137)

Bold – winner of general election \* – former member of the State Legislature GRN – Green Party Lib – Libertarian Party LiS – LiBertarian Party UST – U.S. Tax Payers Party Number in parenthesis total votes cast for candidate in November election. Source: http://miboecfr.nictusa.com/election/results/14GEN/

## **GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR GOVERNOR 2014**

Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates
Mark Schauer* (1,479,057)	<b>Rick Snyder</b> † (1,607,399)	Mary Buzuma – Lib (35,723), Mark McFarlin – UST (19,368), Paul Homeniuk – GRN (14,934)

#### **GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR SECRETARY OF STATE 2014**

Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates
Godfrey Dillard (1,323,004)	<b>Ruth Johnson</b> † (1,649,047)	Jason Lewis – Lib (61,112), Robert Gale – UST (34,447), Jason Gatties – NLP (13,185)

#### **GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL 2014**

Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates
Mark Totten (1,359,839)	<b>Bill Schuette</b> † (1,603,471)	Justin Altman – Lib (57,345), Gerald VanSickle – UST (30,762), John LaPietra – GRN (25,747)

Bold – winner of general election \* – former member of the State Legislature † incumbent GRN – Green Party Lib – Libertarian Party UST – U.S. Tax Payers Party NPA – no party affiliation NLP – Natural Law Party Number in construction of the state for an elistic in Neurophysical election of the state Number in construction of the state for an elistic in Neurophysical election of the state of the st

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## STATE SENATE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS 2014

Status of incumbents seeking re-election in the primary and general elections is noted.

Senate District Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Primary Candidates Currently or Formerly Holding State Elected Office
1	Coleman Young, II† (48,510)	Barry Berk (19,021)		
2	<b>Bert Johnson</b> † (41,452)	Mark Price (14,354)	Jeffrey Hall - NPA (2,088)	John Olumba‡
3	<b>Morris W. Hood, III</b> † (45,546)	Matthew Keller (11,086)		
4	Virgil Smith† (49,970)	Keith Franklin (11,047)		Rashida Tlaib‡
5	<b>David Knezek</b> ‡ (59,680)	Jennifer Rynicki (13,286)		Shanelle Jackson* David Nathan‡ Thomas Stallworth‡
6	Hoon-Yung Hopgood† (42,835)	Darrell McNeill (25,919)		
7	Dian Slavens‡ (47,110)	Patrick Colbeck <sup>†</sup> (52,567)		
8	Christine Bell (34,279)	Jack Brandenburg† (55,304)		
9	<b>Steven M. Bieda</b> † (48,146)	Hawke Francassa (22,699)		
10	Kenneth Jenkins (30,657)	Tory Rocca† (51,465)		
11	Vincent Gregory <sup>†</sup> (70,862)	Boris Tuman (22,846)	James Young – Lib (2,994)	Vicki Barnett‡ Ellen Lipton‡
12	Paul Secrest (37,067)	<b>Jim Marleau</b> † (50,117)		
13	Cyndi Peltonen (42,892)	Marty Knollenberg* (59,570)		Chuck Moss* Rocky Raczkowski*
14	Bobbie Walton (34,502)	David Robertson† (46,826)		
15	Michael Smith (37,489)	<b>Mike Kowall</b> † (52,797)		
16	Kevin Commet (26,823)	<b>Mike Shirkey</b> ‡ (41,667)		
17	Doug Spade* (34,706)	<b>Dale Zorn</b> ‡ (38,442)	Jeff Andring – UST (2,039)	
18	Rebekah Warren† (61,421)	Terry Linden (23,745)		
19	Greg Grieves (27,951)	<b>Mike Nofs</b> † (44,798)		
20	Sean McCann‡ (36,584)	<b>Margaret O'Brien</b> ‡ (36,645)	Lorence Wenke* – Lib (7,171)	

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Senate District Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Primary Candidates Currently or Formerly Holding State Elected Office
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21	Bette Pierman (25,090)	<b>John Proos</b> † (45,586)		
22	Shari Pollesch (37,709)	<b>Joe Hune</b> † (58,380)	Jeff Wood – Lib (3,108)	
23	Curtis Hertel Jr. (50,824)	Craig Whitehead (26,076)		
24	Dawn Levey (42,776)	<b>Rick Jones</b> † (55,332)		
25	Terry Brown‡ (36,832)	Phillip Pavlov† (46,553)		
26	Jim Walters (26,782)	Tonya Schuitmaker† (47,244)	William Wenzel – Lib (2,944)	
27	<b>Jim Ananich</b> † (51,291)	Brandt Gerics (15,062)		
28	Deb Havens (25,131)	Peter MacGregor (53,221)	Ted Gerrard – UST (2,115)	Kevin Green*
29	Lance Penny (34,278)	Dave Hildenbrand† (47,200)		
30	Sarah Howard (24,940)	Arlan Meekhof† (62,338)		
31	Ron Mindykowski (38,086)	Mike Green† (45,699)		Kevin Daley‡
32	Stacy Erwin Oakes‡ (41,539)	<b>Ken Horn*</b> (49,452)		
33	Fred Sprague (27,235)	Judy Emmons† (36,420)		
34	Cathy Forbes (31,246)	<b>Goeff Hansen</b> † (39,129)		
35	Glenn Lottie (34,872)	<b>Darwin Booher</b> † (51,299)		
36	Joe Lukasiewicz (32,788)	<b>Jim Stamas</b> ‡ (51,849)		
37	Phil Bellfy (35,031)	<b>Wayne Schmidt</b> ‡ (54,981)		Greg MacMaster‡
38	Christopher Germain (31,277)	<b>Tom Casperson</b> <sup>+</sup> (50,690)		-

