



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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**August 7, 2012 Primary and November 6, 2012 General Election:  
Important Dates and Filing Deadlines**

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**Election Dates**

<b>Aug. 7, 2012</b>	State Primary
<b>Nov. 6, 2012</b>	State General Election

**Registration Deadlines**

<b>July 9, 2012</b>	Last day to register for August primary. (168.498)
<b>Oct. 9, 2012</b>	Last day to register for November general election. (168.498)

**Filing Deadlines: Candidates**

<b>By 5:00 p.m., March 26, 2012</b>	Incumbent Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court and Probate Court judges file Affidavit of Candidacy and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 5:00 p.m. on March 29. (168.409b, 409c, 413a, 414, 433a, 434, 467c and 467d)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., May 1, 2012</b>	Candidates seeking Appeals Court, Circuit Court, District Court or Probate Court judgeships file nominating petitions, Affidavit of Identity and Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 4. (168.409b, 409c, 413, 414, 433, 434, 467b and 467d)
<b>By 4:00 p.m., May 15, 2012</b>	Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) file an Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Filing submitted to the clerk of the county, city or township in which candidate resides. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 18. (168.624, 624a)

- By 4:00 p.m.,  
May 15, 2012** Partisan and nonpartisan candidates (other than judicial candidates) file nominating petitions (or fees if applicable) and Affidavit of Identity for the August primary. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on May 18.
- By 5:00 p.m.,  
July 5, 2012** Incumbent Supreme Court Justices file Affidavit of Candidacy for the November general election. (168.392a)
- By 4:00 p.m.,  
July 19, 2012** District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) (Special note: If district library includes a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 14.) (397.181)
- By 4:00 p.m.,  
July 19, 2012** Candidates without political party affiliation file qualifying petitions and Affidavit of Identity for the November general election. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on July 23. (168.590c)
- By 4:00 p.m.,  
July 27, 2012** Write-in candidates other than write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (168.737a)
- By 4:00 p.m.,  
Aug. 3, 2012** Write-in candidates who seek precinct delegate positions file Declaration of Intent forms for the August primary. (As an alternative, candidates for precinct delegate may file form with appropriate precinct board on election day before the close of the polls.) (168.737a)
- By 4:00 p.m.,  
Aug. 14, 2012** Local School Board candidates, Community College Trustee candidates and District Library Board candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nominating petition. (A \$100.00 nonrefundable fee may be filed in lieu of a petition.) Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 17. (Special notes: If district library does not include a school district, District Library Board candidates file by 4:00 p.m. on July 19. Candidates seeking a Wayne County Community College Trustee position file by 4:00 p.m. on May 15.) (168.303; 397.181; 389.83, 152)
- By 4:00 p.m.,  
Aug. 14, 2012** Village candidates who wish to seek office at the November general election file an Affidavit of Identity and a nonpartisan nominating petition. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on Aug. 17. (168.381)

**By 4:00 p.m.,  
Oct. 26, 2012**

Write-in candidates file Declaration of Intent forms for the November general election. (168.737a)

**Filing Deadlines: New Parties and State Ballot Proposals**

**By 5:00 p.m.,  
May 30, 2012**

Petitions to place a legislative initiative proposal on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (258,088 valid signatures required). (168.471)

**By 5:00 p.m.,  
July 9, 2012**

Petitions to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the November general election ballot filed with the Secretary of State (322,609 valid signatures required). (168.471)

**By 4:00 p.m.,  
July 19, 2012**

New political parties file petitions to qualify for November general election ballot (32,261 valid signatures required). (168.685)

**Filing Deadlines: County and Local Proposals**

**By May 15, 2012**

Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)

**By May 29, 2012**

Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the August primary certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)

**By Aug. 14, 2012**

Petitions to place county and local questions on the November general election ballot filed with county and local clerks. (If governing law sets an earlier petition filing deadline, earlier deadline must be observed.) (168.646a)

**By Aug. 28, 2012**

Ballot wording of county and local proposals to be presented at the November general election certified to county and local clerks; local clerks receiving ballot wording forward to county clerk within two days. (168.646a)