Promote the Vote Explained

Promote the Vote is a campaign to amend the Michigan Constitution to create fair rules that remove barriers and make voting more secure so we - the people - are heard on Election Day.

Specifically, this amendment to Michigan’s constitution provides a common-sense approach to safeguarding our elections, puts voters first, and removes barriers to voting for working families by:

- Protecting the right to vote a secret ballot
- Ensuring military service members and overseas voters get their ballots in time for their votes to count
- Providing voters with the option to vote straight party
- Registering citizens to vote at the Secretary of State’s office unless the citizen declines
- Allowing a citizen to register to vote anytime with proper proof of residency
- Providing all registered voters access to an absentee ballot for any reason
- Ensuring the accuracy and integrity of elections by auditing election results.

In order to have it placed on the ballot, to be voted on by the citizens of Michigan, we must collect 315,654 valid signatures. To ensure that we collect and submit enough valid signatures, our goal is to collect over 500,000 signatures by the end of June! The signatures must be submitted by July 9 and then our proposal is placed on the November 2018 ballot. A majority of voters must vote for the initiative in order for these voting rights to become part of the constitution.

To collect the necessary signatures, Promote the Vote partners will train volunteers throughout the state to collect signatures. In addition our volunteer petition circulators, we will hire paid signature gatherers to cover areas where we have limited volunteer presence.