**Bold** – winner of general election \* – former member of the State Legislature ‡ – current member of State House of Representatives

† incumbent

GRN – Green Party

Lib – Libertarian Party

UST - U.S. Tax Payers Party

NPA - no party affiliation

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## STATE REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS 2014

Status of incumbents seeking re-election in the primary and general elections is noted.

House District				Deimany Candidates Currently on
Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Primary Candidates Currently or Formerly Holding State Elected Office
1	Brian Banks† (15,992)	John Hauler (7,782)		
2	Alberta Tinsley-Talabi† (17,369)	Daniel Lamar (7,664)		
3	<b>Wendell Byrd</b> (19,481)	Dolores Broderson (583)		
4	Rose Mary Robinson <sup>+</sup> (15,609)	Edith Floyd (896)		
5	Fred Durhal, III† (11,796)	Dorothy Patterson (645)		
6	Stephanie Chang (17,926)	Tairia Bridges (1,149)		
7	LaTanya Garrett (23,164)	David Bradley (528)		
8	Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (23,008)	Christopher Ewald (770)		
9	Harvey Santana† (17,606)	James Stephens (827)		
10	<b>Leslie Love</b> (21,583)	Matthew Hauser (4,658)		
11	Julie Plawecki (16,252)	Jim Rhoades (7,027)		
12	<b>Erika Geiss</b> (15,334)	Kelley Thompson (6,696)		
13	Frank Liberati (15,283)	Harry Sawicki (9,762)		
14	Paul Clemente† (14,661)	Nathan Inks (6,223)		
15	<b>George T. Darany</b> <sup>†</sup> (15,009)	Johnnie Salemassi (7,216)		
16	Robert L. Kosowski† (15,346)	Steve Boron (7,160)		
17	<b>Bill LaVoy</b> † (14,623)	Charles Londo (9,903)		
18	<b>Sarah Roberts</b> † (18,854)	Roland Fraschetti (11,524)		
19	Stacey Dogonski (13,377)	<b>Laura Cox</b> (21,614)		
20	Nate Smith-Tyge (13,459)	Kurt Heise† (21,425)		
21	Kristy Pagan (16,778)	Carol Fausone (13,590)		
22	<b>John Chirkun</b> (13,461)	Jeff Bonnell (6,704)	Les Townsend – UST (882)	
23	David Haener (14,754)	Pat Somerville† (16,060)		

House District				Primary Candidates Currently or
Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Formerly Holding State Elected Office
24	Philip Kurczewski (10,893)	Anthony G. Forlini† (16,358)	Daryl Smith - UST (690)	
25	Henry Yanez† (14,974)	Nick Hawatmeh (13,026)		
26	<b>Jim Townsend</b> † (17,755)	Greg Dildilian (11,377)		
27	Robert Wittenberg (23,756)	Michael Ryan (7,671)		
28	<b>Derek Miller</b> (13,363)	Beth Foster (7,425)		
29	<b>Tim Greimel</b> † (15,042)	David Lonier (5,380)		
30	Bo Karpinsky (10,455)	Jeff Farrington† (12,654)		
31	Marilyn Lane† (15,769)	Phil Rode (10,054)		
32	Pamela Kraft (9,915)	Andrea LaFontaine† (16,218)		
33	Joe Ruffin (9,398)	<b>Ken Goike</b> † (18,148)		
34	Sheldon Neeley (17,124)	Bruce Rogers (1,670)		
35	<b>Jeremy Moss</b> (31,655)	Robert Brim (6,473)		
36	Robert Murphy (8,966)	<b>Peter Lucido</b> (20,847)		
37	Christine Greig (19,148)	Richard Lerner (14,359)		
38	Jasper Catanzaro (11,508)	Kathy Crawford (19,234)		
39	Sandy Colvin (15,300)	<b>Klint Kesto</b> † (16,740)		
40	Mary Belden (17,408)	Mike McCready <sup>+</sup> (23,680)		
41	Mary Kerwin (14,589)	Martin Howrylak† (18,371)		
42	Timothy Johnson (12,547)	Lana Theis (23,477)		
43	Dennis Ritter (13,379)	<b>Jim Tedder</b> (18,662)		
44	Mark Venie (10,362)	Jim Runestad (21,838)		
45	Joanna VanRaaphorst (14,336)	Michael Webber (18,369)		
46	David Lillis (9,597)	Bradford C. Jacobsen <sup>+</sup> (21,513)		
47	Jordan Genso (8,086)	Henry Vaupel (20,998)	Rodger Young – Lib (1,300)	

