

Reproductive Rights for All Need 425,059 signatures

More info at: https://mireproductivefreedom.org/

What would this measure do?

This proposal will affirm that every person has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which involves the right to make and carry out decisions without political interference about all matters relating to pregnancy, including birth control, abortion, prenatal care, and childbirth.

Specifically, this measure will ensure that all Michiganders have the right to safe and respectful care during birthing, everyone has the right to use temporary or permanent birth control, everyone has the right to continue or end a pregnancy pre-viability, and no one can be punished for having a miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion.

Why is this measure needed?

Important medical decisions should be guided by a patient's health and wellbeing, not by a politician's beliefs. But for far too long, politicians across the country have been fighting to restrict reproductive health care, and now they are gaining ground.

If the U.S. Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade*, a 1931 Michigan law could go back into effect that would make abortion illegal and threaten doctors with prison for up to fifteen years for providing an abortion. In addition to ensuring access to a broad range of reproductive health care, this amendment would make sure no one goes to prison for providing safe medical care. Protecting reproductive freedom in the **Michigan Constitution** will preserve this right for all Michiganders in our state, no matter what happens in Washington, D.C.

When people are able to make decisions about their own reproductive health care, including whether and when to have children, they have more control over their health and their economic security.

Campaign is sponsored by Reproductive Freedom for All, ACLU of Michigan, Michigan Voices, and Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan and from folks all over Michigan.



Promote the VOTE

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More info at: https://www.promotethevotemi.com

https://mlive.com/public-interest/2022/01/promote-the-vote-ballot-initiative-launches-to-protect-voting-rightsinmichigan.html

Promote the Vote is a coalition of organizations and individuals committed to increasing the power of the people in our democracy through their voting right. If petition is approved, it requires amendment to the State of Michigan constitution to provide the following:

- Stop harassment or intimidation of voters by adding language in the Michigan Constitution to protect the fundamental right to vote
- Enable requests to have an absentee ballot mailed to you for all future elections (once & done)
- 9 days of early voting, including two weekends before election day
- Keep elections secure! Voters must show a photo ID or sign a legal document if voting in person.
- Ensure funding for secure drop boxes, absentee ballot postage, and disclose donations of polling places and other charitable donations.
- Online absentee ballot tracking to voters can be confident that their votes are counted

- More options for voting early, meaning shorter lines on Election Day.
- More secure, accountable public audits conducted by election officials.

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Good Time (makes good sense)

Need 340,047 signatures

More info: https://mijustice.org/good-time-initiative/

This is about restoration of Good Time policy to Michigan prisons. Currently, Michigan is one of only 6 states with no incentive for incarcerated citizens to earn any time off their sentences based on rehabilitation as demonstrated through positive behaviors. Because of our 100% Truth in Sentencing law and the lack of a Good Time policy, incarcerated individuals in Michigan serve approximately 126% of their minimum sentence or 6.5 years on average. Consequently, we are #1 in the country for length of time served. This results in 3.9% of our state budget being spent on corrections each year with no demonstrable benefit. Recidivism rates in Michigan are no better than other states; and, in fact, we rank higher than many other states for reported crimes such as rape, assault and murder. Clearly, there is no obvious connection between longer sentences and greater public safety.

The bottom line: this ends up costing Michigan taxpayers over \$2.3 billion annually, and the human price paid by society and affected families is immeasurably more. This will not apply to prisoners with life sentences. It is retroactive.

Supported by: Michigan Justice Advocacy (nonprofit),



Raise the Wage

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More info at: https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2021/12/new-ballot-initiative-aims-to-increase-michigans-minimum-wageto-15-minimumby-2027.html

Myths and Facts: https://onefairwage.site/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/OFW_MythsAndFacts_6.pdf https://onefairwage.site/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/OFW FactSheet USA.pdf

"Initiation of legislation increasing the minimum wage for all employees to \$11/hour on January 1, 2023; \$12/hour on January 1, 2024; \$13/hour on January 1, 2025; \$14/hour on January 1, 2026; and \$15/hour on January 1, 2027; annually adjusting the minimum wage based on inflation; increasing the minimum wage in annual steps over 6 years for employees who receive tips until it matches the minimum wage for other employees; requiring that tips be retained by the employee who receives them unless voluntarily shared; and abolishing subminimum wages for workers under 20 and for apprentices, learners, and persons with disabilities."

This legislation would ensure a pay raise for all minimum wage workers. We recognize that many employers are currently paying a higher wage right now due to lack of staffing, however, we all know that these current wages are not guaranteed and not everyone is benefiting from them. The current minimum wage in Michigan is \$9.65 per hour, the minimum wage for tipped workers is currently \$3.75 per hour. Youth and people with disabilities are also paid a subminimum wage. The legislation would remove these sub minimum wages and put all employees on equal footing. Women, people of color and immigrants are disproportionately impacted by minimum wages. We believe that every Michigander working full time should be able to support their family.

Supporters include: One Fair Wage, and many restaurant workers