Permanent Mail Ballot List In Michigan



In November 2022, the voters of Michigan overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment (Prop 2) that, among other things, provides the right to sign up to receive an absentee ballot in the mail before every election.

Didn't I already sign up to receive a ballot before every election?

No. Previously, Michigan voters could sign up to receive an absentee ballot **application** before each election. The recent change allows voters to sign up to receive a ballot before every election, eliminating the need to submit a new application each time.

How do I sign up to receive a ballot before each election?

You can sign up to receive a ballot before each election by simply submitting a single, signed absentee ballot application and checking a box indicating that you want to have a ballot mailed to you before each election. That will serve as your ballot application for every election, eliminating the need to submit a new application each time. While the exact details are still being finalized, voters will be able to sign up at their local clerk's office, by mail, or online.

What happens if I move?

If you join the permanent mail ballot list and then move within the state of Michigan and update your voter registration address, you will remain included on the list. However, if you move outside of the state or you move within the state of Michigan but do not update your registration address, you will be removed from the list.

Can I choose where to have my ballot sent?

Yes. As with all absentee ballots, you can choose to have your ballot mailed to an address other than your registration address. This option is especially beneficial for voters who spend part of the winter in another state or are living away from home during the school year, for example.

What if I sign up for the list and then change my mind?

To remove yourself from the list, you can simply submit a signed request for removal. You will also be removed from the list if you relocate to another state or move within Michigan without updating your voter registration address, if you do not cast a ballot for six consecutive years, or if you are no longer eligible to vote (as in the case of a prison sentence). If you move within the state of Michigan, and you update your address on your driver's license, your registration address will automatically be updated.

Questions? Need more information? Please contact: questions@michiganvoting.org

