

2022 ELECTION MICHIGAN LAW ENFORCEMENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



This pocket reference guide contains key penal provisions found within Michigan Election Law (§168-931 through §168-932e) and other relevant sections.

- ▶ Campaigning within 100 feet of the entrance of a polling place is a misdemeanor.
- ▶ Intentionally misrepresenting oneself as an election official is a felony.
- ▶ Bribery in exchange for a vote is a felony.

VOTING HOURS

Election Day

Tuesday, November 8
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Your Local Election Official

Prohibited Conduct

Michigan Election Law §168.931

All violations of Michigan Election Law §168.931 are misdemeanors.

Willful Failure to Perform Election Duties

Michigan Election Law §168.931(1)(h)

A person shall not willfully fail to perform a duty imposed upon that person by this act, or disobey a lawful instruction or order of the secretary of state as chief state election officer or of a board of county election commissioners, board of city election commissioners, or board of inspectors of election.

Bribery

Michigan Election Law §168.931(1)(a)-(b)

A person shall not, either directly or indirectly, give, lend, or promise valuable consideration, to or for any person, as an inducement to influence the manner of voting by a person relative to a candidate or ballot question, or as a reward for refraining from voting.

A person shall not, either before, on, or after an election, for the person's own benefit or on behalf of any other person, receive, agree, or contract for valuable consideration for one or more of the following:

- (i) Voting or agreeing to vote, or inducing or attempting to induce another to vote, at an election
- (ii) Refraining or agreeing to refrain, or inducing or attempting to induce another to refrain, from voting at an election.
- (iii) Doing anything prohibited by this act.
- (iv) Both distributing absent voter ballot applications to voters and receiving signed applications from voters for delivery to the app.

Solicitation of Votes at or Near Polling Place

Michigan Election Law §168.931(1)(k)

A person shall not, while the polls are open on an election day, solicit votes in a polling place or within 100 feet from an entrance to the building in which a polling place is located.

Prohibited Conduct

Michigan Election Law §168.932

All violations of Michigan Election Law §168.932 are felonies.

Bribery and Voter Intimidation

Michigan Election Law §168.932(a)

A person shall not attempt, by means of bribery, menace, or other corrupt means or device, either directly or indirectly, to influence an elector in giving his or her vote, or to deter the elector from, or interrupt the elector in giving his or her vote at any election held in this state.

Damaging or Destroying Ballot Boxes or Voting Machines

Michigan Election Law §168.932(b)

A person not duly authorized by law shall not, during the progress of any election or after the closing of the polls and before the final results of the election have been ascertained, break open or violate the seals or locks of any ballot box or voting machine used or in use at that election. A person shall not willfully damage or destroy any ballot box or voting machine. A person shall not obtain undue possession of that ballot box or voting machine. A person shall not conceal, withhold, or destroy a ballot box or voting machine, or fraudulently or forcibly add to or diminish the number of ballots legally deposited in the box or the totals on the voting machine. A person shall not aid or abet in any act prohibited by this subdivision.

Damaging, Falsifying, or Altering Poll Books or Other Documents

Michigan Election Law §168.932(c)

An inspector of election, clerk, or other officer or person having custody of any record, election list of voters, affidavit, return, statement of votes, certificates, poll book, or of any paper, document, or vote of any description, which pursuant to this act is directed to be made, filed, or preserved, shall not willfully destroy, mutilate, deface, falsify, or fraudulently remove or secrete any or all of those items, in whole or in part, or fraudulently make any entry, erasure, or alteration on any or all of those items, or permit any other person to do so.

Return or Possession of Absentee Ballots Belonging to Certain Other Voters

Michigan Election Law §168.932(f)

A person other than an absent voter; a person whose job it is to handle mail before, during, or after being transported by a public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier, but only during the normal course of his or her employment; a clerk or assistant of the clerk; a member of the immediate family of the absent voter including father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild; or a person residing in the absent voter's household shall not do any of the following:

- a. Possess an absent voter ballot mailed or delivered to another person, regardless of whether the ballot has been voted.
- b. Return, solicit to return, or agree to return an absent voter ballot to the clerk of a city, township, village, or school district.

Prohibitions Against Impersonating a Voter; Knowingly Aiding Ineligible Voters to Vote; Voting More Than Once in an Election

A person shall not:

- a. Falsely impersonate another person, or vote or attempt to vote under the name of another person, or induce or attempt to induce a person to impersonate another person or to vote or attempt to vote under the name of another person.
- b. Assume a false or fictitious name to vote or to offer to vote by that name, enter or cause to be entered upon the registration book in a voting precinct a false or fictitious name, or induce or attempt to induce another person to assume a false or fictitious name in order to vote, by that name, vote, or offer to or enter or cause to be entered upon the registration book of a voting precinct, a false or fictitious name.
- c. Aid or counsel a person who is not a qualified and registered elector to vote or offer to vote at the place where the vote is given during an election.
- d. Procure, aid, or counsel another person to go or come into a township, ward, or voting precinct for the purpose of voting at an election, knowing that the person is not qualified or registered to vote in that township, ward, or voting precinct.
- e. Offer to vote or attempt to vote more than once at the same election either in the same or in another voting precinct. A person shall not give two or more votes folded together.

Misrepresentation as Election Official

Michigan Election Law §168.932e

A person shall not intentionally misrepresent by word or act in a polling place on election day that he or she is an election official if that person is not an election official.

Stalking

Michigan Penal Code § 750.411h

An individual who engages in stalking is guilty of a crime.

Malicious Use of Telephone

Michigan Penal Code § 750.540e

A person is guilty of a misdemeanor who maliciously uses any service provided by a telecommunications service provider with intent to terrorize, frighten, intimidate, threaten, harass, molest, or annoy another person, or to disturb the peace and quiet of another person



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