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Primary Sets Stage for November General Election



Voters across the state cast votes in Michigan's primary on Aug. 6 to decide who will be on the November General Election ballot for seats in the Michigan House, U.S. Senate, and U.S. House.

Overall, the majority of Michigan House incumbents running for re-election defeated their opponents in the primary, with the exception of Representative Neil Friske (R-Charlevoix) and Representative Bob Bezotte, Jr. (R-Howell).

All state House seats are up for re-election in November, several of which are due to term limits or incumbents choosing not to run; see pages 2-3 for the contests. At stake is party control of the Michigan House, currently in the hands of Democrats by a 56-54 majority.

At the Congressional level, all eyes are on the race for the seat of retiring U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing). The primary narrowed the field to U.S. Representative Elissa Slotkin (D) and former U.S. Representative Mike Rogers (R). The Slotkin-Rogers contest is expected to be one of the most competitive nationally.

NOVEMBER ELECTION
DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPT. 26
Absentee voter ballots become available
Obtain an absentee voter ballot

OCT. 21
Last day to register by mail or online
Register to vote

OCT. 22 - NOV. 5
New voter registration required in person

OCT. 26 - NOV. 3
Early voting period
Find your early voting location

NOV. 5
Election Day
Information about voting on Election Day

FIND YOUR MICHIGAN HOUSE DISTRICT
house.mi.gov

FIND YOUR U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT
house.gov/representatives

On the U.S. House side, several races could help decide Michigan's majority in the chamber—currently held by Republicans—come the November election. The face-offs are listed on page 3.

On the U.S. House side, several races could help decide Michigan's majority in the

