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**STATE OF MICHIGAN STATEWIDE
BALLOT PROPOSALS
STATUS AND FULL TEXT
NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION**

I. STATEWIDE PROPOSALS CERTIFIED TO APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

COALITION TO REGULATE MARIJUANA LIKE ALCOHOL: Proposed initiated law to authorize the personal possession and use of marihuana by individuals aged 21 years and older and control the commercial production and distribution of marihuana.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on May 16, 2017 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on May 18, 2017. Petition filed on November 20, 2017; copies of sampled signatures made available to the public on January 26, 2018; challenge deadline to elapsed at 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2018 (no challenge filed). [Staff Report](#) published April 23, 2018.

On April 26, 2018, the Board of State Canvassers determined that the petition contained a sufficient number of valid signatures as required by Art II Sec 9 of the Michigan Constitution, and the Secretary of State transmitted the proposed initiated law to the Legislature for its consideration. The Legislature had one 40-day period in which to enact or reject the proposal, or propose a different law on the same subject, which elapsed on June 5, 2018. Therefore, the proposal will appear on the November ballot. (*Note: Proposal number yet to be assigned.*)

Contact: Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, 2570 Champlain St., NWE Suite No. 12, Washington, D.C. 20009.

VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS: Proposed constitutional amendment to create the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and authorize the Commission to adopt reapportionment plans

for Congressional, State Senate and State House of Representatives districts.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on August 14, 2017 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on August 17, 2017; petition filed on December 18, 2017; copies of sampled signatures made available to the public on April 12, 2018; challenge deadline to elapsed at 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2018 (challenge filed by Citizens Protecting Michigan’s Constitution). [Staff Report](#) published on May 22, 2018.

On June 20, 2018, the Board of State Canvassers determined that the petition contained a sufficient number of valid signatures as required by Art XII Sec 2 of the Michigan Constitution. However, litigation currently is pending to determine whether the proposal is eligible to be placed on the November ballot. (*Note: Proposal number yet to be assigned.*)

Contact: Voters Not Politicians, P.O. Box 8362, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49518.

II. STATEWIDE PROPOSALS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE; PETITION CANVASS IN PROGRESS

MICHIGAN ONE FAIR WAGE: Proposed initiated law to gradually increase the hourly minimum wage from \$10.00 in 2019 to \$12.00 in 2022.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on September 6, 2017 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on September 19, 2017; petition filed on May 21, 2018. [Staff Report](#) published on July 24, 2018.

Contact: Michigan One Fair Wage, P.O. Box 35174, Detroit, Michigan 48235.

MI TIME TO CARE: Proposed initiated law to create the Earned Sick Time Act, requiring employers to provide sick leave for personal or family health reasons, subject to certain conditions.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on August 11, 2017 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on August 17, 2017; petition filed on May 29, 2018. [Staff Report](#) published on July 24, 2018.

Contact: MI Time to Care, P.O. Box 1502, Royal Oak, Michigan 48068.

PROMOTE THE VOTE: Proposed constitutional amendment to regulate the timing of issuing absentee ballots, authorize no-reason absentee voting, require a straight party voting option on general election ballots, provide for automatic voter registration, require post-election audits, and other voting changes.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on February 12, 2018 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on February 13, 2018; petition

filed on July 9, 2018. Canvass in progress.

Contact: Promote the Vote, 2966 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48201.

III. STATEWIDE PROPOSAL PETITIONS “APPROVED AS TO FORM” IN PREPARATION FOR CIRCULATION

(Note: All filing deadlines for 2018 statewide ballot proposals have elapsed. The petitions listed below are ineligible for placement on the November 6, 2018 ballot.)

KEEP OUR LAKES GREAT: Proposed initiated law to enact the Great Lakes Pipeline Safety Regulation Act to terminate an existing Straits of Mackinac Pipe Line Easement and prohibit the state from granting easements for pipelines to transport crude oil or liquid petroleum products over, through, under or upon Great Lakes bottomlands.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on April 24, 2017 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on April 26, 2017. Deadline to file petition elapsed on May 30, 2018.

