

# How Sh\*t Gets Done in Michigan: What's on the ballot in 2026?



Position	Level and Branch	Term	Qualifications	Election Process	Basic Responsibilities
US Senator	Federal Legislative	Six-year term No term limits	US Citizen (at least 9 years) Min. 30 years old Resident of state at time of election	Partisan primary and general election 1/3 of the US Senate elected every 2 years 100 members total	Legislative action and committee work Confirm presidential appointments Jury in impeachment cases Oversight of executive
US House of Representatives	Federal Legislative	Two-year term No term limits	US Citizen (at least 7 years) Min. 25 years old Resident of state at time of election	Partisan primary and general election Elections every even year 435 members total	Legislative action and committee work "Power of the Purse" Conducts impeachment investigation Oversight of executive <a href="https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative">https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative</a>
MI Governor	State Executive	Four-year term Two term limit	Min. 30 years old 4-year state residency Registered voter	Partisan primary and general election Selects LG as running mate	Sign or veto laws Appoints boards, commissions, judges, and department heads Proposes state budget Commands state militia
MI Secretary of State	State Executive	Four- year term Two term limit	Registered voter	State political parties nominate candidates to run in general election	Oversees elections, vehicles registration, licenses Third highest elected official
MI Attorney General	State Executive	Four-year term Two term limit	Registered voter	State political parties nominate candidates to run in general election	MI's chief law enforcement official Departments include: Criminal Justice, Consumer Protection, Civil Rights and Civil Litigation, Environmental and Real Property, and State Government

MI Senate	State Legislature	Four-year term 12 year* term limit (total in Leg.)	US Citizen Min. 21 years old Resident of district at time of election	Partisan primary and general election	Legislative action and committee work Oversight of executive Approves Gov. appointments State budget process Constituent services
MI House of Representatives	State Legislature	Two-year term 12 year* term limit (total in Leg.)	US Citizen Min. 21 years old Resident of district at time of election	Partisan primary and general election	Legislative action and committee work Oversight of executive State budget process Constituent services
MI Supreme Court	State Judicial	Eight-year term No term limit	Registered voter Licensed to practice law in MI Max. 70 years old	State political parties nominate candidates No R/D on ballot Staggered terms	Known as the “court of last resort” Hears cases of the greatest complexity or public importance Sets rules and precedent for lower courts
MI Board of Education	State Executive	Eight-year term No term limit	Registered voter Cannot be involved in the writing or publishing of textbooks	State political parties nominate candidates No R/D on ballot Staggered terms	Oversees PK-12 public education Hires State Superintendent Advocates for policy and legislation
University Boards	N/A	Eight-year term No term limit	Registered voter	State political parties nominate candidates No R/D on ballot Staggered terms	Statewide elections are for MSU, U of M, and WSU <i>only</i> – all other public university boards are appointed by the Governor Oversee university operations, budget, and policy
Local School Board	Local	Most have six-year term (40% four-year) No term limits	US Citizen Registered voter Resident of district	Nonpartisan General Election 95% of Districts have 7 members Staggered terms	Adopts and enforces district policies Hires and evaluates the Superintendent Approves district’s annual budget