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We encourage informed and active participation in government.



## League of Women Voters of Michigan

# *League Links*

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

11/11/2018

Thank you for your work on the 2018 election! The League of Women Voters of Michigan is so proud of the work the local leagues and League members have done!

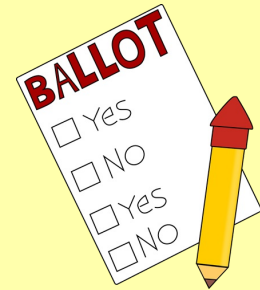
We distributed over 106,000 statewide voter guides as well as local guides, provided VOTE411, increased our usage of VOTE411 with our partnership with Mlive, registered voters, held candidate forums, and gave educational presentations on the ballot issues.

In addition, the LWVMI supported two ballot proposals, and many of our members worked on the Promote the Vote and Voters Not Politicians' campaigns.

Our work strengthened our democracy! Congratulations!

Thank you to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne for asking me to speak about the election results because I now have this information to share!  
Any corrections are always welcome.

Judy Karandjeff  
President



### ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Michigan voters turned out in record numbers for the gubernatorial election - 65% of registered voters, comparable to 1966 and 1970 elections.

Women did well in the midterm election. For the first time, women will hold the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General at the same

time. In addition, women will hold 53 of 148 seats in the Legislature - the most ever. Michigan will go from 25% women to 35% in MI House and MI Senate. And for diversity of age, the three top women are under 50 years of age.

Incumbents also did well. U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow won re-election. In the U.S. House of Representatives delegation, Mike Bishop (R, 8th district) was the only incumbent who lost out of 11 incumbents. In the Michigan Senate of the 12 incumbents only two lost, Senator Marty Knollenberg (R-13) and Senator Margaret O'Brien (R-20). In the Michigan House, of the 67 incumbents, only Representative Jeff Noble (R-20) lost.

Democrats won all three of the top statewide positions. Democrats gained control of the State Board of Education and the boards of the three universities. Democrats gained 2 seats in MI's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, 5 seats in the Michigan Senate and 5 seats in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Republicans maintained control of the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and the Supreme Court. Neither party has enough votes to override a Governor's veto in the House or Senate.

All three statewide ballot proposals passed and almost as many people who voted for Governor voted for the proposals.

The new leadership in the MI Senate will be Senator Mike Shirkey (R-16) as Majority Leader and Senator Jim Aninich (D-27) as Minority Leader; and in the MI House will be Rep. Lee Chatfield (R-107) as Speaker and Rep. Christine Greig (D-37) as Minority Leader.

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## 2018 ELECTION IN MICHIGAN

4,309,263 voted in November Election (7,471,088 registered) - 65%  
Highest midterm turnout in 50 years  
4,874,619 voted in Nov. Election 2016 (7,514,055 registered) - 65%  
3,188,956 voted in Nov. Election 2014 (7,446,280 registered) - 43%

2,127,988 voted in August Primary - 86% increase from 2014  
27% of registered voters (53% D, 47% R)  
1,390,192 voted in August Primary 2016  
1,139,983 voted in August Primary 2014

**GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - 4-year term**  
**Gretchen Whitmer (Garlin Gilcrest) (D) beats Bill Schuette (Lisa Posthumus Lyons) (R)**  
2,256,700 D - 53% and 1,853,559 R - 44%

**Bill Gelineau (Lib) - 56,752 - 1.34%; Todd Schleiger (UST) - 24,701 - 0.58%; Jennifer Kurland (Grn) - 28,857 - 0.68% and Keith Butkovich (NL) - 10,258 - 0.24%.** Note for complete results for all candidates go to [Secretary of State's website.](#)

48 MI Governors of which 1 woman.  
Prior Governor was Republican.

### **SECRETARY OF STATE - 4-year term**

**Jocelyn Benson (D) beat Mary Treder Lang (R)**

2,194,802 - 53% D and 1,828,675 - 44% R

3 women have served as Secretary of State - all R. Prior SOS was R.

