



Potential Ballot Issues 2018



Michigan voters face the possibility of several ballot proposals on the November 2018 general election ballot.

Presently there are nine proposals that are collecting signatures and / or undergoing signature validation by the State Board of Canvassers. Three of these are proposed constitutional amendments and six are initiated law proposals. As stipulated by public act 142 of 2016, petition organizers have 180 days from the start of gathering to collect enough signatures.

What is the process for placing a constitutional amendment on the ballot?

Citizens may gather signatures to try and place a statutory or constitutional question on the ballot for one of three purposes:

- 1.) To enact a new law or new section(s) of law;
- 2.) To approve or reject a law already enacted; and
- 3.) To amend the constitution.

Constitutional amendment ballot proposals must be filed with the SOS by July 9, 2018. 315,654 valid signatures are required. If signatures are deemed valid, it goes straight to the next general election ballot.

What is the process involved with a citizen initiated law?

Legislative initiated ballot proposals must be filed with the SOS by May 30, 2018. 252,523 valid signatures are required.

If signatures are deemed valid, the initiated law (new, amend or repeal) first goes to the Legislature which has 40 days to enact, reject or ignore the proposal.

If enacted, no further action is required. It does not need the Governor's signature.

If rejected by vote, the Legislature can place an alternative, competing proposal on the ballot.

If ignored, it goes straight to the ballot / next general election.

Referendum proposals must be filed 90 days after adjournment of the session the law was enacted. 157,827 signatures are required.

Keep Our Lakes Great

Proposed initiated law to enact the Great Lakes Pipeline Safety Regulation Act to terminate Enbridge's Line 5 Easement.

Status: Petition filed April 24, 2017 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers April 26, 2017. Signature collection in progress.

Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol

Proposed initiated law to legalize recreational marijuana for those 21 years and older and provide for taxation.

Status: Petition filed May 16, 2017 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers May 18, 2017. On November 20, 2017, supporters of the initiative filed around 365,000 signatures to get the measure placed on the ballot. They are currently being reviewed by the Board of State Canvassers for validation (this will take approx. 60 days).

Protecting Michigan Taxpayers

Proposed initiated law to repeal Prevailing Wage which mandates regional "prevailing" wage to be paid on state public construction projects.

Status: Petition filed May 16, 2017 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers May 18, 2017. On November 3, 2017, proponents turned in about 380,000 signatures to the Board of State Canvassers for validation (this will take approx. 60 days). If valid, the initiative would go before the state legislature and to the voters in 2018 unless legislators approve the initiative themselves.

Raise Michigan

Proposed initiated law to create the Earned Sick Time Act, requiring employers to provide paid sick leave.

Status: Petition filed June 9, 2016 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers August 1, 2016. Signature collection in progress.

Clean Michigan

Proposed constitutional amendment to require a part-time legislature, make legislative salaries commensurate with public school teachers.

Status: Petition filed May 12, 2017; amended petition filed with May 19, 2017; amended petition filed on July 3, 2017. Signature collection in progress.

MI Time to Care

Proposed initiated law to create the Earned Sick Time Act requiring employers to provide paid sick leave time off for family or personal needs including school meetings.

Status: Petition filed August 11, 2017 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers August 17, 2017. Signature collection in progress.

Abrogate Prohibition Michigan

Proposed constitutional amendment to legalize recreational marijuana.

Status: Petition filed August 14, 2017 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers August 17, 2017. Signature collection in progress.

Voters Not Politicians

Proposed constitutional amendment to create an "independent" citizens redistricting commission.

Status: Petition filed August 14, 2017 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers on August 17, 2017. Approximately 425,000 signatures were submitted on December 18, 2017 to the Board of State Canvassers for validation (this will take approx. 60 days).

Michigan One Fair Wage

Proposed initiated law to increase the minimum wage from \$10 in 2019 to \$12 in 2022, tie wages to CPI.

Status: Petition filed September 6, 2017 and approved by the Board of State Canvassers September 19, 2017. Signature collection in progress.