House District				Primary Candidates Currently or
Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Formerly Holding State Elected Office
48	<b>Pam Faris</b> † (17,631)	Stephanie Stikovich (10,656)		
49	<b>Phil Phelps</b> † (18,211)	Lu Penton (6,524)		
50	Charles Smiley† (17,018)	Craig Withers (11,949)		
51	Ken Thomas (14,111)	<b>Joseph Graves</b> † (19,429)		
52	Gretchen Driskell <sup>+</sup> (20,849)	John Hochstetler (16,265)		
53	<b>Jeff Irwin</b> † (21,004)	John Spisak (4,504)		
54	David Rutledge† (18,610)	Ed Moore (6,092)		
55	Adam F. Zemke† (19,090)	Leonard Burk (9,028)		
56	Tom Redmond (12,726)	Jason Sheppard (13,596)	Al Bain – UST (697)	
57	Sharon Wimple (10,933)	Nancy E. Jenkins <sup>†</sup> (15,422)		
58	Amaryllis Thomas (6,786)	Eric Leutheuser (17,017)		
59	Mike Moroz (8,572)	Aaron Miller (14,140)		
60	Jon Hoadley (15,513)	Mike Perrin (6,611)		
61	John Fisher (14,148)	Brandt Iden (16,016)	Michael Stampfler – Lib (2,941)	
62	Andy Helmboldt (11,336)	<b>John Bizon</b> (11,875)		
63	Bill Farmer (13,023)	<b>David Maturen</b> (16,718)		
64	Brenda Pilgrim (9,167)	Earl Poleski† (14,439)		
65	Bonnie Johnson (11,077)	Brett Roberts (15,955)	Ronald Muszynski – Lib (971)	
66	Annie Brown (11,646)	Aric Nesbitt <sup>+</sup> (15,753)		
67	<b>Tom Cochran</b> † (16,976)	John Hayhoe (14,281)		
68	Andy Schor+ (19,602)	Rob Secaur (5,884)		
69	<b>Samir Singh</b> † (18,476)	Frank Lambert (8,759)		
70	James Hoisington (8,283)	<b>Rick Outman</b> <sup>+</sup> (13,376)		
71	Theresa Abed† (17,612)	<b>Tom Barrett</b> (17,760)		

House District				Primary Candidates Currently or
Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Formerly Holding State Elected Office
72	Kemal Hamulic (8,332)	Ken Yonker† (17,882)		
73	Mary Polonowski (11,561)	Chris Afendoulis (24,256)		
74	Richard Erdman (8,509)	<b>Rob VerHeulen</b> † (18,789)		
75	Brandon Dillon† (12,393)	John Lohrstorfer (4,405)		
76	<b>Winnie Brinks</b> † (15,804)	Donijo DeJonge (13,822)	William Mohr – UST (689)	
77	Jessica Hanselman (7,938)	<b>Thomas B. Hooker</b> <sup>+</sup> (16,114)		
78	Cartier Shields (7,488)	Dave Pagel† (15,360)		
79	Eric Lester (9,911)	<b>Al Pscholka</b> † (14,742)	Carl Oehling – UST (497)	
80	Geoff Parker (9,451)	<b>Cindy Gamrat</b> (17,632)	Arnis Davidsons – Lib (1,003)	
81	Bernardo Licata (9,808)	<b>Dan Lauwers</b> † (18,174)		
82	Margaret Guerrero DeLuca (12,799)	<b>Todd Courser</b> (15,699)		
83	Marcus Middleton (9,157)	<b>Paul Muxlow</b> † (15,013)		
84	David Jaroch (11,715)	Edward Canfield (17,017)		Kurt Damrow*
85	Annie Braidwood (13,714)	Ben Glardon† (16,881)	Roger Snyder – Lib (1,473)	
86	Lynn Mason (10,516)	Lisa Posthumus Lyons† (20,273)		
87	Jordan Brehm (10,182)	Mike Callton† (20,359)		
88	Janice Gwasdacus (5,763)	<b>Roger Victory</b> <sup>†</sup> (22,789)		
89	Don Bergman (10,316)	<b>Amanda Price</b> † (21,805)		
90	James Haspas (5,521)	Daniela García (19,932)		
91	Collene Lamonte† (12,681)	Holly Hughes* (12,734)	Alan Jager – NPA (1,959)	
92	Marcia Hovey-Wright† (13,847)	Ken Berman (6,841)		
93	Josh Derke (11,643)	<b>Tom Leonard</b> † (18,740)	Michael Trebesh – NPA (2,974)	
94	Vincent Mosca (12,634)	<b>Tim Kelly</b> <sup>†</sup> (20,925)		
95	Vanessa Guerra (17,371)	Jordan Haskins (5,412)		

