

*Dear Neighbor,*

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights of a functioning democracy. This election year, make sure to register and get out to vote — because your voice and your vote matter.

My Senate Democratic colleagues and I have worked hard to make casting your ballot as easy and accessible as possible. As your state Senator, I want to inform you of your voting options ahead of this year of elections in August and November. In this newsletter, find tips on how to update your voter registration, secure an absentee ballot, navigate new voting laws, and more.

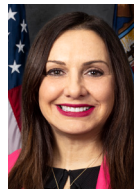
If you ever need assistance navigating a state department, or would like to share any feedback or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office. We're here to help.

Sincerely,



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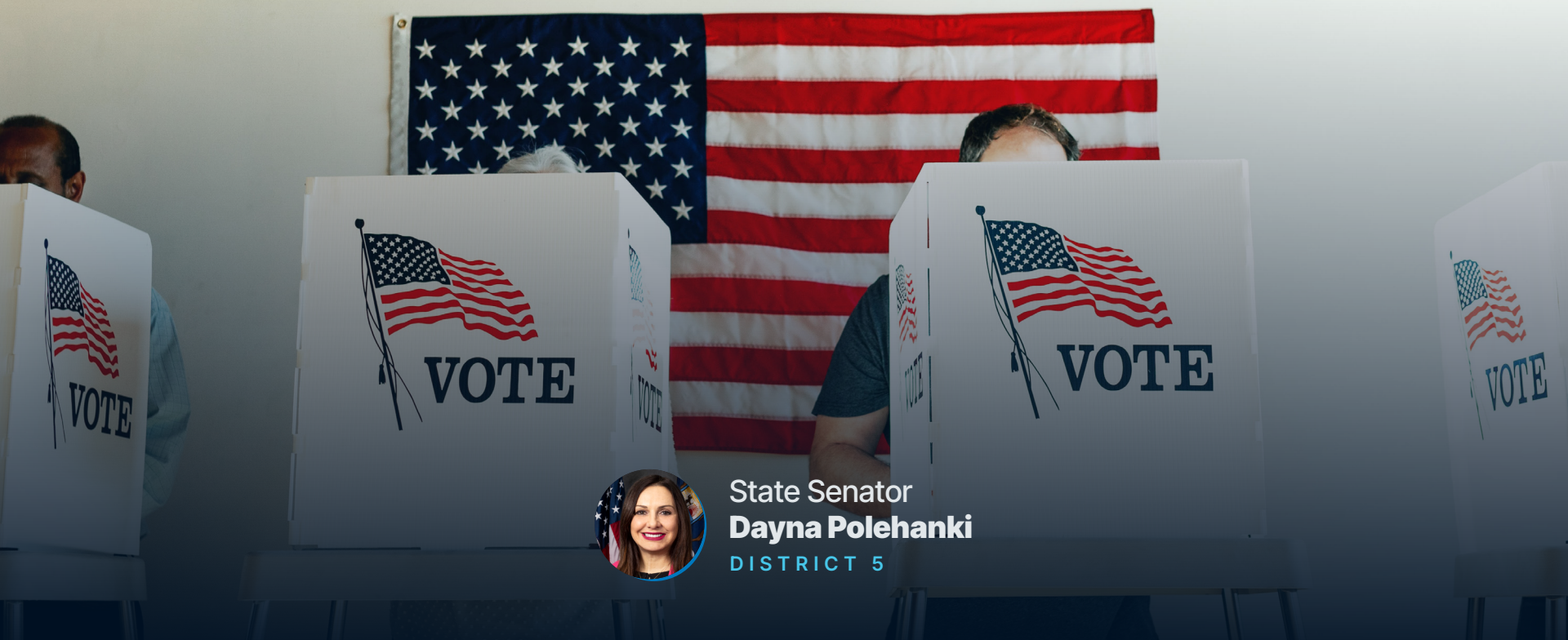


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## 2026 ELECTIONS GUIDE



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## Important Election Dates to Keep in Mind

### August Primary Election

**Absentee voter ballots available**  
by Thursday, June 25, 2026

**Last day to register to vote by mail or online\***  
Monday, July 20, 2026

**Primary election early voting begins**  
Saturday, July 25, 2026

**Optional early voting period**  
up to Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026

**Primary Election Day**  
Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026

### November General Election

**Absentee voter ballots available**  
by Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026

**Last day to register to vote by mail or online\***  
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026

**General election early voting begins**  
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026

**General Election Day**  
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026

*\* You can still register to vote in person up to and including on Election Day with your local clerk.*



## Updating Your Voter Registration

Have you recently moved or changed your name since the last election? If so, you'll need to verify or update your voter registration. You can check your voter registration information and look up your local clerk information at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote).

Methods and requirements for voter registration depend on the following deadlines:

- If there are 15+ days before an election, voters can register online, by mail, or in person at your local clerk's office or Secretary of State branch.
- Within 14 days of an election, including on Election Day, voters may register by visiting their local clerk's office to register or update information in person with proof of residency documentation.

*Note: If you are updating your registration in person, state law requires you to show a picture ID or sign an affidavit attesting to your identity and that you are not currently in possession of a picture ID.*



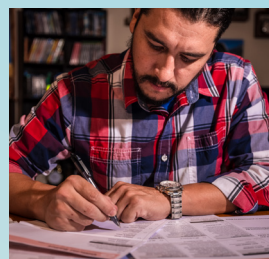
## Voting by Absentee Ballot

All registered voters can vote using an absentee ballot for any reason, no questions asked. You must turn in your absentee ballot application to your clerk online, by mail, or in person. If using mail, it's recommended to do so no later than **14 days before an election** to ensure you receive your ballot on time.

Once you complete your absentee ballot, your city or township clerk must receive it back as voted and signed by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted (with exceptions for military and overseas voters). You can return your ballot by mail, hand deliver it to your clerk's office, or drop it off at a local ballot drop box.

If there isn't time to mail back your absentee ballot or you do not want to drop it off at the clerk's office or a ballot drop box, you can bring it to your polling location during early voting or on Election Day to tabulate your ballot in person, or you can exchange your absentee ballot to be voided and receive a ballot at the polling location by talking to the election worker.

*To find a drop box near you, locate your local clerk's office, track your absentee ballot, or view your sample ballot, visit [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote).*



## Voter Accommodations

Michigan voter registration facilities, early voting sites, and polling locations are required to provide ADA compliant voter accommodations — including seated voting booths, Voter Assist Terminals, and more. If you or someone you know needs accommodation at the polls, it is recommended that you call your clerk's office ahead of time.

For additional information, contact your city or township clerk or visit [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote). Hearing impaired residents may contact the Bureau of Elections through email at [elections@michigan.gov](mailto:elections@michigan.gov).

*If you or someone you know encounters accessibility issues at the polls or when applying for an absentee ballot, it's important that they're promptly addressed by calling 1-866-OUR-VOTE.*

## One-Stop Voting Resource

Update your voter registration, find your polling place, locate your clerk's office, request an absentee ballot, and more with the Secretary of State's Michigan Voter Information Center. Visit [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) or scan the QR code using your phone.

