

Michigan: Citizen Initiated Constitutional Amendment

Basic Elements		MI Constitution (MC) & Michigan Compiled Law (MCL)
Signatures	Ten percent (10%) total number of votes cast for governor in the previous gubernatorial election: 10% = 322,609 (70% target = 460,870)	MC: Article XXI §2
Circ. Period	Petitions are considered "stale and void" if they were collected more than one hundred-eighty (180) days before the day of submission.	MCL: §168.472(a)
Submission Deadline	Petitions must be turned in to the secretary of state no later than one hundred-twenty (120) days before the election: 7/7/2014.	MC: Article XXI §2; MCL: §168.471; §168.475(2)
Circulator Requirements/ Notary Requirements		
Circulator Requirements	Circulators must reside in and be eligible to register to vote in the state of Michigan.	MCL: 168.544c(3)
Processing Procedures		
Initials	Acceptable	I & R Michigan Guide
Printed Name	Any of the following does NOT affect the validity of a signature: signer prints name in entry provided for signature; signer fails to print name in entry provided for printed name; signer enters his or her cursive signature in entry provided for printed name. (Note: A signature is <u>not</u> acceptable if signer prints name in entry provided for printed name -- and fails to enter his or her signature in the signature entry.)	I & R Michigan Guide
Ditto Marks	Ditto marks are acceptable.	I & R Michigan Guide
Voter ID or Birthday/ Address	PO Boxes are not acceptable.	I & R Michigan Guide
City, County, State, & Zip	Signer enters the community name appearing in his or her mailing address for his or her city or township of registration. (For example, a signature is acceptable if (1) the signer enters "East Lansing" on the petition (2) the signer is, in fact, registered to vote in Meridian Township and (3) the signer has an "East Lansing" mailing address.) The validity of a signature accompanied by a community name which appears in the signer's mailing address is not affected by a city/township check off box error. This remains true if the community name appearing in the signer's mailing address is shared by both a city and a township in the county.	I & R Michigan Guide
Black-marking	Black-marking is allowed.	I & R Michigan Guide

Where are the signatures checked: signatures are checked at a statewide level.

POST OFFICES AND CODES: All post offices are referred to by name and serve delivery areas of varying sizes. Each delivery area is assigned a Zip Code. In some cases, the name of a person's post office will correspond to the name of the person's city or township of residence. In other cases, especially in sparsely populated areas, the name of the person's post office will not correspond to the name of the person's city or township of residence. Thus, a person's mailing address may or may not correspond to the name of the city or township where the person is registered to vote. For example, East Lansing residents are registered to vote in the City of East Lansing and have an East Lansing mailing address. However, persons registered to vote in Genesee Township, Richfield Township and Vienna Township in Genesee County have a Mt. Morris mailing address.

The signature of a signer who lists the name of his or her post office for his or her city or township of registration is acceptable. For example, if a voter registered in Genesee Township, Genesee County lists Mt. Morris (the name of the voter's post office) for his or her township of registration, the signature will not be rejected for the error.

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Signatures	Ten percent (8%) total number of votes cast for governor in the previous gubernatorial election: 10% = 258,088 (70% target = 368,696)	MC: Article XXI §2
Circ. Period	Petitions are considered "stale and void" if they were collected more than one hundred-eighty (180) days before the day of submission.	MCL: §168.472(a)
Submission Deadline	Petitions must be turned in to the secretary of state no later than 5/28/2014.	MC: Article XXI §2; MCL: §168.471; §168.475(2)
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