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL - 4-year term**

**Dana Nessel (D) beat Tom Leonard (R)**

2,013,871 - 49% D; 1,903,771 - 46% R

1 woman served as Attorney General. Prior AG was R.

### **U. S. SENATE FOR MI - 6-year term**

**Debbie Stabenow (D) beats John James (R)**

(2,195,601 - 52% D; 1,927,232 - 46% R)

Senator Stabenow is the only woman who has represented MI in the U.S Senate and will start her 4th term.

### **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - Michigan - 2-year term**

1. Jack Bergman - R
2. Bill Huizenga - R
3. Justin Amash - R
4. John Moolenaar - R
5. Dan Kildee - D
6. Fred Upton - R
7. Tim Walberg - R
8. Elissa Slotkin - D (Beat incumbent Mike Bishop, R)
9. Andy Levin - D (Replaced Sander Levin, D)
10. Paul Mitchell - R
11. Haley Stevens - D (Replaced Dave Trott, R)
12. Debbie Dingell - D
13. Rashida Tlaib - D - (Replaced John Conyers, D)
14. Brenda Lawrence - D

Currently in U.S. House delegation

9 Republicans and 5 Democrats

2 women (2D) and 12 men (3D, 9R)

**After Election in MI delegation**

**7 Democrats and 7 Republicans**

**5 women (5 D) and 9 men (2D, 7R)**

**Only 9 women have ever represented MI in the U.S. House**

### **MICHIGAN SENATE - 4-year term**

Currently

27 Republicans and 11 Democrats = 38

4 women (3R, 1D) and 34 men (24R, 10D)

**After the election**

**22 Republicans and 16 Democrats = 38**

**11 women (3R, 8D) and 27 men (19R, 8D)**

The most women in MI Senate was in 2006 - 12 out of 38 (32%). Will be 29% women.

Will be 15 pro-choice members, 21 anti-choice and 2 unknowns.

### **MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES- 2-year term**

Currently

63 Republicans and 47 Democrats = 110  
33 women (17D, 16R) and 76 men (30D, 47R)

**After the election**

**58 Republicans and 52 Democrats = 110**  
**42 women (17R, 25D) and 68 men (41R, 27D)**

The most women in MI House of Representatives was in 2017-18 - 33 out of 110 (30%). Will be 38% women.

Will be 48 pro-choice members, 60 anti-choice and 2 unknowns.

### **MI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - 8-year term**

8 Elected Members serve on the Board.

2 seats were up for election in 2018 - held by 2 Republicans

**The winners are: Judith Pritchett (D) & Tiffany Tilley (D)**

Currently

4 Democrats and 4 Republicans  
6 women (4D, 2F), 2 men (2R)

**After the election**

**6 Democrats and 2 Republicans**  
**7 women (6D, 1R), 1 man (1R)**

### **UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BOARD OF REGENTS - 8-year term**

8 Elected Members serve

2 seats were up for election in 2018 - held by 2 Republicans

**The winners are: Jordan Acker (D) & Paul Brown (D)**

Currently

5 Democrats and 3 Republicans  
4 women (3D, 1R), 4 men (2D, 2R)

**After the election**

**7 Democrats and 1 Republican**  
**3 women (3D), 5 men (4D, 1R)**

### **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 8-year term**

8 Elected members serve

2 seats were up for election in 2018 - 2 Republican

**The winners are: Brianna Scott (D) & Kelly Debay (D)**

Currently

4 Democrats and 4 Republicans  
2 women (1D, 1R), 6 men (3D, 3R)

**After the election**

**6 Democrats and 2 Republicans**  
**4 women (3D, 1R), 4 men (3D, 1R)**

## **WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS - 8-year term**

8 Elected members serve

2 seats were up for election in 2018 - 2 Republicans

**The winners are: Bryan Barnhill (D) & Anil Kumar (D)**

Currently

5 Democrats and 3 Republicans

5 women (4D,1R), 3 men (1D,2R)

