

**Public Ballot****State General****Tuesday, November 6, 2018****Kent County, Michigan****Bowne Township, Precinct 1****General Information**

- Please visit this site frequently to see updated information.
- Information for some local candidates and proposals may not be available.
- The Public Ballot includes every office on the ballot in the precinct. It is possible that a voter's official ballot will not include every office listed. The official ballot may have a slightly different format than what is displayed below.
- Please note that this is not an official ballot. You will be provided with your official ballot at your polling location.
- View the Official Ballot Marking Instructions for more information.

**PARTISAN SECTION****STATE****GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Vote for not more than 1

Bill Schuette	\$	Republican
Lisa Posthumus Lyons	\$	
Gretchen Whitmer	\$	Democratic
Garlin D. Gilchrist II	\$	
Bill Gelineau	\$	Libertarian
Angelique Chaiser Thomas	\$	
Todd Schleiher	\$	U.S. Taxpayers
Earl P. Lackie	\$	
Jennifer V. Kurland	\$	Green
Charin H. Davenport	\$	
Keith Butkovich	\$	Natural Law
Raymond Warner	\$	

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

Vote for not more than 1

Mary Treder Lang	\$	Republican
Jocelyn Benson	\$	Democratic
Gregory Scott Stempfle	\$	Libertarian
Robert Gale	\$	U.S. Taxpayers

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Vote for not more than 1

Tom Leonard	\$	Republican
Dana Nessel	\$	Democratic
Lisa Lane Gioia	\$	Libertarian
Gerald T. Van Sickle	\$	U.S. Taxpayers
Chris Graveline	\$	No Party Affiliation

**COUNTY****COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

5th DISTRICT

Vote for not more than 1

Mandy Bolter	Republican
Neville J. Mark	Democratic

**NONPARTISAN SECTION****JUDICIAL****JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT**

8 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Samuel Bagenstos	\$
Megan Kathleen Cavanagh	\$
Elizabeth T. Clement	\$
Justice of Supreme Court	\$
Doug Dern	\$
Kerry Lee Morgan	\$
Kurtis T. Wilder	\$
Justice of Supreme Court	\$

**JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS**

COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT 3

Incumbent Position

6 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Jane Marie Beckering	\$
Judge of Court of Appeals	\$
Douglas B. Shapiro	\$
Judge of Court of Appeals	\$

**JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT**

17TH CIRCUIT COURT

Non-Incumbent Position

**CONGRESSIONAL****UNITED STATES SENATOR**

Vote for not more than 1

John James	Republican
Debbie Stabenow	Democratic
George E. Huffman III	U.S. Taxpayers
Marcia Squier	Green
John Howard Wilhelm	Natural Law

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

3rd DISTRICT

Vote for not more than 1

Justin Amash	Republican
Cathy Albro	Democratic
Ted Gerrard	U.S. Taxpayers

**LEGISLATIVE****STATE SENATOR**

29th DISTRICT

Vote for not more than 1

Chris Afendoulis	\$ Republican
Winnie Brinks	\$ Democratic
Robert VanNoller	\$ Libertarian
Louis Palus	\$ Working Class

**REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE**

86th DISTRICT

Vote for not more than 1

Thomas A. Albert	\$ Republican
Lauren Taylor	\$ Democratic
Sue Norman	\$ No Party Affiliation

**STATE BOARD****MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Vote for not more than 2

Tami Carlone	\$ Republican
Richard Zeile	\$ Republican
Judith P. Pritchett	\$ Democratic
Tiffany Tilley	\$ Democratic
Scotty Boman	\$ Libertarian
John J. Tatar	\$ Libertarian
Karen Adams	\$ U.S. Taxpayers
Douglas Levesque	\$ U.S. Taxpayers
Sherry A. Wells	\$ Green
Mary Anne Hering	\$ Working Class
Logan R. Smith	\$ Working Class

**REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Vote for not more than 2

Andrea Fischer Newman	\$ Republican
Andrew Richner	\$ Republican
Jordan Acker	\$ Democratic
Paul Brown	\$ Democratic
James Lewis Hudler	\$ Libertarian
John Jascob	\$ Libertarian
Joe Sanger	\$ U.S. Taxpayer

