



PROMOTE the VOTE is a proposed constitutional amendment to:

- Make voting more accessible and convenient
- Ensure that everyone's votes are secure and counted
- Ensure that everyone's voice is heard

The **PROMOTE the VOTE** ballot initiative would amend Michigan's Constitution to:

- ✓ Protect the right to vote a secret ballot
- ✓ Ensure military service members and overseas voters get their ballots in time for their votes to count
- ✓ Provide voters with the option to vote straight party
- ✓ Automatically register citizens to vote at the Secretary of State's office unless the citizen declines
- ✓ Permit citizens to register to vote by mail or in person until 15 days before an election
- ✓ Allow citizens to register to vote in person with proof of residency within two weeks of and on Election Day
- ✓ Provide all registered voters access to an absentee ballot for any reason
- ✓ Ensure the accuracy and integrity of elections by auditing election results

PROMOTE the VOTE is sponsored by a broad coalition, including League of Women Voters of Michigan, ACLU of Michigan, Michigan League for Public Policy, NAACP Detroit, NAACP Michigan State Conference, and many nonprofits and individuals from across the state.

The League of Women Voters of Michigan supports the proposal because we believe that voting is a fundamental citizen right that must be guaranteed. We support provisions to increase the security, convenience and accessibility of voting.

PROMOTE the VOTE ballot initiative—League members and others will be collecting signatures with plans to have the proposal on the ballot in November 2018. To change the Constitution, a majority of Michigan voters have to approve the proposed amendment. The Legislature cannot change the Constitution without a vote of the people.

