

## **FACTS ABOUT VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING**

### **QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE**

To become a registered voter, State Law requires you must be:

- a citizen of the U.S.
- a Michigan resident
- age 18 by Election Day

### **DUE DATE TO REGISTER**

Persons wishing to vote in an election can register at the Secretary of State branch office or with the City/Township Clerk up to 15 days prior to that election.

After the 15-day window, 14 days prior to the election, one must go to their City/Township Clerk to register to vote.

Voters must provide proof of residency.

### **REGISTERING TO VOTE IN THE CITY OF BIG RAPIDS**

Persons living in the City of Big Rapids may choose one of the following to register:

- at the Secretary of State Office. The address on your Michigan driver's license is also your voter registration address. These two addresses must match.
- at the Big Rapids City Clerk's Office, if living within the city limits.
- by completing and mailing a Mail-In-Voter Registration Application. Voter Registration Applications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office or online at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

### **WHERE TO VOTE**

The City of Big Rapids consists of three voting precincts. State Law requires that registered voters vote at the polling place established as a precinct in which they live and are registered. City voting precincts are as follows:

- Precinct 1: Department of Public Safety  
435 N. Michigan Avenue
- Precinct 2: Big Rapids City Hall  
226 N. Michigan Avenue
- Precinct 3: MOISD Career Center  
15830 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue

If you live and are registered in one of the area townships, you must report to that township polling place on Election Day to vote. Contact your Township Clerk for specific information.

### **WHAT IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED VOTER OF BIG RAPIDS**

You may wish to remain registered in another City or State. Although absent from your community on Election Day, you may still vote through the mail by obtaining an Absentee Voter's Ballot by written request to your hometown Clerk. Once you have made the request, and upon its receipt, your Clerk will mail you an Absentee Voter's Ballot.

You must vote your Absentee Voter's Ballot and return it to your hometown Clerk by 8:00pm on Election Day.

Remember to allow sufficient time making a request by mail, and for return of your ballot.

## IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

The last day an Absentee Voter Ballot can be sent via first class mail to an elector is 5:00pm the Friday before the election.

Saturday and/or Sunday before Election Day, the City Clerk's Office will be open to register voters and issue and receive Absentee Voter Ballots. Hours will be posted.

If you register to vote in Big Rapids, your registration elsewhere will be **cancelled**.

Absentee Ballots must be back in your local Clerk's office by 8:00pm on Election Day.

## ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 7:00am to 8:00pm

For election dates please contact your local clerk.



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City of Big Rapids  
Clerk's Office  
(231)592-4020

Office Hours  
8:00am to 5:00pm  
Monday through Friday