

Permanent Mail Ballot List - Michigan



What is the Permanent Mail Ballot List?

The “Permanent Mail Ballot List” is a list of voters who have signed up to receive an ~~an~~ absentee ballot before each election. Any Michigan voter can join the Permanent Mail Ballot List. Previously, Michigan voters could sign up to receive an absentee ballot **application** before each election, but the new “Permanent Mail Ballot List” allows voters to sign up to be mailed a **ballot** before every election, eliminating the need to submit a new application each time.

Why do we have this option ?

Because voters passed Proposal 2 in November 2022, the Michigan Constitution and Michigan law require all municipalities to offer and maintain a Permanent Mail Ballot list.

To what address will my ballot be mailed ?

Your ballot will be mailed to the residential or mailing address you requested to have listed on your voter file. If you request to be on this list, remember the Post Office cannot forward a ballot. Therefore, if your physical location changes throughout the year, i.e. snowbirds or college students, you must update your mailing address with your local clerk as necessary.

How do I sign up for the Permanent Mail Ballot List?

You can join the Permanent Mail Ballot List by completing the form prepared by your local clerk or when you apply for an absentee ballot for an upcoming election (online, by mail, or in-person). Just check the box next to “automatically send me an absent voter ballot for each future election for which I’m eligible.”

How do I check to see whether I ’m already on the Permanent Mail Ballot List?

Contact your local clerk to confirm. You can find your clerk’s contact information at MI.gov/vote.

What happens if I move after joining the Permanent Mail Ballot List , am I removed from the list ?

If you move within the state of Michigan and update your address, you will remain on the list.

What if I sign up for the Permanent Mail Ballot List and change my mind?

You can remove yourself from the list by submitting a signed request for removal to your local clerk.

How else can my name be removed from the Permanent Mail Ballot List?

You can be removed from the list if the Clerk’s Office receives reliable information that you are no longer a resident or if a ballot is returned undeliverable. Also, you are removed from the list if you do not cast a ballot for six consecutive years, or if you are no longer qualified to vote.