House District Number	Democratic Candidate	Republican Candidate	Other General Election Candidates	Primary Candidates Currently or Formerly Holding State Elected Office
96	Charles Brunner <sup>+</sup> (20,319)	Carlos Jaime (8,931)		
97	Mark Lightfoot (9,688)	Joel Johnson† (16,570)		
98	Joan Brausch (13,322)	Gary Glenn (16,388)		
99	Bryan Mielke (10,676)	<b>Kevin Cotter</b> † (11,347)		
100	Mark Balcom (9,330)	<b>Jon Bumstead</b> † (16,226)		
101	Tom Stobie (18,319)	<b>Ray Franz</b> † (18,639)		
102	John Ruggles (9,761)	<b>Phil Potvin</b> † (14,717)		
103	James Cromwell (10,396)	<b>Bruce Rendon</b> † (18,457)	Brad Richards - NPA (1,659)	
104	Betsy Coffia (15,317)	<b>Larry Inman</b> (17,394)		
105	Jay Calo (12,549)	<b>Triston Cole</b> (21,223)		
106	Robert Kennedy (15,226)	<b>Peter Pettalia</b> † (18,618)		
107	Jim Page (12,402)	Lee Chatfield (19,342)		Frank D. Foster†
108	Grant Carlson (11,421)	<b>Ed McBroom</b> † (16,926)		
109	<b>John Kivela</b> † (18,378)	Pete Mackin (9,606)		
110	<b>Scott Dianda</b> † (16,415)	Bob Michaels (10,614)		

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* - former member of the State Legislature	
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GRN – Green Party	
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#### VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTION TURNOUT STATISTICS FOR MICHIGAN GENERAL ELECTIONS, 1948-2014

#### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

Year	Number Voting <sup>1</sup>	Number Registered <sup>2</sup>	Voting Age Population (VAP) <sup>3</sup>	Turnout (% of VAP)
1948	2,109,609	Not Available	4,041,000	52.2
1952	2,798,592	Not Available	4,193,000	66.7
1956	3,080,468	3,128,573	4,538,000	67.9
1960	3,318,097	3,454,804	4,564,000	72.7
1964	3,203,102	3,351,730	4,658,000	68.8
1968	3,306,250	4,022,378	4,953,000	66.8
1972	3,490,325	4,762,7644	5,874,000 <sup>5</sup>	59.4
1976	3,722,384	5,202,3796	6,268,000	59.4
1980	3,978,647	5,725,713	6,510,000	61.1
1984	3,884,854	5,888,808	6,551,000	59.3
1988	3,745,751	5,952,513	6,774,000	55.3
1992	4,341,909	6,147,083	6,947,000	62.5
1996	3,912,261	6,677,079 <sup>7</sup>	7,177,000	54.5
2000	4,279,299	6,859,332	7,358,000	58.2
2004	4,875,692	7,164,047	7,541,000	64.7
2008	5,039,080	7,470,764	7,613,000	66.2
2012	4.780.701	7,454,553	7,616,490	63.0

#### **GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS**

Year	Number Voting <sup>1</sup>	Number Registered <sup>2</sup>	Voting Age Population (VAP) <sup>3</sup>	Turnout (% of VAP)
1950	1,879,382	Not Available	4,137,000	45.4
1954	2,187,027	Not Available	4,342,000	50.4
1958	2,312,184	3,489,626	4,623,000	50.0
1962	2,764,839	3,710,798	4,605,000	60.0
1966	2,461,909	3,613,463	4,718,000	52.2
1970	2,656,162	3,969,807	5,148,000	51.6
1974	2,657,017	4,785,689	6,037,000	44.0
1978	2,984,829	5,230,345	6,405,000	46.6
1982	3,135,978	5,624,573	6,554,000	47.8
1986	2,468,009	5,790,753	6,675,000	37.0
1990	2,641,649	5,892,001 <sup>8</sup>	6,851,000	38.6
1994	3,177,740	6,207,662	6,983,000	45.5
1998	3,143,432	6,300,000 <sup>9</sup>	7,227,000	43.5
2002	3,219,864	6,797,293	7,400,000	43.5
2006	3,852,008	7,180,778	7,597,000	50.7
2010	3,268,217	7,276,237	7,620,000	42.9
2014	3,188,956	7,446,280	7,660,000	41.6

<sup>1</sup>As a "poll book total" was not kept prior to 1976, the turnout figures for elections held between 1948 and 1974 are based on the greatest number of votes cast for an office in the election.

<sup>2</sup>A registration figure for the state was not compiled for elections held prior to 1956.

