

## 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.

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 voter application, 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.

**Register to vote through Election Day**

Through April 22	April 23 through May 6	May 7 (Election Day)
<b>Register at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any Secretary of State branch office</li> <li>Your township, city or county clerk's office</li> <li>A designated state agency</li> <li>By mail</li> </ul>	<b>Register:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In person with your township or city clerk</li> </ul>	<b>Register and vote:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In person with your township or city clerk, <u>not</u> at a precinct.</li> </ul> <small>Voters who register on Election Day get a ballot and can vote that day.</small>
<b>Residency verification required.</b> <small>Acceptable documents include:</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Driver's license</li> <li>State ID card</li> <li>Current utility bill</li> <li>Bank statement</li> <li>Paycheck</li> <li>Government check</li> <li>Other government document</li> </ul> <small>Documents must have name and current address. Digital copies are acceptable.</small>		

**All voters now can vote early**

**Step 1: Request your ballot.**  
Get an application at county, township and city clerks' offices or at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).

- Mailed-in applications must be **received** by 5 p.m. the Friday before an election. Your ballot will be mailed to you.
- Voters also can drop off their application in person at their township or city clerk's office by 4 p.m. the Monday before Election Day and get their ballot.

**Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it.**

- Option 1:** Drop off completed ballot in person to your township or city clerk.
- Option 2:** Return your ballot through the mail.

Ballots must be **signed** and **received** by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Find out more at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).

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

**If you would like to be placed on an Absentee Voter list**, please call the Clerk's office at 231-592-4020, or email at [voting@cityofbr.org](mailto:voting@cityofbr.org). You can also check the box on the Michigan Absent Voter Ballot Application (example below).