Michigan's November General Election Races

Listed by district number
Blue text Indicates incumbent

Michigan House

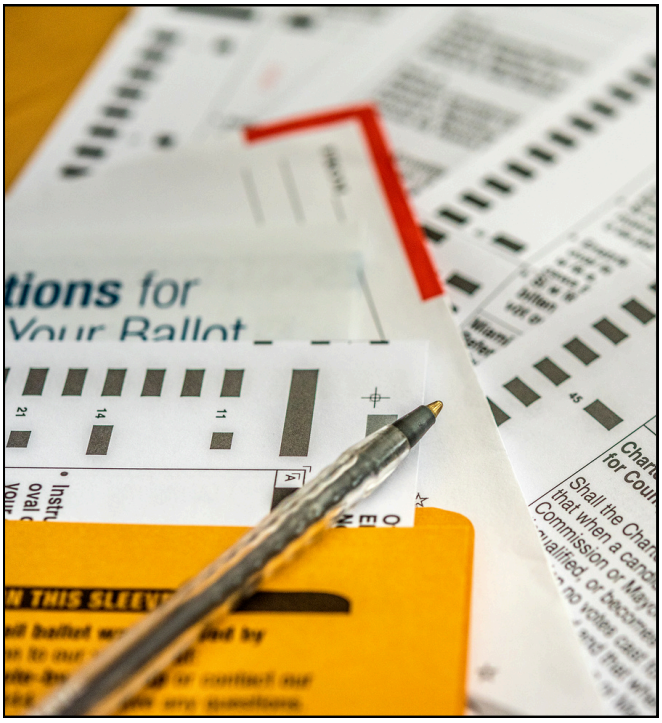
1: Valerie Whittaker (R) vs. Tyrone Carter (D)
2: Ronald Kokinda (R) vs. Tullio Liberati (D)
3: Richard Zeile (R) vs. Alabas Farhat (D)
4: Karen Whitsett (D) (unopposed)
5: Will Sears (R) vs. Regina Weiss (D)
6: Brent Lamkin (R) vs. Natalie Price (D)
7: Barry Altman (R) vs. Tonya Myers Phillips
8: Alex Kuhn (R) vs. Helena Scott (D)
9: Michele Lundgren (R) vs. Joe Tate (D)
10: Griffin Wojtowicz (R) vs. Veronica Paiz (D)
11: Dale Walker (R) vs. Donavan McKinney (D)
12: Randell Shafer (R) vs. Kimberly Edwards (D)
13: Ronald Singer (R) vs. Mai Xiong (D)
14: Barbara Barber (R) vs. Mike McFall (D)
15: Gary Gardner (R) vs. Erin Byrnes (D)
16: Brian Duggan (R) vs. Stephanie Young (D)
17: Rola Makki (R) vs. Laurie Pohutsky (D)
18: Mordechai Klainberg (R) vs. Jason Hoskins (D)
19: Kevin Hammer (R) vs. Samantha Steckloff (D)
20: Brendan Cowley (R) vs. Noah Arbit (D)
21: Thomas Konesky (R) vs. Kelly Breen (D)
22: Adam Stathakis (R) vs. Matt Koleszar (D)
23: David Stamp (R) vs. Jason Morgan (D)
24: Leonard Scott (R) vs. Ranjeev Puri (D)
25: Josh Powell (R) vs. Peter Herzberg (D)
26: Jeff Gorman (R) vs. Dylan Wegela (D)
27: Rylee Linting (R) vs. Jaime Churches (D)
28: Jamie Thompson (R) vs. Janise Robinson (D)
29: James DeSana (R) vs. Kyle Wright (D)
30: William Bruck (R) vs. Rick Kull (D)
31: Dale Biniecki (R) vs. Reggie Miller (D)
32: Martin Church (R) vs. Jimmie Wilson (D)
33: Jason Rogers (R) vs. Morgan Foreman (D)
34: Nancy Jenkins-Arno (R) vs. John Dahlgren (D)
35: Jennifer Wortz (R) vs. Don Hicks (D)
36: Steve Carra (R) vs. Erin Schultes (D)
37: Brad Paquette (R) vs. Angela Jones (D)
38: Kevin Whiteford (R) vs. Joey Andrews (D)
39: Pauline Wendzel (R) vs. Kerry Tapper (D)
40: Kelly Sackett (R) vs. Matt Longjohn (D)
41: Terry Haines (R) vs. Julie Rogers (D)
42: Matt Hall (R) vs. Austin Marsman (D)
43: Rachelle Smit (R) vs. Danene Shumaker (D)
44: Steve Frisbie (R) vs. Jim Haadsma (D)
45: Sarah Lightner (R) vs. Doug Murch (D)
46: Kathy Schmaltz (R) vs. Daniel Mahoney (D)
47: Teresa Spiegelberg (R) vs. Carrie Rheingans (D)
48: Brian Ignatowski (R) vs. Jennifer Conlin (D)
49: Ann Bollin (R) vs. Andy Wood (D)
50: Jason Woolford (R) vs. Austin Breuer (D)
51: Matt Maddock (R) vs. Sarah May-Seward (D)
52: Mike Harris (R) vs. Caroline Dargay (D)
53: Melissa Schultz (R) vs. Brenda Carter (D)
54: Donni Steele (R) vs. Shadia Martini (D)
55: Mark Tisdel (R) vs. Trevis Harrold (D)
56: Dave Kniffen (R) vs. Sharon MacDonell (D)
57: Thomas Kuhn (R) vs. Aisha Farooqi (D)
58: Ron Robinson (R) vs. Nate Shannon (D)
59: Doug Wozniak (R) vs. Jason Pulaski (D)
60: Joseph Aragona (R) vs. Shelly Fraley (D)
61: Robert Wojtowicz (R) vs. Denise Mentzer (D)
62: Alicia St. Germaine (R) vs. Michelle Levine-Woodman (D)
63: Jay DeBoyer (R) vs. Robert Kelly-McFarland (D)
64: Joe Pavlov (R) vs. John Anter (D)
65: Jaime Greene (R) vs. Shirley Tomczak (D)
66: Josh Schriver (R) vs. Shawn Almeranti-Crosby (D)
67: Phil Green (R) vs. Anissa Buffin (D)
68: David Martin (R) vs. Tim Sneller (D)
69: Patrick Duvendeck (R) vs. Jasper Martus (D)
70: Rob Waskoviak (R) vs. Cynthia Neeley (D)
71: Brian BeGole (R) vs. Mark Zacharda (D)
72: Mike Mueller (R) vs. John Dolza (D)
73: Joshua Rockey (R) vs. Julie Brixie (D)

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General Election Races cont'd

