

# City of East Lansing One Pager Plus Student Voter Edition



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## What is required to register to vote?

You must be a U.S. citizen; at least 18 years old by or on Election Day; a resident of Michigan and the city, township or village where you are applying to register to vote; and not serving a sentence in jail or prison. You will need to provide proof of residency when registering to vote. Acceptable documents include:

- Driver's license
- State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government Check
- Other Government Document

Documents must have your name and current address. Digital versions of documents are acceptable.

## Where can I register to vote?

If you have a Michigan Driver's License or State ID, you can now [register to vote online](#). Otherwise, you can register to vote by mail, at your local clerk's office, county clerk's office, or at any Secretary of State branch office. If you are registering less than 15 days before an election, you must register to vote, in person, at your local clerk's office. See the Michigan Voter Registration Application [here](#). Find your clerk's address [here](#).

## Will registering to vote in East Lansing change the address on my driver's license to East Lansing?

Yes. If you register through the City Clerk, you will be sent an address sticker from the Secretary of State that you will apply to your license.

## Is there a deadline for registering to vote (or for changing my address) if I want to vote somewhere specific on Election Day?

Michigan's Proposal 18-3 extended the voter registration/address change deadline to Election Day prior to 8 p.m. If you're registering to vote or changing your address within two weeks of the election, that must happen in person with the proper township, city or village clerk.

## I registered to vote when I lived on campus but have since moved off campus. May I still vote at a campus precinct?

Since Proposal 18-3 allows for same-day address changes, your best bet would be to come to the City Clerk's Office to update your address. If you choose to update your address on Election Day (and if your new address is within the City of East Lansing) you will be instructed to vote at the new precinct, or vote an absentee ballot in the same trip to the City Clerk's Office.



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## Student Voter Edition (continued)



If you choose not to update your address, and if you have moved within the City of East Lansing, you may still vote on campus (or at a prior East Lansing precinct) one last time. You should complete a Change of Address form at the polling location. You will then be mailed a new Voter Identification Card informing you of your new precinct/polling location.

If you moved outside of East Lansing within 60 days of the election, and you have not registered to vote in your new jurisdiction, you may still vote on campus (or at a prior East Lansing precinct) one last time. While there, you will complete a Change of Address form and authorize the City Clerk to cancel your East Lansing voter registration.

If you moved outside of East Lansing more than 60 days prior to the election, you will not be eligible to vote on campus (or at any East Lansing precinct) unless you register at the East Lansing City Clerk's Office prior to 8 p.m. on Election Day. This often happens to students who move back in August. Parts of Lansing, and the townships of Lansing, DeWitt, Bath and Meridian have East Lansing addresses as determined by the Post Office. Therefore, you may think you live in East Lansing, but you actually reside in another jurisdiction.

When you move off campus or to another location, make sure you complete a Change of Address form and submit it to your local clerk. You can also complete this process by visiting the Secretary of State to change the address on your driver's license. Once you do, you will receive a new Voter Identification Card informing you of your new precinct/polling location.

### **I'm registered in another jurisdiction and I won't be able to get home to vote. Am I eligible to vote "absentee?"**

Yes. Voters in Michigan are permitted to vote absentee without stating a reason. Students who expect to be away from the jurisdiction in which they are registered may apply for and vote an absentee ballot. The voter must apply for the ballot through the clerk's office where they are registered. For more information, go to [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and click on "Absentee Voting."

### **I'm not sure if or where I'm registered to vote. Where can I go to find out?**

Visit [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) to find your registration status, precinct and polling location. For student-specific information, students can also visit [msuvote.msu.edu](http://msuvote.msu.edu).

### **Still have questions?**

For more information, please visit [www.cityofeastlansing.com/elections](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/elections). You can reach the City Clerk's Office by phone at (517) 319-6914 or in person from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can also e-mail questions to [cityclerk@cityofeastlansing.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofeastlansing.com).

