

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS
OF

COUNTY OF VAN BUREN, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a General Election will be held in said Township/City on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of ALMENA TOWNSHIP, ANTWERP TOWNSHIP, BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP, CITY OF GOBLES, LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP, PAW PAW TOWNSHIP, PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP, PORTER TOWNSHIP, AND WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City or Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the City or Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.express.SOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 19, 2026.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the local clerk's office (addresses and hours listed below). Please call your local clerk to determine their availability. Appointments may be necessary.

ALMENA TOWNSHIP

Almena Twp. Hall
27625 CR 375, Paw Paw
Sandra Rickli, Twp Clerk
M-W-Th 9 am – 4 pm
Sat 10/31 8 am – 4 pm

ANTWERP TOWNSHIP

Antwerp Township Hall
24821 Front St., Mattawan
Chantel Reyna, Twp Clerk
M-Th 7 am – 5 pm
Sat 10/31 8 am – 4 pm .

BLOOMINGDALE TOWNSHIP

Bloomingtondale Twp Hall
Bloomingtondale, MI
Jenelle Ashbrook, Twp Clerk
Mon – Thur 9 am – 2 pm
Sat 10/31 10 am – 2 pm
Sun 11/1 10 am – 2 pm

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

Lawrence Twp Hall
411 N Paw Paw St
Lawrence
Tracie Rindfield, Twp Clerk
M – Fri 8 am – 3 pm
Sat 10/31 10 am – 2 pm
Sun 11/1 10 am – 2 pm

PAW PAW TOWNSHIP

Paw Paw Twp Hall
114 North Gremps St.
Paw Paw
Rebecca Payne, Twp Clerk
Mon – Wed 8 am – 3 pm
Thurs 8 am – 11 am
Sat 10/31 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Pine Grove Twp Hall
26520 CR 388 Gobles
Michelle Meert, Twp. Clerk
M, Tues, Th 9 am – 12 noon
Sat 10/31 7 am – 3 pm

PORTER TOWNSHIP

Porter Township Hall
88040 M-40 Hwy Lawton
Heather Smith, Twp Clerk
Mon – Fri By Appt
Sat 10/31 9 am – 5 pm

WAVERLY TOWNSHIP

Waverly Township Hall
42114 M-43 Hwy
Starr Houston, Twp Clerk
M-W 9 am – 12 am
Sat 10/31 9 am – 5 pm

CITY OF GOBLES

Gobles City Hall
105 E Main St
Paula Sipes, City Clerk
Mon – Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Sat 10/31 8 am – 4 pm

All clerks will be open 7 am – 8 pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2026

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the election will be conducted in the townships and city listed for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

STATE – Governor, Lieutenant Governor

CONGRESSIONAL – United States Senator, Representative in Congress

LEGISLATIVE – State Senator, Representative in State Legislature

STATE BOARDS – Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University

COUNTY – Surveyor – Partial Term Ending 12/31/2028

JUDICIAL – Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals, Judge of Circuit Court, Judge of District Court 7th District

DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER Almena Twp. Pct 1, Antwerp Twp. Pct. 1Pct. 2, Pct 3, Lawrence Twp., Paw Paw Twp., Pct 1, Pct 2, Waverly Twp.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT – Bloomingdale Twp., Lawrence Twp.,

TRUSTEE (Antwerp Twp., Pct 1, Pct 3, Pct 4, Bloomingdale Twp., Lawrence Twp., Paw Paw Twp. , Pct 1

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS – All Townships & City

COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Board of Trustees Member (Almena Twp., Pct 2, Antwerp Twp. Pct. 2, Pct 3, Pct. 4

And for voting on the following millage proposals:

STATE PROPOSALS

Townships - Almena, Antwerp, Bloomingdale, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Pine Grove, Porter, Waverly & Gobles City

PROPOSAL SECTION

State

Proposal 2026-1 A proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the state constitution

Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2027 to draft a general revision of the State Constitution for presentation to the state's voters for their approval or rejection?

Proposal 2026-2 A proposed initiated law to prohibit campaign contributions from certain regulated utilities and government contractors and apply campaign finance laws and regulations to additional types of political communications

The proposal would:

- Prohibit regulated electric and gas utilities, contractors with over \$250,000 annually in government contracts, and people and organizations with substantial connections to these utilities/contractors from making direct or indirect campaign contributions to those who run for or hold offices that impact them.
- Expand laws regulating spending on political communications, including those requiring disclosing donor information, to apply to communications clearly identifying candidates or ballot questions, even if they do not expressly advocate voting for/against them.
- Expressly apply the law requiring disclosure of who paid for political communications to internet political communications.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Township Specific Proposals

Antwerp Twp., Pct 4

Village

Headlee Override / Charter Millage Restoration Proposal

This proposal will restore the Village's ability to levy up to the full 5.0000 mills authorized by its Charter, which has been reduced by required Headlee rollbacks.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Village of Mattawan, Van Buren County, Michigan, be increased by **0.7354** mills (\$0.7354 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of **10** years, **2027** to **2036**, inclusive, as new additional millage in excess of the limitation imposed by operation of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution and Michigan Compiled Laws section 211.34d, to provide funds for general municipal operating purposes?

The intent of this proposal is to restore the Village's maximum authorized millage rate to the full 5.0000 mills originally provided for in the Village Charter.

It is estimated that **0.7354** mills would raise approximately **\$120,000** when first levied in 2027.

Paw Paw Twp., Pct 1, Pct 2

Township

Paw Paw Township Operating Millage

This millage is intended to bring the Township back to the original one (1) mill for general operating purposes which has been rolled back to .7797 mills since its implementation by vote in 1978.

Shall Paw Paw Township impose an increase of up to .2203 mills (\$.2203 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for twenty (20) years, 2026 through 2045 (inclusive), to support the general operations of the Township, which .2203 mill increase will raise an estimated \$76,674.75 in the first year the millage is levied?

NOTICE

Full text of the ballot proposals(s) may be obtained at the listed Township and/or City Clerk's Office.
A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations as defined by the American with Disabilities Act should contact the local clerk's office.