<sup>3</sup> Voting age population figures obtained from U.S. Bureau of the Census, P-25 Series and *Source Book of American Presidential Campaign and Election Statistics, 1948-1968,* compiled and edited by John H. Runyon, Jennifer Verdini and Sally Runyon, c 1971 by Frederick Unger, New York.

<sup>4</sup> The large increase in the number of registered voters in the state from 1970 to 1972 was the result of a March 1972 Michigan Supreme Court ruling which declared that it was unconstitutional to purge the registration of a voter who had not voted over a period of two years as Michigan law then required. In effect, this compelled clerks to reinstate the registrations of "non-voters" who had been purged from the registration rolls since 1968. *Michigan State UAW Community Action Program Council v Secretary of State*, 387 Mich. 506, 198 NW2d 385 (1972).

<sup>5-</sup>The large increase in the state's voting age population from 1970 to 1972 was the result of the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which lowered the minimum voting age from 21 to 18.

<sup>6</sup> Two events occurred in 1975 which affected the 1976 registration total: (1) the Secretary of State Branch Office Voter Registration program was put into effect in October and (2) provisions allowing for the creation of "inactive" voter registration files were put into effect. Registration totals listed for 1976 to 1984 reflect only those registrations held in 4-year "active" files.

<sup>7</sup>The National Voter Registration Act, effective January 1, 1995, eliminated the initiation of any voter registration cancellations for inactivity and introduced several new voter registration programs in the state, including mail-in registration.

<sup>8</sup>Public Act 142 of 1989 authorized city and township clerks to establish a 5-year voter registration file and eliminate their "inactive" files. Registration totals listed for 1990 to 1994 are based on the 5-year voter registration files maintained by the clerks.

<sup>9</sup> In 1998, approximately 600,000 duplicate voter registration records were purged from the state's registration rolls through the implementation of the Qualified Voter File — a statewide voter registration database mandated under Public Act 441 of 1994.

Source: Bureau of Elections, Department of State

## SUMMARY OF VOTE FOR GOVERNOR, 1835-2014

Year	Name	Vote	Year	Name	Vote
1835	Mason, Democrat Biddle, Whig	7,558 814 94	1860	Blair, Republican Barry, Democrat Scattering	87,806 67,221 27
1837	Mason's majority	6,744 15,314	1862	Blair's majority	20,585 68,716
	Trowbridge, Whig	14,800 544		Stout, Union Scattering	62,102 40
	Mason's majority	514		Blair's majority	6,614
1839	Woodbridge, Whig Farnsworth, Democrat	18,195 17,037 55	18642	Crapo, Republican Fenton, Democrat Scattering	81,744 71,301 18
	Woodbridge's majority	1,158		Crapo's majority	10,443
1841	Barry, Democrat Fuller, Whig Fitch, Liberty Party	20,993 15,439 1,223 68	1866	Crapo, Republican	96,746 67,708 146 29,038
10/2	Barry's plurality	5,554	1868	Baldwin, Republican	128,051
1843	Barry, Democrat Pitcher, Whig Birney, Liberty Party	21,392 14,899 2,776 74		Moore, Democrat	97,290 705 30,761
	Scattering	6,493	1870	Baldwin, Republican	100,176 83,391
1845	Felch, Democrat Vickery, Whig Birney, Liberty Party	20,123 16,316 3,023		Fish, Prohibition Scattering Baldwin's plurality	2,710 230 16,785
	Scattering	127 3,807	1872	Bagley, Republican Blair, Liberal	137,602 80,958
1847	Ransom, Democrat   Edmunds, Whig   Gurney, Liberty Party   Scattering	24,639 18,990 2,585 145		Ferry, Straight Democrat Fish, Prohibition	2,720 1,231 39 56,644
	Ransom's plurality	5,649	1874	Bagley, Republican	111,519
1849	Barry, Democrat Littlejohn, Whig and Free Soil Scattering	27,837 23,540 192 4,297		Chamberlain, Democrat Carpenter, Prohibition Scattering Bagley's plurality	105,550 3,937 417 5,969
1851 <sup>1</sup>	Barry's majority	23,827	1876	Croswell, Republican	165,926
	Gidley, Whig Scattering McClelland's majority	16,901 156 6,926		Webber, Democrat Sparks, Greenback Croswell's plurality	142,492 8,297 23,434
18521	McClelland, Democrat Chandler, Whig Christiancy, Free Soil	42,798 34,660 5,850 68	1878	Croswell, Republican Barnes, Democrat Smith, Greenback Snyder, Prohibition	126,280 78,503 73,313 3,469
	Scattering	8,138		Scattering	1,200 47,777
1854	Bingham, Republican Barry, Democrat	43,652 38,675 39	1880	Jerome, Republican Holloway, Democrat	178,944 137,671 31,085
1051	Bingham's majority	4,977		Woodman, Greenback McKeever, Prohibition Quick, Am. Labor	31,085 1,114 220
1856	Bingham, Republican Felch, Democrat	71,402 54,085 71		Scattering Jerome's plurality	134 41,273
1050	Bingham's majority	17,317	1882	Begole, Fusionist	154,269 149,697
1858	Wisner, Republican   Stuart, Democrat   Scattering	65,202 56,067 146		Sagendorph, Prohibition   May, National   Foote	5,854 2,006 343
	Wisner's majority	9,135		Begole's plurality	940 4,572

