

2002 MICHIGAN ELECTIONS — IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

ELECTION DATES

State Primary August 6, 2002
State General Election November 5, 2002

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Deadline*	Action Required
July 8, 2002	Last day to register for August primary. (MCL §168.498)
October 7, 2002	Last day to register for November general election. (MCL §168.498)

FILING DEADLINES: CANDIDATES

Deadline*	Action Required
By 5:00 p.m., March 25	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavits of Candidacy and Affidavits of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 28. (MCL §§168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., April 30	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavits of Identity and Affidavits of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 3. (MCL §§168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b and 467d)
By 4:00 p.m., May 14	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file Affidavits of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 17. (MCL §§168.624, 624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 14	Partisan candidates file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavits of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 17.
By 5:00 p.m., July 5	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavits of Candidacy for the November general election. (MCL §168.392a)
By 4:00 p.m., July 18	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4 p.m. on July 22. (MCL §168.590c)

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FILING DEADLINES: CANDIDATES (Cont.)

Deadline*	Action Required
By 4:00 p.m., August 2	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (MCL §168.737a)
By 4:00 p.m., November 1	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (MCL §168.737a)

FILING DEADLINES: NEW PARTIES AND STATE BALLOT PROPOSALS

Deadline*	Action Required
By 5:00 p.m., May 29	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to initiate legislation filed with the Secretary of State (242,169 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471 as amended under PA 219 of 1999)
By 5:00 p.m., July 8	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to amend the State Constitution filed with the Secretary of State (302,711 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471 as amended under PA 219 of 1999)
By 4:00 p.m., July 18	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (30,272 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.685)

FILING DEADLINES: COUNTY AND LOCAL PROPOSALS

Deadline*	Action Required
By May 14	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (MCL §168.646a)
By May 28	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)
By August 13	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (MCL §168.646a)
By August 27	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)

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AUGUST 6 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline*	Action Required
By January 31	Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close Dec. 31, 2001.
By March 1	Republican and Democratic state party chairpersons notify county and district committee chairs of county convention delegate (precinct delegate) allocation requirements. (MCL §168.623a)
By 5:00 p.m., March 25	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District and Probate Court judges file Affidavits of Candidacy and Affidavits of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 28. (MCL §§168.409b, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c, 467d)
By April 1	County political party chairpersons certify number of delegates per precinct to county election commissions. (MCL §168.623a)
By April 6	Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for the August primary. (MCL §168.684)
By April 8	City and township election commissions divide precincts; notify county clerk of divisions and number of registered voters in each precinct. (MCL §§168.656, 661)
By April 18	County clerks submit Biennial Precinct Reports prepared by city and township clerks to Elections Bureau. (MCL §§168.656, 661)
By April 23	Vacancies occurring in judicial offices on or before this date must be elected this year. (MCL §§168.409f, 424, 444, 467m)
By 4:00 p.m., April 30	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavits of Identity and Affidavits of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 3. (MCL §§168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b, 467d)
May 6	Vacancies occurring in county or township offices on or before this date must be filled this year. (MCL §§168.209, 239, 269, 370a)
By May 7	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court positions submitted. (MCL §168.552)
By 4:00 p.m., May 14	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file Affidavits of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 17. (MCL §§168.624, 624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 14	Partisan candidates file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavits of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 17.
By May 14	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (MCL §168.646a)

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**AUGUST 6 PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)**

Deadline*	Action Required
By May 20	City and township clerks forward copies of Affidavit of Identity forms filed by candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) to county clerk. (MCL §168.624)
By May 20	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (MCL §§168.321, 349)
By May 21	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by partisan candidates submitted. (MCL §168.552)
By May 28	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)
By 5:00 p.m., May 29	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to initiate legislation filed with the Secretary of State (242,169 signatures required). (MCL §168.471)
By May 31	Boards of county canvassers complete examination of all ballot containers used in county. (MCL §168.24j)
By June 7	Board of State Canvassers certify candidates eligible to appear on August primary ballot to county election commissions. (MCL §168.552)
June 7	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the August primary. (MCL §168.662)
By June 7	Republican and Democratic parties call fall state conventions. (MCL §168.591)
By June 7	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on the August primary ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By June 22	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for August primary to local clerks. (MCL §168.714)
By June 22	County committees of Republican and Democratic Parties call county conventions. (MCL §168.592)
June 27 through July 16	Precinct inspectors for August primary appointed by city and township election commissions. (MCL §168.674)
By June 28	First notice of close of registration for August primary published. (MCL §168.498)
By July 5	Qualified political parties certify to Secretary of State any change in vignette for November general election. (MCL §168.684)
By 5:00 p.m., July 5	Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavits of Candidacy for the November general election. (MCL §168.392a)
July 8	Last day to register for August primary. (MCL §168.498)
By 5:00 p.m., July 8	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to amend the State Constitution filed with the Secretary of State (302,711 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471)

