ELECTION-RELATED LAW CHANGES & 2018 BALLOT QUESTION IMPLEMENTATION

March 20, 2019
STATEWIDE PROPOSALS – OTHER CHANGES

Proposal 18-2 (Citizens Redistricting Commission)

Proposal 18-3 (Voter Rights)

Other 2018 Election-Related Legislative Changes
Requires formation of independent commission of citizens, tasked with creating new congressional and State Senate/House districts after the 2020 census.

13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
- 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
- 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Selection must reflect geographic and demographic makeup of the state.

Prohibits partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.

Establishes new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan’s diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.

Requires an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

SOS acts as non-voting Secretary of the commission, tasked with providing technical assistance.
## PROPOSAL 18-2

### KEY DATES/DEADLINES

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<td>• Commission Application Process</td>
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<td>• Requires mailing of applications to 10,000 randomly-selected voters</td>
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<td>September 2020</td>
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PROPOSAL 18-2
PREPARATIONS

- Secretary of State Preparations
- Office of Citizen Redistricting
- Statisticians, Demographers Experts
- Public Outreach: Application Process
- Public Outreach: Redistricting Process
- Dedicated Web Page
- Application – Online Portal
PROPOSAL 18-3 (VOTER RIGHTS)

- Secret Ballot
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Voter may register in person at an SOS branch office, clerk office, designated state agency or by mail.

Starting 14th day prior to election:

- Voter must register in person with local clerk with residency verification in order to vote in next election. Mail-in registrants must be notified to apply in person.

Election Day:

- Voter must register in person with local clerk with residency verification in order to obtain a ballot in that election.

PROPOSAL 18-3
VOTER REGISTRATION CHANGES
PROPOSAL 18-3
ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

1 Voter = 1 Registration on Election Day

QVF Changes – Real Time; Auto Alerts
Can Vote AV or in Precinct
No Registration at Precinct
Required Clerk Office Hours
PROPOSAL 18-3
NO REASON ABSENTEE VOTING

- Elimination of Reasons
- Signature Still Required
- Additional Element – Request for Placement on Permanent AV List
AV Ballot mailing deadline – now 5 pm, Friday before Election Day (previously: Saturday 2 pm)
  • Deadline affects first class mail – does not restrict express mail
In person AV deadline – 4 pm, Monday before Election Day (no change)
  • After Monday deadline, may still register and obtain an AV, if voting AV in clerk’s office
Clerk office hours, weekend before election – at least 8 hours total (Saturday / Sunday combined)
Use of Satellite Offices
  • Legislation added - need approval of local governing board
  • Public posting of office hours (including satellites), at least 30 days prior to Election Day; Notice to SOS too
PROPOSAL 18 – 3
OTHER AV ISSUES

- MVIP – Eliminated
- Voters Who Move After Requesting AV
- Challenged Ballot
- Spoiled Ballot Process (Request in Writing)
Automatic Voter Registration:

- With DL/ID transaction in SOS branch offices
- Branch office procedure, form changes
- If not already registered, auto registered unless decline
- Voter Registration = Part of DL / ID Process
- Changes to existing branch office blue/white form
  - Receipt to voter / notice to clerk, no separate signature
  - Data to Qualified Voter File, same as today
- Implementation date: TBD
PROPOSAL 18-3
OTHER CHANGES

Military/Overseas Voting
• Looking at additional possibilities for improvements
• May need legislative change

Post-Election Audits
• Risk-Limiting Audits – pilots, November 2018
• More pilots coming
• Study, report, recommendations on all possible options

Straight-Party Voting
• For most, not an issue until 2020
• Revert back to prior process (minus vignettes)

Secret Ballot
• Looking at additional possibilities for improvements
PROPOSAL 18-3
COMMUNICATION / TRAINING

• NEWS UPDATES:
  * 3-article series on Prop 3 begins this week
  * Focus: Voter Registration, AV, All Other
  * More targeted reminders for May election dates
• Clerk manual updates – online
• FAQs – online
• Online course: Late March (required for all)
• In person forums (Q/A): April
• Election Modernization Task Force
• Voter outreach
• Continued feedback: after May election
2018: OTHER LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Several Other Changes in 2018!

✓ Summarized in online summary: News Update, 1/7/19

✓ Precinct Delegate Canvass, moved to county (PA 611 of 2018)
  *Precinct Delegate write-ins now file with county clerk

✓ Mandatory E-Pollbook (PA 614 of 2018)
  *If haven’t already purchased, grants/funding are available
  *Law also allows canvass to begin Thursday after election, for any election (as opposed to day after election)
  *Also requires county canvass to report any out-of-balance precincts to the SOS

✓ $100 filing fee allowed for Township Officers (PA 654 of 2018)

✓ “Emily” FOIA provisions (PA 523 of 2018)
  *Requires requestors to provide full name, address, and valid contact information
  *Requestor’s failure to pay FOIA deposit within 45 days = abandoned request

✓ Prop 3 implementation details (PA 603 of 2018)