

MICHIGAN

Voters' Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE! It's the law, and you have the proof in your hands. You will notice letters and numbers after each of your rights listed below. Those codes tell lawyers and poll workers where to find the actual Michigan statute that protects your right to vote. These rights are guaranteed to properly registered and qualified voters. You have the right to take this Bill of Rights into the voting booth with you. If you feel your rights have been violated, please find an Election Protection volunteer to assist you or call toll free at **1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)**.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE:

1. **IFYOU ARE IN LINE** at the polling place when the polls open at 7 a.m. or close at 8 p.m. (Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 168.720 and 168.721)
2. **AND TO REQUEST AND RECEIVE A REPLACEMENT VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD** without charge if you change your name or address. (§ 168.499)
3. **WITHOUT PRESENTING ANY FORM OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION** after your signature and birth date are verified **UNLESS** you are a first-time voter who registered by mail and have not previously provided photo identification to the bureau of elections. (§ 168.523 and 42 USC § 15483(b))
4. **BY PROVISIONAL BALLOT** if your name does not appear on the precinct register but the city clerk verifies your eligibility after you complete an affidavit, provide your registration information, provide identification verifying your identity and residence in the precinct and complete a new voter registration application. (§ 168.523 (a) and 42 USC § 15482(a))
5. **BY REGULAR BALLOT** if your name does not appear on the precinct register but you have a receipt verifying that you are registered to vote. (§ 168.523(a))
6. **AND TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IF YOU CANNOT READ OR WRITE**, or you are blind or otherwise disabled, with voting help from two election inspectors, and if disabled due to blindness, you have the right to vote with the assistance of an immediate family member or any person older than 18. (§ 168.751)
7. **AND TO RECEIVE A REPLACEMENT BALLOT** if you make a mistake and “spoil” your ballot. (§ 168.740)
8. **AT YOUR OLD POLLING PLACE** if you have moved to another city or township within your county or to another county within 60 days of the election, upon signing an affidavit that the move occurred. (§ 168.507(a))
9. **AND RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS** from election inspectors after entering the voting machine, but be left to vote in private. (§ 168.789)
10. **WITHOUT BEING SOLICITED OR HAVING SOMEONE TRY TO INFLUENCE YOUR VOTE** when you are within 100 feet of the polling place. (§ 168.744)
11. **EVEN IF SOMEONE CHALLENGES YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE**, in which case you can vote on a specially prepared ballot if you correctly answer all the questions establishing that you are a qualified voter. (§ 168.729)
12. **AND TO RECEIVE SPANISH BALLOTS, INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER VOTING MATERIALS** in Clyde Township in Allegan County and Buena Vista Township in Saginaw County. (42 U.S.C. § 1973; 28 C.F.R. § 55)
13. **IFYOU HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME** and have been released from prison. (§ 168.758(b))
14. **IN PERSON IF YOU RECEIVED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AND IT WAS LOST OR DESTROYED** after signing an affidavit explaining that the ballot was lost or destroyed. (§ 168.769)
15. **AND TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18** into the voting booth with you. (§ 168.736(a))

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