



**LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®
Jackson Area**

**PROPOSAL 3 - CHANGES
ARE HAPPENING**

The League sponsored Proposal 3 passed by voters last November requires changes to the voting process. The Secretary of State has begun to update the election process, eliminating barriers to voting.

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CHANGES TO VOTING IN MICHIGAN

First Time Voting

The Secretary of State has eliminated the "must vote in person" requirement for first time mail-in registrants or if someone registers with a group like the League without a clerk present.

This means students will not have to vote in person the first time they vote. They can register at home and request an absentee ballot for their first election. Remember, this law also passed no-excuse-required absentee ballots.

VOTER REGISTRATION

When eligible citizens who are not already registered to vote complete a driver's license or personal identification card transaction, they will be automatically registered to vote unless they affirmatively decline.

Registered voters will have their records updated if their address or other information has changed.

The Voter Registration Form is being revised and will be available soon.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Under the new law, voters may register in person, by mail, or online up to 15 days prior to an election. Voters may also register in person with their local clerk within 14 days of an election, **up to and including Election Day**. A voter registering in the final 14 days, including Election Day, will need to show proof of residency in addition to proof of identity. Only voters registering in the final 14 days must show proof of residency while registering.

A FEW FINE POINTS

By law, voters must be 30-day residents of a jurisdiction to be qualified to vote in that jurisdiction. No documentation is required but the voter self-certifies by signing an affidavit.

If a voter tries to register in more than one jurisdiction on Election Day, the SOS computer system will not allow the second update.

If a voter who did register at another location appears in person at the local clerk's office, the system will allow the person to vote.

This information is from the Secretary of State's Election Officials' Manual which is currently be updated as the computer system changes take effect. As more updates and changes are made, we will keep you posted.

NEXT LWVJA GENERAL MEETING

March 22 at 2:00 pm

Meijer Library Branch

Non-Members Always Welcome

