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**Filing Requirements: Precinct Delegate**  
**-- 2020 Election Cycle --**

Michigan Election Law governs the ballot access procedures for candidates who seek the office of Precinct Delegate. As these procedures are subject to change by the State Legislature, candidates interested in participating in Michigan's August 4, 2020 primary election are encouraged to consult our website, [Michigan.gov/Elections](http://Michigan.gov/Elections), for updates.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** An individual seeking a precinct delegate position must be "a qualified and registered elector residing within, as well as having his or her actual bona fide residence within, the election precinct for which he or she desires to become a candidate on the filing deadline." MCL 168.624.

**FILING REQUIREMENTS:** A person who wishes to seek a precinct delegate position must file an Affidavit of Identity with the clerk of his or her county of residence no later than **4:00 p.m. on May 5, 2020**. Petition signatures are not required. MCL 168.624. Such candidates will appear on the August 4, 2020 primary ballot.

**AFFIDAVIT OF IDENTITY:** An Affidavit of Identity form designed exclusively for use by precinct delegate candidates can be obtained through any county clerk's office. The Affidavit of Identity form is also available on the Bureau's website under "Information for Candidates." The availability of the precinct delegate Affidavit of Identity form does not preclude a precinct delegate candidate from filing the standard Affidavit of Identity form.

**HOLDING OTHER OFFICE:** As a precinct delegate candidate may hold or seek any other public office in Michigan<sup>1</sup>, a precinct delegate candidate may appear as a candidate for another office on the August 4, 2020 primary ballot (if additional office is partisan, must be the same political party).

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<sup>1</sup> Candidates for judicial office should refer to the [Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct](#) for eligibility.

**WITHDRAWAL:** The deadline for withdrawing a precinct delegate filing is **4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2020**. The withdrawal must be in writing and must be filed with the county clerk; Michigan Election Law does not authorize the filing of such withdrawals with the city or township clerk. MCL 168.624a.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** Precinct delegate candidates are not required to file disclosure forms under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act.

### **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

**FILING REQUIREMENTS:** An individual who wishes to seek a precinct delegate position with write-in votes is required to file a Declaration of Intent with the county clerk in which the precinct is located by **4:00 p.m. on July 31, 2020**. As an alternative, such candidates may file a Declaration of Intent with the appropriate precinct board on the day of the August primary anytime prior to the close of the polls. A Declaration of Intent form developed exclusively for use by precinct delegate candidates can be obtained through any county, city or township clerk's office. The Declaration of Intent form is also available on the Michigan Department of State's Bureau's website: [Michigan.gov/Elections](http://Michigan.gov/Elections). MCL 168.737a.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions regarding the information presented here, please contact this office. Answers to your questions will also be found in the Michigan election law, which may be viewed at [legislature.mi.gov](http://legislature.mi.gov).

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