

GUIDE TO VOTER CHANGES IN 2024

NEW LAW ALLOWS FOR EARLY VOTING

The passage of Proposal 2 by voters in 2022 requires at least 9 days of early voting for each federal election.

Michigan has three federal elections in 2024:

- Presidential Primary Election
- · Primary Election
- November General Election

Voters will have the opportunity to vote early for each federal election. All qualified, registered, verified voters are eligible to vote early.

The early voting site for Meridian Township voters will be at the Meridian Township Municipal Building inside the Township Hall at 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864.

The hours for Early Voting will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Early voting days will be 9 consecutive days prior to each election except the Monday before Election Day, by law.

Absentee ballots can be submitted at the early voting site.

NEW LAW CREATES PERMANENT MAIL BALLOT LIST

The passage of Proposal 2 has changed the way in which voters who wish to vote absentee request absentee ballots. There is a one-time application each voter must submit to receive absentee ballots for all future elections.

What does this mean?

Voters who wish to have an absentee ballot mailed to them must submit an application to be on the Permanent Absent Voter Ballot List. This is a **new** application and **must** be completed and submitted in order to receive an absentee ballot. After the initial application, unless otherwise indicated, all future absentee ballots will be automatically mailed to the voter.

All voters will receive an application from the local clerk. Contact the Clerk for an application: guthrie@meridian.mi.us.



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NEW LAW EXPANDS DROPBOX LOCATIONS

4 Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

The passage of Proposal 2 requires one drop box for every 15,000 voters to be equally dispersed in the municipality and have 24/7 video monitoring. Meridian Township has over 33,000 registered voters, making it one of the largest voting townships in the state. Given this population, three boxes will be made available for voters to drop off ballots 24/7 and one box will be located inside the Municipal Building during open hours.

Where are the boxes located?

- 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos (inside)
- 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos (outside)

Near the outside entrance of:

- Haslett Library: 1590 Franklin Street, Haslett
- Okemos Library: 4321 Okemos Road, Okemos

Each drop box meets security, safety, and accessibility standards. Drop boxes are available 40 days prior to Election Day and close at 8:00 pm at the close of polls.

DEBORAH GUTHRIE

Clerk, Meridian Township



"The passage of Proposal 2 created many changes for how local clerks administer elections and it increased opportunities for how voters can cast their ballot. We're working vigorously right now to assist voters to be #VoteReady in 2024."