**After the election**

**7 Democrats and 1 Republican**

**4 women (4D), 4 men (3D,1R)**

## **MI SUPREME COURT - 8-year term**

7 Elected members on nonpartisan ballot but nominated by political parties

2 seats were up in the election - Elizabeth Clement (R-nominated) & Kurtis Wilder (R-nominated)

**The winners are: Elizabeth Clement (R-nominated) & Megan Cavanagh (D-nominated)**

Currently

2 D-nominated; 5 R-appointed

2 women (1 R-appointed, 1 D-nominated) and 5 men (1D-nominated, 4 R-appointed)

**After the election**

**7 members - 3 D-nominated; 4 R appointed/nominated**

**3 women (2 D-nominated, 1 R-nominated) and 4 men (1 D-nominated, 3 R-appointed)**

## **Proposal 18-1**

Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Petition (new law)

**WON (2,339,672 - 56% yes) (1,844,880 - 44% no)**

(note 4,231,009 people voted for Governor; 4,198,492 people voted on marijuana)

Takes effect 10 days after official declaration of the vote.

## **Proposal 18-2**

Voters Not Politicians Petition - Citizen Redistricting Commission (amends Michigan Constitution)

**WON (2,501,830 - 61% yes) (1,583,588 - 39% no)**

Takes effect 45 days after date of election.

## **Proposal 18-3**

Promote the Vote Petition - Voting Rights (amends Michigan Constitution)

**WON (2,756,740 - 67% yes) (1,364,064 - 33% no)**

Takes effect 45 days after date of election.

## **NATIONAL ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS**

### **U.S. SENATE**

Currently

47 Democrats and 51 Republicans, 2 Other = 100  
23 women (17D, 6R) and 77 men (45R, 30D, 2 Other)

**After the election**

**44 Democrats and 51 Republicans, 2 Other = 100**  
**(3 unknown)**  
**22 women (19D, 3R) and 75 men (27D, 48R) & 3 unknown**

### **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Currently

193 Democrats and 235 Republicans, 7 vacancies = 435  
84 women (61D, 23R) and 344 men (132D, 212R)

**After the election**

**226 Democrats and 202 Republicans (7 unknown) = 435**  
**102 women (88D, 14R) and (138D, 188R) & 7 unknown**

### **GOVERNORS**

Currently

16 D and 33 R and 1 independent  
6 women (4R, 2D) and 44 men (14D, 29R, 1 Independent)

**After election**

**23 D and 26 R election - Georgia missing & Florida recount**  
**9 women (6D, 3R)**

For updated information go to [Center for American Women and Politics](#).

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## **CALENDAR**



December 8 - LWVMI Board meeting

February 9 - LWVMI Board Meeting

April 13 - LWVMI Board Meeting

May 17 - 19, 2019 - LWVMI State Convention, Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Parkway, Livonia MI 48152

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Alpena County  
Ann Arbor Area (with Tecumseh & Brighton/Howell Geographical Units)  
Berrien/Cass Counties  
Copper Country  
Dearborn/Dearborn Heights  
Delta County (with Marquette Geographical Unit)  
Detroit State (MAL) Unit  
Eastern UP State (MAL) Unit  
Flint Area  
Grand Haven Area  
Grand Traverse Area (with Crawford County Geographical Unit)  
Grosse Pointe  
Holland Area  
Jackson Area  
Kalamazoo Area (with Grand Rapids Geographical Unit)  
Lansing Area  
Leelanau County  
Macomb State (MAL) Unit  
Manistee County  
Midland Area (with Bay County Geographical Unit)  
Mt. Pleasant  
Northwest Wayne County (with Belleville Geographical Unit)  
Oakland Area  
Saginaw County  
Troy

For more information go to [www.lwvmi.org](http://www.lwvmi.org)  
or checkout facebook pages for state and local LWVs

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