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1884	Alger, Republican	190,840	1902	Bliss, Republican	211,261
	Begole, Fusionist	186,887		Durand, Democrat	174,077
	Preston, Prohibition	22,207		Westerman, Prohibition	11,326
	Miller, Butler Greenback	364		Walter, Socialist	4,271
	Scattering	50		Cowles, Socialist Labor	1,282
	Alger's plurality	3,953		Scattering	9
	Auger 5 protanty	5,775		Bliss' plurality	37,184
1886	Luce, Republican	181,474	100/		
	Yaple, Fusionist	174,042	1904	Warner, Republican	283,799
	Dickie, Prohibition	25,179		Ferris, Democrat	223,571
	Scattering	190		Shackleton, Prohibition	10,395
	Luce's plurality	7,432		Lamb, Socialist	6,170 782
1888	Luca Bopublican	233,595		Scattering	4
1000	Luce, Republican	/ · · ·		Warner's plurality	60,228
	Burt, Fusionist	216,450			
	Cheney, Prohibition	20,342	1906	Warner, Republican	227,567
	Mills, Union Labor	4,388		Kimmerle, Democrat	130,018
	Scattering	17		Reed, Prohibition	9,139
	Luce's plurality	17,145		Walker, Socialist	5,925
				Richter, Socialist Labor	1,153
1890	Winans, Democrat	183,725		Scattering	4
1070	Turner, Republican	172,205		~	
	Patridge, Prohibition	28,681		Warner's plurality	97,549
	Belden, Industrial	13,198	1000	W/ D LI	0(0.1/1
		47	1908	Warner, Republican	262,141
	Scattering			Hemans, Democrat	252,611
	Winans' plurality	11,520		Gray, Prohibition	16,092
				Stirton, Socialist	9,447
1892	Rich, Republican	221,228		McInnis, Socialist Labor	845
	Morse, Democrat	205,138		Nichols, Independence	612
	Ewing, People's	21,417		Scattering	19
	Russell, Prohibition	20,777		Warner's plurality	9,530
	Scattering	20,77		¥ 2	- /
			1910	Osborn, Republican	202,803
	Rich's plurality	16,090	1,10	Hemans, Democrat	159,770
				Warnock, Socialist	9,992
1894	Rich, Republican	237,215		Corbett, Prohibition	9,989
	Fisher, Democrat	130,823		Richter, Socialist Labor	1,204
	Nichols, People's	30,012		Scattering	1,204
	Todd, Prohibition	18,788		-	
	Scattering	150		Osborn's plurality	43,033
	Rich's plurality	106,392	1010		10/01
	x 5	/= -	1912	Ferris, Democrat	194,017
1896	Dingago Donublican	20/ /21		Musselman, Republican	169,963
1890	Pingree, Republican	304,431		Watkins, National Progressive	152,909
	Sligh, D.P.U.S. <sup>3</sup>	221,022		Hoogerhyde, Socialist	21,398
	Sprague, Democrat	9,738		Leland, Prohibition	7,811
	Safford, Prohibition	5,499		Richter, Socialist Labor	359
	Giberson, National	1,944		Scattering	2,464
	Scattering	5,168		Ferris' plurality	24,054
	Pingree's plurality	83,409		* *	
			1914	Ferris, Democrat	212,063
1898	Pingree, Republican	243,239		Osborn, Republican	176,254
	Whiting, D.P.U.S.	168,142		Pattengill, Progressive	36,747
	Cheever, Prohibition	7,006		Hoogerhyde, Socialist	11,056
	Cook, People's	1,656		Eavrs, Prohibition	3,830
	Hasseler, Socialist	1,101		Richter, Socialist Labor	497
	Scattering	20		Harris	1
	Pingree's plurality	75,097		Ferris' plurality	35,809
1900	Bliss, Republican	305,612	1916	Sleeper, Republican	363,724
	Maybury, Democrat	226,228		Sweet, Democrat	264,440
	Goodrich, Prohibition	11,834		Moore, Socialist	15,040
	Ramsay, Social Democrat	2,709		Woodruff, Prohibition	7,255
	Ulbricht, Social Labor	958		Murray, Socialist Labor	963
		871		Pattengill, Progressive	95
	Thompson, People's				//
	Thompson, People's Pingree, Social Democrat				1
	Pingree, Social Democrat Bliss' plurality	2 79,384		Durfee	1 99,284

