



# CAIR MICHIGAN VOTING GUIDE

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The Michigan Department of State (MDS) supplies excellent information, answers voting questions and provides ballot and candidate information on.

MDS Phone: (888) 767-6424

MDS Website: <http://michigan.gov/sos>

MDS Contact Form: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-13162-25634--,00.html>

## When and Where to Vote:

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012.
- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Find your local polling station at <https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/mivote/>, and visiting the “Michigan Voter Information Center.”
- Here are some other ways to find your polling place:

## Contact Your State Democratic Party

- Phone: (517) 371-5410
- Website: <http://www.michigandems.com>

## Contact Your State Republican Party

- Phone: (517) 487-5413
- Website: <http://www.migop.org>

## Contact Your Local CAIR Chapter

- **CAIR Michigan**  
Phone: (248) 559-2247  
Email: [info@cairmichigan.org](mailto:info@cairmichigan.org)  
Website: <http://www.cairmichigan.org>

## How to Register to Vote:

- Print the voter registration form from [http://michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration\\_97046\\_7.pdf](http://michigan.gov/documents/MIVoterRegistration_97046_7.pdf), and mail it in or pick up a form from your local election official.
- Re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name, or would like to declare an official party affiliation. If your voter registration information has not changed, you do not need to re-register.
- Registration must be received or postmarked by October 9, 2012

## What to Bring on Election Day:

- Bring a photo ID with your current address, such as a Michigan driver’s license, your state ID, or a US Passport.
- If you do not have a photo ID you will need to sign an affidavit attesting to your identity.
- You cannot be turned away from voting because you did not bring proper identification. If you do not have proper ID, you can vote using a provisional ballot.
- Please note Michigan state law prohibits the display of partisan related materials and clothing at polling stations.

## Absentee Voting:

- Qualified voters are eligible to vote absentee.
- Request an absentee voting application form from [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AV\\_Ballot\\_App\\_Pres\\_Prim\\_2012\\_generic\\_370252\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AV_Ballot_App_Pres_Prim_2012_generic_370252_7.pdf), and mail it to your local election authority.
- Applications must be received by 2:00 p.m. on October 3, 2012.
- Absentee ballots must be received by 4:00 pm on November 6, 2012.
- Voters are strongly encouraged to go to the polls to vote if possible.

## Early Voting:

- Early voting is not available in Michigan.

## Your Rights as a Michigan Voter are as Follows:

- To vote if you have registered by October 9, 2012.
- To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to receive assistance if needed.
- To vote without being intimidated, threatened, or coerced.
- To vote if you are eligible to do so even if you do not bring an ID to the polls.

Due to CAIR’s 501(c)3 status, CAIR does not endorse any specific candidate or campaign and cannot give advice about how you should vote.

Major newspapers may produce a guide to candidate positions.



- To vote using a provisional ballot if your registration comes into question.
- If you feel that your rights are violated or you witness a violation of rights in the registration or voting process, please contact the Michigan Department of State at (888) 767-6424.
- Your vote is private – The ballots are processed in such a way that your identity will not be distinguishable from your ballot.

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