



Registering to vote and voting by absentee ballot has never been easier! If you will be away at college and intend to vote in an upcoming election, plan ahead.

- Verify your voter registration at <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/>
- Allow plenty of time for mailing both the absentee ballot application AND returning your voted ballot by mail, if that is the method you choose.

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

You can register to vote for federal, state and local elections here at the Davison Township Clerk's Department or by visiting any Secretary of State Branch office or by mail. To register to vote you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day
- A resident of Michigan and the city, township or village where you are applying to register to vote at least 30 days before Election Day
- Not serving a sentence in jail or prison

## TO REGISTER BY MAIL

- Complete a voter registration application and follow the instructions ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration\\_97046\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf))
- Mail to Davison Township Clerk's Department, 1280 N Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423
- Registration applications must be received by the fifteenth day before Election Day (postmarks accepted) to be eligible to participate in an upcoming election.

## ELECTION ELIGIBLE VOTER REGISTRATION

- With the passage of Proposal 18-3, an unregistered elector (or registered elector who has moved) who wishes to participate in an upcoming election now has the following options:
  - Register in person at a Secretary of State Branch, a designated voter registration agency, the voter's county, township clerk's office or by mail no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the election
  - Register to vote during the 14 days prior to the election, including Election Day, by applying in person at the Clerk's Office
- Voters who register to vote in person during the 14-day window must show proof of residency as well as provide photo identification.
  - Acceptable proof of residency documents are:

- A current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check or other government document

### **About Your Principal Residence**

There are several things to consider in making your decision regarding your principal residence:

- Residency requirements for various colleges and universities follow rules set down by those institutions so be aware that *your residence can determine how much tuition you will pay.*
- Health insurance *may require that you reside with your parents* if you are covered under their policy.
- Your residence *may also determine automobile insurance rates.*

Because Michigan only keeps one “principal residence address” on record for your driver’s license and your voter registration, **if you change one, you’ll change them both!**

### **Obtaining an Absentee Ballot**

Absentee ballots no longer require a “reason” so anyone can choose to vote absentee. Ballots are typically available 30 days before an election. You can obtain an absent voter ballot by the following methods:

- Complete an Absent Voter application ([https://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot\\_105377\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/AbsentVoterBallot_105377_7.pdf)) and submit it to your local clerk by mail, email (scan it & email) or fax.
- Complete an application in person at your local clerk’s office during regular office hours; plus, the Clerk’s Department is always open the Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. before an election.
- If you wish to be added to our permanent Absent Voter list, you may call the Clerk’s Office, email or mail in your request.

Once a completed application is received, the ballot will be mailed to you. If applying to vote absentee in person, you may vote the ballot while at the Clerk’s Department.

### **Contact Us**

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Davison MI 48423

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