

# MICHIGAN'S MUNICIPAL CLERKS ARE UNITED IN SECURING OUR ELECTIONS.



## IN EVERY JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:

### ✓ We use paper ballots for every voter.

Because Michigan uses paper ballots and paper tallies of the counts, there is always a physical record of all votes, ensuring accurate results and another layer of security.

### ✓ We audit elections to ensure accurate results.

Various audits are conducted throughout elections, including audits to review procedures, risk-limiting audits to affirm the accuracy of vote-counting machines, and absentee counting board audits to review the tabulation process for absentee ballots.

### ✓ We require trained, bipartisan election officers at all polling locations.

Elections are conducted under a rigorous checks and balances system where polling places and absentee voter counting boards are operated by bipartisan teams of election inspectors. At least two individuals of differing political affiliations work together on everything from assisting voters to sealing ballot containers and reporting results.

### ✓ We secure every ballot drop box and absentee ballot deposited.

Drop boxes are tamper-resistant, immobile and secured while in use. Most are under 24/7 video surveillance throughout an election. Bipartisan teams collect and transport deposited ballots. Locked containers and tracking logs are used to monitor the ballots from collection to drop-off at secure processing locations.

### ✓ We test each piece of voting equipment before every election.

Michigan voters know that ballot marking devices and tabulation equipment are working as intended because election officials test the hardware and software before each election. Only equipment that passes stringent testing is used.

### ✓ We use only certified voting equipment and systems.

All voting equipment and systems used in our elections are certified to standards established by the state and federal government.

### ✓ We maintain accurate and up-to-date voter lists.

Michigan's list of voter registrations is constantly updated. Maintenance of the list is carried out in strict accordance with state and federal laws by the Bureau of Elections and more than 1,600 election clerks of different affiliations throughout the state.

 **We verify voter information when issuing mail-in absentee ballots.**

Absentee voting is a time-tested, secure system in Michigan. Clerks check signatures on both absentee ballot requests and ballot envelopes against the signatures they have on file to verify the identity of every voter.

 **We check ID.**

Voters must provide photo identification or sign an affidavit to vote in person. Most voters show a driver's license or an identification issued by local, state or federal governments or a university that contains the voter's name and photo. For a list of acceptable ID, visit [michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote).

 **We support transparency with observation of election processes.**

Credentialed challengers and representatives of political parties may observe and challenge the conduct of elections at the polling place, early voting site, or absent voter ballot processing facility.

 **We only register U.S. citizens who live in Michigan and will be 18 by Election Day.**

Voters must meet federal and state eligibility requirements to register to vote. Starting in 2024, eligible 16- and 17-year old Michigan residents can preregister to vote under state law. Preregister online, by mail, or automatically when applying for a Graduated Driver's License.

 **We investigate and prosecute cases of election fraud and voter intimidation.**

These actions protect voters and secure Michigan's elections. Perpetrators may face jail time and hefty fines.

