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Voters across the state and northern Michigan go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 5, to elect a governor, attorney general, secretary of state, legislators, U.S. senators and congressional representatives. They also will decide the fate of four state ballot issues and number of local county issues. They'll elect county commissioners, city council members and a handful of township officials.

This publication is intended only to be a guide for northern Michigan voters. It includes short biographical profiles of the candidates in contested races, their goals and priorities. Photos were provided by candidates.



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ELECTION DAY

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Contact your local county, city, township or village clerk if you don't know your polling place. Only registered voters will be allowed to vote. The registration cut-off date for this election was Oct. 7.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Eligible voters may obtain an absentee ballot from their city or township's clerk office until 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4. To obtain an absentee ballot by mail, a signed request must be submitted to a voter's city or township clerk by 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2.

Emergency absentee ballots are available at the city or township's clerk office until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS

Out of Michigan's 9.3 million people, an estimated 7.3 million are eligible to vote. The state has approximately 6.8 million registered voters.

LAST ELECTIONS

In the last presidential election on Nov. 7, 2000, 4.3 million of the state's 6.8 million registered voters voted, or 63.2 percent.

In the last gubernatorial election on Nov. 3, 1998, 3.1 million of the state's 6.3 registered voters voted, or 49.2 percent.



If you have election questions, call your county or township clerks. Here's a list of area county clerk offices in:

Antrim	231-533-6353
Benzie	231-882-9671
Charlevoix	231-547-7200
Cheboygan	231-227-8870
Crawford	231-348-2841
Emmet	231-348-1744
Grand Trav.	231-922-4760
Kalkaska	231-258-3300
Leelanau	231-256-9824
Manistee	231-723-3331
Missaukee	231-839-4967
Otsego	989-732-6484
Wexford	231-779-9450

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