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1918	Sleeper, Republican	266,738	1934	Fitzgerald, Republican	659,743
	Bailey, Democrat	158,142		Lacy, Democrat	577,044
	Moore, Socialist	7,068		Larsen, Socialist	12,002
	McColl, Prohibition	1,637		Anderson, Communist	5,734
	Hinds, Socialist Labor	790		Alderdyce, Farmer-Labor	2,105
	Scattering	1		Fraser, Socialist Labor	1,040
	Sleeper's plurality	108,596		Buell, Commonwealth	800
	sleepers pluranty	100,570		Pointer, People's Prog.	198
1020		702 100		Meadow, National	164
1920	Groesbeck, Republican	703,180		Lee, American	95
	Ferris, Democrat	310,566		Fitzgerald's plurality	82,699
	Blumenberg, Socialist	23,542		ruzgerald s plurality	02,077
	Jeffries, Farmer-Labor	11,817	1936	Murphy, Democrat	892,774
	Johnston, Prohibition	6,990		Fitzgerald, Republican	843,855
	Markley, Socialist Labor	2,097		Monarch, Socialist	6,631
	Scattering	3475		Martin, Farmer-Labor	3,289
	Groesbeck's plurality	392,614		Raymond, Communist	2,071
	* 2			O'Donohue, Socialist Labor	524
1922	Groesbeck Republican	356 033		Fuller, Commonwealth	433
922	Groesbeck, Republican	356,933		Mann, American	170
	Cummins, Democrat	218,252			22
	Blumenberg, Socialist	4,452		Scattering	
	Hoyt, Prohibition	2,744		Murphy's plurality	48,919
	Markley, Socialist Labor	1,279	1938	Fitzgerald, Republican	847,245
	Scattering	1	1750	Murphy, Democrat	753,752
	Groesbeck's plurality	138,681		Burnett, Socialist	2,896
				O'Donohue, Socialist Labor	446
1924	Groesbeck, Republican	799,225			257
	Frensdorf, Democrat	343,577		Hammond, American	242
	Johnston, Prohibition	11,118		Beshgetoor, Commonwealth	
	Dinger, Socialist Labor	4,079		Holmes, Square Deal	205
	Krieghoff, Socialist	2,725		Gover, Protestants United	177
		194		Scattering	21
	Scattering			Fitzgerald's plurality	93,493
	Groesbeck's plurality	455,648	1940	VanWagan an Damagnat	1 077 065
			1940	VanWagoner, Democrat	1,077,065
1926	Green, Republican	399,564		Dickinson, Republican	945,784
	Comstock, Democrat	227,155		Whitmore, Socialist	4,124
	Titus, Prohibition	2,507		Raymond, Communist	2,387
	Reynolds, Workers	1,512		Naylor, Socialist Labor	702
	Scattering	14		Scattering	7
	Green's plurality	172,409		VanWagoner's plurality	131,281
	Green o plutanty	1,2,10)	1942	Kolly Popublican	6/15 225
1020	Cason Donublison	061 170	1942	Kelly, Republican	645,335
1928	Green, Republican	961,179		VanWagoner, Democrat	573,314
	Comstock, Democrat	404,546		Goodrich, Prohibition	8,065
	Lockwood, Socialist	2,850		Scattering	60
	Brooks, Prohibition	2,575		Kelly's plurality	72,021
	Reynolds, Workers	2,537	1944	Kelly, Republican	1,208,859
	Dinger, Socialist Labor	654	1/11	Fry, Democrat	989,307
	Green's plurality	556,633		Davey, Prohibition	5,744
1930	Brucker, Republican	483,990		Odell, Socialist	2,851
1)]0	Comstock, Democrat	357,664		Marion, America First Party	2,121
				Grove, Socialist Labor	1,364
	Billups, Workers	3,988		Kelly's plurality	219,552
	Campbell, Socialist	3,903	1946	Sigler, Republican	1,003,878
	McCone, Prohibition	1,336	1/10	VanWagoner, Democrat	644,540
	Scattering	11			· · ·
	Brucker's plurality	126,326		Phillips, Prohibition	11,974
					5,071
1932	Comstock, Democrat	887,672		Scattering	12
	Brucker, Republican	696,935		Sigler's plurality	359,338
	Panzner, Socialist	20,108	1948	Williams, Democrat	1,128,664
	Reynolds, Communist	7,906	1,10	Sigler, Republican	964,810
	Holmes, Prohibition	2,031		Phillips, Prohibition	15,249
	Fraser, Socialist Labor	1,107		Seidler, Socialist	2,115
	Renner, Proletarian			Chenoweth, Socialist Labor	
		318		Lerner, Socialist Workers	1,405 870
	Porgman Liborty				
	Bergman, Liberty	182			
	Bergman, Liberty	182 3 190,737		Scattering	9 163,854

