

New rights for Michigan voters now in effect: You may vote early

All eligible and registered voters in Michigan now may request an absentee ballot without providing a reason and vote early as a result of the passage of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3 in November. Ballots will be counted on Election Day.

[Download the New Rights for Michigan Voters information sheet](#)

To obtain a ballot prior to Election Day:

- Drop off your ballot request in person at your township or city clerk's office no later than 4 p.m. the Monday before Election Day.
- Mail the [application](#), [large print application](#), a letter or a pre-printed application form obtained from your local clerk's office. Requests to have a ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election. USPS may take up to five business days to deliver your ballot.

The image is an information sheet titled "New rights for Michigan VOTERS". It is divided into several sections. The top section is "Register to vote through Election Day", which is further divided into three columns: "Through April 22", "April 23 through May 6", and "May 7 (Election Day)". Each column lists where to register and how. A central box titled "Residency verification required." lists acceptable documents such as driver's license, state ID card, bank statement, paycheck, government check, and utility bill. Below this is a section titled "All voters now can vote early", which includes "Step 1: Request your ballot." and "Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it." with two options for submission. The sheet concludes with the website "Michigan.gov/Vote" and the Michigan State Seal.

For assistance in obtaining the address and office hours, including weekend hours, of your city or township clerk, see Michigan.gov/Vote.

After receiving your ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. It will be counted with other ballots on Election Day.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on Election Day, you may have someone deliver your request for an emergency absentee ballot to your city or township clerk's office before 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular ballots (5 p.m. the Friday before the election) but before 4 p.m. on Election Day.

The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular ballot. Emergency ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Please [contact your local clerk](#) for more information about emergency ballots. The clerk will be available on Sat. before the election from 9 to 5 or call for an appointment.