

2004 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS — IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

ELECTION DATES

State Primary August 3, 2004
State General Election November 2, 2004

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Deadline*	Action Required
July 6, 2004	Last day to register for August primary. (MCL §168.498)
October 4, 2004	Last day to register for November general election. (MCL §168.498)

FILING DEADLINES: AUGUST 3 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION

Deadline*	Action Required
By January 6	City and township election commissions divide precincts, notify county clerk of divisions and number of registered voters in each precinct. (MCL §§168.656, 168.661)
By January 16	County clerks submit biennial precinct reports prepared by city and township clerks to Elections Bureau. (MCL §§168.656, 168.661)
By February 2	Annual campaign statements filed. Books close December 31, 2003.
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 22	Incumbent appeals court, circuit court, district court and probate court judges file affidavit of candidacy and affidavit of identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 25. (MCL §§168.409b, 168.413a, 168.414, 168.433a, 168.434, 168.467c and 168.467d)
By April 1	County political party chairpersons certify number of delegates per precinct to county election commissions. (MCL §168.623a)
By April 5	Qualified political parties certify to secretary of state any change in vignette for August primary. (MCL §168.684)

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Source: Michigan Department of State

AUGUST 3 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)

Deadline*	Action Required
April 20	Vacancies occurring in judicial offices on or before this date must be elected this year. (MCL §168.409l, 168.424, 168.444, 168.467m)
By 4:00 p.m., April 27	Candidates seeking appeals court, circuit court, district court or probate court judgeships file nominating petitions, affidavit of identity and affidavit of constitutional qualification for August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 30. (MCL §§168.409b, 168.409c, 168.413, 168.414, 168.433, 168.434, 168.467b and 168.467d)
By May 4	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 11	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file affidavit of identity for 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 14. (MCL §§168.624, 168.624a)
By 4:00 p.m., May 11	Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and affidavit of identity for August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 14.
By May 11	Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (MCL §168.646a)
By May 17	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 17	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of partisan and nonpartisan candidates to county clerk. (MCL §168.321, 168.349)
By May 18	Challenges against nominating petitions filed by partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) submitted. (MCL §168.552)
By May 25	Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at 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 26	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to initiate legislation filed with the secretary of state (254,206 signatures required). (MCL §168.471 as amended by PA 219 of 1999)
By June 4	Board of state canvassers certify candidates eligible to appear on August primary ballot to county election commissions. (MCL §168.552)

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AUGUST 3 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION (*Cont.*)

Deadline*	Action Required
June 4	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for August primary. (MCL §168.662)
By June 4	Republican and Democratic parties call fall state conventions. (MCL §168.591)
By June 4	Constitutional amendments and legislative referendums which the legislature wishes to place on August primary ballot presented to secretary of state. (Art. 12, Sec. 1)
By June 19	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for August primary to local clerks. (MCL §168.714)
By June 19	County committees of Republican and Democratic parties call county conventions. (MCL §168.592)
June 24 through July 13	Precinct inspectors for August primary appointed by city and township election commissions. (MCL §168.674)
By June 26	First notice of close of registration for August primary published. (MCL §168.498)
By July 2	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 6	Incumbent supreme court justices file affidavits of candidacy for November general election. (MCL §168.392a)
July 6	Last day to register for August primary. (MCL §168.498)
By 5:00 p.m., July 6	Petitions to place a proposal on the November general election ballot to amend the state constitution filed with the secretary of state (317,757 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.471, as amended by PA 219 of 1999)
By 4:00 p.m., July 15	Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 19. (MCL §168.590c)
By 4:00 p.m., July 15	New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (31,776 valid signatures required). (MCL §168.685)
By July 22	City and township clerks forward names and addresses of candidates without political party affiliation to county clerk. (MCL §§168.321, 168.349)
By July 22	Qualifying petition signature challenges filed with filing official. (MCL §168.552)
By July 23	Pre-primary campaign statements due. Books close July 18.
By July 24	County clerks deliver remainder of ballots and election supplies for August primary to local clerks. (MCL §168.714)
By July 24	First notice of August primary published. (MCL §168.653a)

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AUGUST 3 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)

Deadline*	Action Required
By 4:00 p.m., July 30	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., July 31	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 2	Electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for August primary may vote in person in clerk's office. (MCL §168.761)
By August 3	Minor parties hold county caucuses; notify county clerk of nominated candidates within one business day after caucus. (MCL §168.686a)
By August 3	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 3	Emergency absentee voting for August primary. (MCL §168.759b)
August 3	PRIMARY ELECTION
1:00 p.m., August 4	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (MCL §168.821)
By August 10	County clerks notify precinct delegates elected at August primary; certify delegate names and addresses to chairpersons of county committees. (MCL §168.608)
By August 10	Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (MCL §168.646a)
August 11 through August 28	Republican and Democratic parties hold fall county conventions. (MCL §168.592)
By August 17	Board of county canvassers complete canvass of August primary; county clerks forward results to secretary of state within 24 hours. (MCL §§168.581, 168.822, 168.828)
By August 23	Board of state canvassers meet to canvass August primary. (MCL §168.581)
By August 24	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 3 PRIMARY ELECTION NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)

Deadline*	Action Required
By September 2	Post-primary campaign statements due. Books close August 23.
By September 3	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 §168.591)
September 3	Final date cities and townships can establish, move or abolish a polling place for the November general election. (MCL §168.662)
By September 3	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 18	County clerks deliver absent voter ballots for November general election to local clerks. (MCL §168.714)
September 23 through October 12	Precinct inspectors for November general election appointed by city and township election commissions. (MCL §168.674)
By September 24	First notice of close of registration for November general election published. (MCL §168.498)
October 4	Last date to register for November general election. (MCL §168.498)
By October 22	Pre-general campaign statements filed. Books close October 17.
By October 23	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)
By 4:00 p.m., October 29	Write-in candidates file declaration of intent forms for November general election. (MCL §168.737a)
By 2:00 p.m., October 30	Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for November general election by mail submit absent voter ballot applications. (MCL §168.759)
Up to 4:00 p.m., November 1	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 2	Emergency absentee voting for November general election. (MCL §168.759b)
November 2	NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
1:00 p.m., November 3	Boards of county canvassers meet to canvass November general election. (MCL §168.821)

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**AUGUST 3 PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION (Cont.)**

Deadline*	Action Required
By November 16	Boards of county canvassers complete canvass of November general election; county clerks forward results to Secretary of State within 24 hours. (MCL §§168.822, 168.828)
By November 22	Board of state canvassers meets to canvass November general election. (MCL §168.842)
By November 22	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 2	Post-general campaign statements filed. Books close November 22.
January 2, 2005 through February 15, 2005	Executive committees appoint county committees in counties under 1.5 million. (MCL §168.599)
By January 31, 2005	Annual campaign statements filed. Books close December 31, 2004.

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