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**AUGUST 6 PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)**

Deadline*	Action Required
By 4:00 p.m., July 18	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 22. (MCL §168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., July 18	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (30,272 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.685)
By July 25	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation to county clerk. (MCL §§168.321, 349)
By July 25	Qualifying petition signature challenges filed with filing official. (MCL §168.552)
By July 26	Pre-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close July 21.
By July 27	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for August primary to local clerks. (MCL §168.714)
By July 27	First notice of August primary published. (MCL §168.653a)
By 4:00 p.m., August 2	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (MCL §168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., August 3	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the August primary by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (MCL §168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., August 5	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for August primary may vote in person in clerk's office. (MCL §168.761)
By August 6	Minor parties hold county caucuses; notify county clerk of nominated candidates within one business day after caucus. (MCL §168.686a)
By August 6	Minor parties hold state conventions; notify Secretary of State of nominated candidates within one business day after convention. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (MCL §168.686a)
Up to 4:00 p.m., August 6	Emergency absentee voting for August primary. (MCL §168.759b)
August 6	PRIMARY ELECTION
1:00 p.m., August 7	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (MCL §168.821)
By August 13	County clerks notify precinct delegates elected at August primary; certify delegate names and addresses to chairpersons of county committees. (MCL §168.608)

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Deadline*	Action Required
By August 13	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (MCL §168.646a)
August 14 through August 31	Republican and Democratic parties hold fall county conventions. (MCL §168.592)
By August 20	Board of county canvassers complete canvass of August primary; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (MCL §§168.581, 822, 828)
By August 26	Board of State Canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (MCL §168.581)
By August 27	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (MCL §168.646a)
By September 5	Post-Primary Campaign Statements due. Books close August 26.
By September 6	Republican and Democratic parties hold fall state conventions. Pre-Convention Campaign Statements due 11 days before convention (books close 16 days before convention); Post-Convention Campaign Statements due 30 days after convention (books close 20 days after convention). (MCL §168.686a)
September 6	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the November general election. (MCL §168.662)
By September 6	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on the November general election ballot presented to Secretary of State. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By September 21	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for November general election to local clerks. (MCL §168.714)
September 26 through October 15	Precinct inspectors for November general election appointed by city and township election commissions. (MCL §168.674)
By September 27	First notice of close of registration for November general election published. (MCL §168.498)
October 7	Last date to register for November general election. (MCL §168.498)
By October 25	Pre-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close October 20.
By October 26	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for November general election to local clerks. (MCL §168.714)
By October 26	First notice of November general election published. (MCL §168.653a)

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Deadline*	Action Required
By 4:00 p.m., November 1	Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (MCL §168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., November 2	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for the November general election by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (MCL §168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., November 4	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for November general election may vote in person in clerk's office. (MCL §168.761)
Up to 4:00 p.m., November 5	Emergency absentee voting for November general election. (MCL §168.759b)
November 5	NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
1:00 p.m., November 6	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (MCL §168.821)
By November 19	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of November general election; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (MCL §§168.822, 828)
By November 25	Board of State Canvassers meets to canvass November general election. (MCL §168.842)
By November 25	Political parties in counties of less than 1.5 million hold county conventions; within 30 days after conventions, officers of county committees are selected. (MCL §168.599)
By December 5	Post-General Campaign Statements filed. Books close November 25.
January 2, 2003 through February 15, 2003	Executive committees appoint county committees in counties under 1.5 million. (MCL §168.599)
By January 31, 2003	Annual Campaign Statements filed. Books close December 31, 2002.

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RECOUNT FILING DATES

All U.S. House, State Senate and State House Seats

- Recount petitions must be filed 48 hours after the Board of State Canvassers canvass the election.
- Counter petitions must be filed before 4:00 p.m. on the seventh day after the filing of the recount petition.

Any Other Office Canvassed by County, City and Township Boards of Canvassers

- Recount petitions must be filed within six days after the Board of State Canvassers canvass the election.
- Counter petitions must be filed within 48 hours after the filing of the recount petition.

Any Other Office Canvassed by the Board of State Canvassers

- Recount petitions must be filed within 48 hours after the Board of State Canvassers canvass the election.
- Counter petitions must be filed before 4:00 p.m. on the seventh day after the filing of the recount petition.