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1950	Williams, Democrat      Kelly, Republican      Hayden, Prohibition      Groves, Socialist Labor      Lerner, Socialist Workers      Scattering      Williams' plurality	935,152 933,998 8,511 1,077 636 8 1,154	1974	Milliken, Republican      Levin, Democrat.      Ferency, Human Rights      Davidson, Am. Indepen.      Andrews, Conservative      Maisel, Socialist Workers      Horvath, Socialist Labor	$\begin{array}{c} 1,356,865\\ 1,242,247\\ 28,675\\ 20,278\\ 4,117\\ 1,505\\ 1,296\\ 1,110\end{array}$	
1952	Williams, Democrat	1,431,893 1,423,275 8,990 1,192 628 2	1978	Dennis, Communist	1,119898114,6181,628,4851,237,2561,471	
1954	Williams' plurality	8,618 1,216,308 963,300 5,824 980 615 253,008	1982	Milliken's plurality Blanchard, Democrat Headlee, Republican Tisch, Tisch Independent Citizens Jacobs, Libertarian Phillips, Am. Indepen	391,229 1,561,291 1,369,582 80,288 15,603 7,356	
1956	Williams, Democrat      Cobo, Republican      Halsted, Prohibition      Scattering	1,666,689 1,376,376 6,538 48		Craine, Socialist Workers McLaughlin, Worker's League Scattering Blanchard's plurality	3,682 1,980 226 191,709	
1958	Williams' plurality      Williams, Democrat      Bagwell, Republican      Muncy, Socialist Labor      Severance, Prohibition      Lovell, Socialist Workers	290,313 1,225,533 1,078,089 3,983 3,622 957	1986 1990	Blanchard, Democrat Lucas, Republican McLaughlin, Worker's League Write-In Blanchard's plurality Engler, Republican	1,632,138 753,647 9,477 1,302 878,491 1,276,134	
1960	Williams' plurality	147,444 1,643,634 1,602,022 3,387 2,183	1994	Blanchard, Democrat Roundtree, Worker's World Write-In	1,258,539 28,091 1,799 17,595 1,899,101	
	Toohey, Tax Cut Grove, Socialist Labor Pursell, Independent Amer Scattering Swainson's plurality	1,899 1,479 1,354 33 41,612	1998	Wolpe, Democrat	1,188,438 1,538 710,663 1,883,005	
1962	Romney, Republican Swainson, Democrat Sim, Socialist Labor Scattering	1,420,086 1,339,513 5,219 21		Fieger, Democrat Write-In Engler's plurality	1,143,574 525 739,431	
1964	Romney's plurality Romney, Republican Staebler, Democrat Lovell, Socialist Workers Cleage, Freedom Now Horvath, Socialist Labor	80,573 1,764,355 1,381,442 5,649 4,767 1,777	2002	Granholm, Democrat Posthumus, Republican Campbell, Green Pilchak, U.S. Taxpayer Write-In	1,633,796 1,506,104 25,236 12,411 18 127,692	
1966	Scattering    Rowney's plurality      Rowney, Republican <sup>6</sup> Ferency, Democrat      Horvath, Socialist Labor    Horvath, Socialist Labor	112 382,913 1,490,430 963,383 8,017	2006	Granholm, Democrat DeVos, Republican Cresswell, Libertarian Campbell, Green Dashairya, U.S. Taxpayer	2,142,513 1,608,086 23,524 20,009 7,087	
1070	Scattering	79 527,047	2010	Write-In Granholm's plurality   Granholm's plurality Snyder, Republican	37 534,427 1,874,834	
1970	Milliken, Republican Levin, Democrat McCormick, Am. Indepen Bouse, Socialist Workers Horvath, Socialist Labor Scattering Milliken's plurality	1,339,047 1,294,638 18,006 2,220 2,144 107 44,409		Bernero, Democrat. Proctor, Libertarian Mathia, U.S. Taxpayer. Mikkelson, Green Write-In Snyder's plurality.	1,074,034 1,287,320 22,390 20,818 20,699 27 587,514	

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2014	Snyder, Republican Schauer, Democrat	1,479,057 35,723 19,368 14,934 50				

<sup>1</sup>See Constitution of 1850, art. 5, sec. 3, and art 4, sec. 34; Act 175 of the Extra Session of 1851, Laws of Michigan.
 <sup>2</sup>Totals do not include soldiers' vote of 9,612 for Crapo and 2,992 for Fenton. See Constitution of 1850, art. 7, sec. 1, and Act 21 of the Extra Session of 1864, Laws of Michigan.
 <sup>3</sup>Democratic People's Union Silver.
 <sup>4</sup>Total includes 2,465 votes cast for L. Whitney Watkins.
 <sup>5</sup>Total includes 206 votes cast for Benjamin J. Blumenberg.
 <sup>6</sup>First governor elected to 4-year term. See Constitution of 1963, art. 5, sec. 21, and sched. sec. 5.