Contact: Keep Our Lakes Great, P.O. Box 1358, East Lansing, Michigan 48826.

RAISE MICHIGAN: Proposed initiated law to create the Earned Sick Time Act, requiring employers to provide paid sick leave for personal or family health purposes and providing penalties for violations of the Act.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on June 9, 2016 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on August 1, 2016. (Petition heading indicates the proposal is intended to be presented for consideration at the November 6, 2018 general election.) Deadline to file petition elapsed on May 30, 2018.

Contact: Raise Michigan, P.O. Box 1502, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073.

CLEAN MICHIGAN: Proposed constitutional amendment to require a part-time legislature and limit legislators' compensation and retirement benefits.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on May 12, 2017; amended petition form filed with the Secretary of State on May 19, 2017; amended petition form filed with the Secretary of State on July 3, 2017. Deadline to file petition elapses on July 9, 2018.

Contact: Clean MI Committee, 3602 Waverly Hills Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917.

ABROGATE PROHIBITION MICHIGAN: Proposed constitutional amendment to legalize the use of marijuana for agricultural, personal, recreational, commercial or other purposes.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on August 14, 2017 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on August 17, 2017. Deadline to file petition elapses on July 9, 2018.

Contact: Abrogate Prohibition Michigan, 3867 East Shaffer Road, Midland, Michigan 48642.

PROTECT MICHIGAN JOBS: Proposed initiated law to enact the Construction Workers Fair Wage Act, which would require prevailing wages and fringe benefits on state projects.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on November 27, 2017. Deadline to file petition elapsed on May 30, 2018.

Contact: Protect Michigan Jobs, 1026 North Washington Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48906.

CLEAN ENERGY, HEALTHY MICHIGAN: Proposed initiated law to incrementally increase the mandatory renewable energy standard for electric utilities to 30% by 2030 and enact other changes to Public Act 295 of 2008.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on February 12, 2018 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on February 13, 2018. Amended petition filed with the Secretary of State on February 20, 2018 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on May 10, 2018. Deadline to file petition elapsed on May 30, 2018.

Contact: Clean Energy, Healthy Michigan, P.O. Box 71746, Madison Heights, Michigan 48071.

IV. INITIATIVE PETITIONS ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE

PROTECTING MICHIGAN TAXPAYERS: Proposed initiated law to repeal the Prevailing Wages and Fringe Benefits Act, 1965 PA 166, MCL 408.551 to 408.558.

Status: Initiative petition form filed with the Secretary of State on May 16, 2017 and approved as to form by the Board of State Canvassers on May 18, 2017. Petition filed on November 3, 2017; copies of signatures from original sample (535) made available to the public on December 6, 2017; challenge deadline elapsed at 5:00 p.m. on December 20, 2017 (challenge filed by Protect Michigan Jobs).

[Interim Staff Report](#) published January 26, 2018, recommending that a larger sample be reviewed to determine whether the petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures. The Board of State Canvassers denied a “Petition to Certify Petition without Re-Sampling” on January 30, 2018; second sample of 3,908 signatures made available to

the public on January 31, 2018. Challenge deadline elapsed at 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2018 (challenge filed by Protect Michigan Jobs).

[Final Staff Report](#) published April 23, 2018. On April 26, 2018, the Board of State Canvassers deadlocked 2-2 on the question of whether the petition contains a sufficient number of valid signatures as required by Art II Sec 9 of the Michigan Constitution.

On June 1, 2018, following the conclusion of litigation filed by the petition challenger, the Board of State Canvassers determined that the petition contained a sufficient number of valid signatures as required by Art II Sec 9 of the Michigan Constitution, and the Secretary of State transmitted the proposed initiated law to the Legislature for its consideration.

On June 6, 2018, the Legislature enacted the proposal; it is Public Act 171 of 2018. In accordance with Art II Sec 9 of the Michigan Constitution, the proposal will not appear on the ballot.

Contact: Protecting Michigan Taxpayers, P.O. Box 14162, Lansing, Michigan 48901.