

# HOW SH\*T GETS DONE: MI STATEWIDE ELECTIONS



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# **WELCOME**

## **In The Chat:**

What city are you  
joining from?

What's one thing you  
love about living in MI?

# VOTER INFORMATION



## MVIC

Voter  
Registration,  
Absentee Ballot  
Request, Sample  
Ballots  
[michigan.gov/vote](http://michigan.gov/vote)



## ELECTIONS

Primary: 8/4/26  
General: 11/3/26

*Special Election  
District 35*  
Primary: 2/3/26  
General: 5/5/26



## PETITIONS

Candidates are  
currently  
circulating  
nominating  
petitions

# PARTISAN PRIMARIES



## GOVERNOR

Four-Year Term  
Two Term Limit  
Candidate Selects LG



## MI SENATE

Four-Year Term  
38 Senators Total  
(approx. 265,380  
residents)



## MI HOUSE

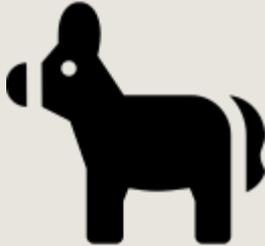
Two-Year Term  
110 Reps Total (approx  
91,677 residents)

Because of Proposal 2 (passed  
in 2022) state legislatures can  
serve for a combined length of  
12 years.

# PARTY CONVENTIONS

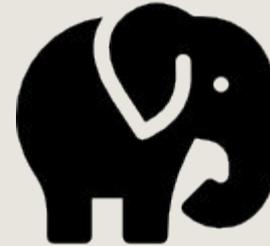


## MI DEMOCRATIC PARTY



MDP dues paid by 3/20 to  
participate  
**4/19 in Detroit**

## MI REPUBLICAN PARTY



Delegates are selected from  
elected Precinct Delegates.  
Guests are welcome.  
**3/28 in Novi**

# PARTY CONVENTIONS



## MI ATTORNEY GENERAL

MI's Lawyer & Chief  
Law Enforcement  
Official

- Four-Year Term
- Two Term Limit
- One candidate from each party is nominated at convention then appears on the state general election



## MI SECRETARY OF STATE

State Elections  
Officer, Vehicle  
Registrations, and  
IDs

# PARTY CONVENTIONS



## MI SUPREME COURT

Court of Last Resort  
Eight-Year Term  
Must be a lawyer under 70 yrs. old



## UNIVERSITY BOARDS

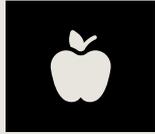
MSU Trustees, WSU Governors, UofM Regents  
Eight-Year Term (staggered)



## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Eight-Year Term (staggered)  
No Term Limit  
Eight Members Total

# NONPARTISAN RACES



## LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

Nonpartisan  
Four or Six Year Term  
Typically 3-4 positions per  
election



## JUDICIAL RACES

Circuit  
Probate  
District  
Court of Appeals

# WHAT ELSE?

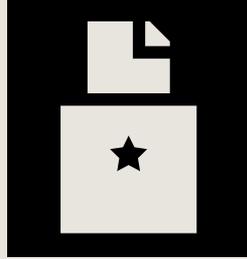
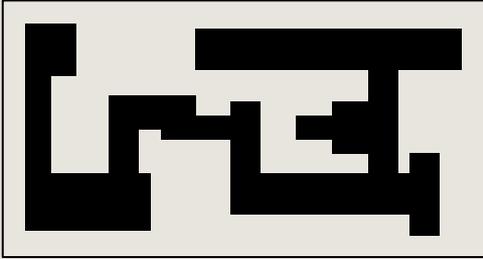


## **CITIZEN LED BALLOT INITIATIVES**

What are they? What  
do they accomplish?  
Up to four on this  
year's ballot

## **CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION**

Rewrite the MI  
Constitution?  
YES or NO



**THANKS!**

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