

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.570 Paper ballots; numbering; identification; function of and requirements for detachable stub; distribution of ballots; form.**

Sec. 570.

Except for ballots used at an early voting site that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, absent voter ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at a clerk's office on election day as provided under section 761(7) that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, ballots issued to individuals who register to vote or who update a voter registration at an election day vote center as provided under section 523b that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, and ballots that are translated to a language other than English that are produced by an on-demand ballot printing system, paper ballots must be numbered consecutively and identified by use of the words "official primary ballot" on the upper right hand corner on the front of the ballot with a perforated line across the top of the ballot and underneath the number and identification so that the stub with the number and identification may be torn off. The detachable stub serves for the several party tickets and the ballot number must be printed on the stub on 1 side only. A political party designation must not appear on a ballot stub so numbered and identified. After the ballots are trimmed and wrapped in sealed packages, the ballots must be distributed for use at the primary election in the same manner as is provided by law for the distribution of ballots to be used at general elections. Ballots must be prepared in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL  
PRIMARY  
BALLOT  
No. ....

**OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT**

Primary election to be held ..... 20..... in the county of  
.....

.....party.

You cannot split your ticket. If you vote for candidates on more than 1 party ticket, your ballot will be rejected.

Make a cross or a check mark in the square to the left of not more than the number of names for each office as may be indicated under the title of each office.

\_\_\_\_\_  
State.

Legislative.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

State Senator.  
.....District.

Vote for not more than one.

Vote for not more  
than one.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] 1 John Doe

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] 7 John Doe

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] 2 Richard Roe

\_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] 8 Richard Roe

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[ ]

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[ ]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Congressional.

Representative in  
State

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States Senator.....

Legislature.

Vote for not more than one.

..... District.

Vote for not more  
than one.

[ ] 3 John Doe

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[ ] 4 Richard Roe

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Representative in Congress.

..... District.

Vote for not more than one.

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[ ] 5 John Doe

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[ ] 6 Richard Roe

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[ ]

[ ] 9 John Doe

[ ] 10 Richard Roe

[ ]

County.

Prosecuting  
Attorney.

Vote for not more  
than one.

[ ] 11 John Doe

[ ] 12 Richard Roe

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**History:** 1954, Act 116, Eff. June 1, 1955 ;-- Am. 1967, Act 108, Eff. Nov. 2, 1967 ;-- Am. 1968, Act 46, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1968 ;-- Am. 1985, Act 24, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1985 ;-- Am. 1985, Act 160, Imd. Eff. Nov. 20, 1985 ;-- Am. 2017, Act 113, Eff. Oct. 25, 2017 ;-- Am. 2023, Act 81, Eff. Feb. 13, 2024 ;-- Am. 2024, Act 221, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025

**Popular Name:** Election Code