6 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Curt Benson	\$
Alida Bryant	\$
Christina Elmore	\$
Scott A. Noto	\$

**JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT**

17TH CIRCUIT COURT

Incumbent Position

6 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Mark A. Trusock	\$
Judge of Circuit Court	
Christopher P. Yates	\$
Judge of Circuit Court	

**JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT**

KENT COUNTY PROBATE COURT

Incumbent Position

6 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Patricia D. Gardner	\$
Judge of Probate Court	
G. Patrick Hillary	\$
Judge of Probate Court	

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE****COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER**

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Partial Term Ending

Vote for not more than 2

Kathy Crosby
Carlos Sanchez
Sheryl Siegel
Troy Williams

**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT****LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

6 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Adam J. Diffenderfer
Jason Saidoo
Marcy White

**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

LAKEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

6 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Steve St. Laurent
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**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

THORNAPPLE-KELLOGG SCHOOLS

6 Year Term

Vote for not more than 2

Sarah Alden
Matthew C. Powers

Crystal Van Sickle \$ U.S. Taxpayers  
 Kevin A. Graves \$ Green  
 Marge Katchmark Sallows \$ Natural Law

**TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Vote for not more than 2

Dave Dutch \$ Republican  
 Mike Miller \$ Republican  
 Brianna T. Scott \$ Democratic  
 Kelly Charron Tebay \$ Democratic  
 Bruce Campbell \$ Libertarian  
 Tim Orzechowski \$ Libertarian  
 Janet M. Sanger \$ U.S. Taxpayers  
 John Paul Sanger \$ U.S. Taxpayers  
 Aaron Mariasy \$ Green  
 Bridgette R. Abraham-Guzman \$ Natural Law

**GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Vote for not more than 2

Diane Dunaskiss \$ Republican  
 David Nicholson \$ Republican  
 Bryan C. Barnhill \$ Democratic  
 Anil Kumar \$ Democratic  
 Jon Elgas \$ Libertarian  
 John T. Hargenrader \$ Libertarian  
 Christine C. Schwartz \$ U.S. Taxpayers  
 Marc Joseph Sosnowski \$ U.S. Taxpayers

**BOARD MEMBER**

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

4 Year Term

Vote for not more than 3

Gary Blough

Patrick D. Nugent

James Turner

**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER**

LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS

Partial Term Ending 12/31/2020

Vote for not more than 1

Danny L. Stephens Jr.

**PROPOSAL SECTION**

**STATE PROPOSALS**

18-1

**A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers**

This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.
- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.
- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.
- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.
- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted?

18-2

**A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years**

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
- 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
- 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

18-3

**A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution**

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.
- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day.
- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

Should this proposal be adopted?

COUNTY PROPOSALS

Kent County Ready By Five Early Childhood Proposal

Shall Kent County levy .25 of one mill which is equal to 25 cents per \$1,000 of the taxable value on all real and personal property subject to taxation for the period 2018 through 2024 inclusive for the purpose of providing planning, evaluating, and providing early childhood development services to persons up to age 5 and their parents? The amount raised by the levy in the first calendar year is estimated at \$5,702,887

In Kent County there are local authorities that capture and use, for authorized purposes, tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by the

County. Such capture would include a portion of the millage levy. The total amount of captured tax increment revenue from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is an estimated \$243,962. Tax increment authorities in Kent County include the following.

Ada Township—Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
 Bowne Township - Alto Downtown Development Authority  
 Byron Township—Downtown Development Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority  
 Cascade Charter Township - Downtown Development Authority  
 Cedar Springs, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority  
 Grand Rapids, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Monroe North-Tax Increment Finance Authority, Smart Zone Local Development Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Finance Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority  
 Grandville, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
 Kent City, Village of - Downtown Development Authority  
 Kentwood, City of - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
 Lowell, City of - Downtown Development Authority  
 Rockford, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
 Sparta, Village of - Downtown Development Authority  
 Walker, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
 Wyoming, City of - Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSALS**  
**Caledonia Community Schools Operating Millage**

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Caledonia Community Schools, Kent, Allegan and Barry Counties, Michigan, be increased by 1.5 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2019 and 2020, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2019 is approximately \$156,723 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction)?