

Oppose "SECURE MI VOTE" Petition

The League opposes the "Secure MI Vote" petition being circulated and **urges members not to sign**. Do not be fooled by its "Require ID" slogan; Michigan has had a voter ID law since 1996.

For more information on our voter ID law read [this paper](#) prepared by [Promote the Vote of MI](#). (scroll down to download the *Voter Identification Report*).

Highlights of "Secure MI Vote":

- Mandates that people disclose partial Social Security numbers when registering to vote; (not required now)
- Restricts options for registered voters to verify their identity. Acceptable forms of photo ID would include a driver license, state ID card, passport, military ID, tribal ID or student ID issued by a university, junior college or community college; if not, voter is given an ID-only provisional ballot; (eliminates the use of the affidavit)
- **Discards ballots of those who received an ID-only provisional ballot unless they provide an ID within 6 days of the election; (eliminates the affidavit process)**
- Requires voters applying for an absentee ballot to include their driver license or state ID number, or the last four digits of their Social Security number, on their application; (not required now)
- Prohibits election officials from sending or providing absentee applications unless asked; (now clerks can mail applications and have applications available on website)
- Bans charitable contributions, including volunteer time, to help administer elections; (currently charitable contributions and volunteers are allowed)
- States that drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day (current law)
- Mandates clerk offices be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the five weekdays leading up to the election to accept ballots OR that drop boxes be made available for return ballots. (new requirement)
- Spends \$3 million providing free photo identification for those who declare need; (new appropriation)
- Allows the Legislature to adopt the legislation without a vote of the people and block a peoples' referendum vote after adoption. (by placing \$3 M appropriation in the initiative, no referendum is allowed)

To read the petition go to [Petition Affidavit \(michigan.gov\)](#).

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