Listed by district number
Blue text indicates incumbent

Michigan House continued
74: Tom Izzo (R) vs. Kara Hope (D)
75: Frank Lambert (R) vs. Penelope Tsernoglou (D)
76: Andy Shaver (R) vs. Angela Witwer (D)
77: Cady Ness-Smith (R) vs. Emily Dievendorf (D)
78: Gina Johnsen (R) vs. Christine Terpening (D)
79: Angela Rigas (R) vs. Jason Rubin (D)
80: Bill Sage (R) vs. Phil Skaggs (D)
81: Jordan Youngquist (R) vs. Stephen Wooden (D)
82: Ryan Malinoski (R) vs. Kristian Grant (D)
83: Tommy Brann (R) vs. John Fitzgerald (D)
84: John Wetzel (R) vs. Carol Glanville (D)
85: Bradley Slagh (R) vs. Marcia Mansaray (D)
86: Nancy DeBoer (R) vs. Abby Klomparens (D)
87: Chip Chipman (R) vs. Will Snyder (D)
88: Greg VanWoerkom (R) vs. Tim Meyer (D)
89: Luke Meerman (R) vs. Lois Maassen (D)
90: Bryan Posthumus (R) vs. William Higgins (D)
91: Pat Outman (R) vs. Jason Dillingham (D)
92: Jerry Neyer (R) vs. Timothy Odykirk (D)
93: Tim Kelly (R) vs. Kevin Seamon (D)
94: Robert Zelle (R) vs. Amos O'Neal (D)
95: Bill Schuette (R) vs. Sabrina Lopez (D)
96: Timothy Beson (R) vs. Rudy Howard (D)
97: Matthew Bierlein (R) vs. Mark Putnam (D)
98: Gregory Alexander (R) vs. April Osentoski (D)
99: Mike Hoadley (R) vs. Jon LeRoux (D)
100: Tom Kunse (R) vs. Tracy Ruell (D)
101: Joseph Fox (R) vs. Christopher Crain (D)
102: Curt VanderWall (R) vs. Kathy Pelleran-Mahoney (D)
103: Lisa Trombley (R) vs. Betsy Coffia (D)
104: John Roth (R) vs. Larry Knight (D)
105: Ken Borton (R) vs. James Wojey (D)
106: Cam Cavitt (R) vs. Trina Borenstein (D)



107: Parker Fairbarin (R) vs. Jodi Decker (D)
108: David Prestin (R) vs. Christiana Reynolds (D)
109: Karl Bohnak (R) vs. Jenn Hill (D)
110: Gregory Markkanen (R) vs. Kim Corcoran (D)

U.S. Senate
Mike Rogers (R) vs. Elissa Slotkin (D)

U.S. House
1: Jack Bergman (R) vs. Callie Barr (D)
2: John Moolenaar (R) vs. Michael Lunch (D)
3: Paul Hudson (R) vs. Hillary Scholten (D)
4: Bill Huizenga (R) vs. Jessica Swartz (D)
5: Tim Walberg (R) vs. Libbi Urban (D)
6: Heather Smiley (R) vs. Debbie Dingell (D)
7: Tom Barrett (R) vs. Curtis Hertel (D)
8: Paul Junge (R) vs. Kristen McDonald Rivet (D)
9: Lisa McClain (R) vs. Clinton St. Mosley (D)
10: John James (R) vs. Carl Marlinga (D)
11: Nick Somberg (R) vs. Haley Stevens (D)
12: James Hooper (R) vs. Rashida Tlaib (D)
13: Martell Bivings (R) vs. Shri Thanedar (D)

Michigan Supreme Court Rules on Minimum Wage, Sick Leave Laws

On July 31, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled along party lines (4-3) that the Legislature's 2018 decision to adopt and amend voter-proposed initiatives for raising the minimum wage and expanding earned paid sick time for all employees was unconstitutional.

"We hold that this decision to adopt the initiatives and then later amend them in the same legislative session (what has been referred to as 'adopt-and-amend') violated the people's constitutionally guaranteed right to propose and enact laws through the initiative process," justices wrote in the majority opinion.

The voter-proposed initiatives at the center of this court case called for:

- Raising the minimum wage to $12 per hour by 2022
- Requiring businesses with fewer than 10 employees to allow each employee to accrue up to 40 hours of paid sick time annually
- Requiring businesses with 10 or more employees to allow each employee to accrue up to 72 hours of paid sick time annually
- Gradual phase-out of the tip credit

Through the legislative process, the Legislature made changes to these initiatives before passing what became known as the Improved Workforce Opportunity Wage Act and the Earned Sick Time Act.

The July 31st court decision restores and even goes beyond the language of the initial voter-proposed initiatives and sets February 21, 2025, as the effective date for their provisions. The exact minimum wage increase is dependent on the inflation rate the Department of Treasury uses when it makes its calculation. Stay tuned for more information as we learn additional details.

Federal Court Approves New Senate Districts

The federal three-judge panel that ordered a redraw of Michigan's Senate map has approved the remedial map proposed by the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission. The panel ordered the redraw when, in November 2023, it ruled the current map was unconstitutional based on race.

The new map, named **Crane A1**, redraws six Senate districts declared unconstitutional and also changes eight other nearby metro Detroit districts. It does not put together in the same district any Senate incumbents eligible to seek re-election in 2026. The redraw impacts Senate Districts 1-11, 13, 23-24. The new map will be used beginning with the 2026 election cycle.

Earlier this year, the Commission proposed and the federal panel approved a new map, **Motown Sound FC E1**, for seven state House districts also ruled unconstitutional. These newly mapped districts were used for the first time in the Aug. 6 state primary.