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Secretary of State mobile office on campus Sept. 25

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When registering to vote, students should remember the following:

- The address you register to vote with must match the address on your driver's license or state-issued personal ID card. This means you must register using your permanent home address or change your permanent address to your campus address.
- Changing your permanent address to your campus address could impact your insurance or financial aid.
- The Secretary of State recommends that you register with your permanent home address and vote by absentee ballot if you do not have a way to get to your polling location.
- First time voters or voters with a new address must contact the Secretary of State in person to qualify for an absentee ballot.
- You can obtain an application for an absentee ballot at www.michigan.gov/sos.

At the polls, voters will be asked to present voter identification. Voter ID includes a Michigan driver's license, state-issued personal ID card or other acceptable form of ID. Voters who do not have photo ID with them at the polls can sign an affidavit attesting to that fact, and they then will receive a ballot that will be counted with all others.

In addition to a Michigan driver's license or state-issued ID, other acceptable forms of identification include:

- Driver's license or personal identification card issued by another state
- Federal or state government-issued photo identification
- U.S. passport
- Military ID with photo
- Student identification with photo from a high school or accredited institution of higher learning
- Tribal identification card with photo

Land also reminds residents to visit the online **Michigan Voter Information Center**, a single, comprehensive source designed for voter convenience. The site contains information on polling locations, voting systems, registration and candidates. Offices up for election this November include U.S. president, U.S. senator, U.S. representatives, state House members, judges and numerous local officials, such as county sheriff and prosecutor. State and local ballot questions also will be decided.

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