

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Welcome, we're glad you're here.

Here are some important things to know before you start.

Here's how it's going to impact you.

If that's ok, let's do some paperwork.

Tell us why you care about all of this.

Finishing things up.

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Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Application

Thank you for your interest in serving the people of Michigan as a commissioner of the first-ever Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Commissioners will be randomly selected from the pool of eligible applicants. If you are registered to vote in the state of Michigan, you are eligible to apply. You do *not* need any particular skills or expertise to serve on the commission. The constitution simply requires that each commissioner "perform his or her duties in a manner that is impartial and reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process."

Answer the following questions to the best of your ability. If you have any concerns or feel you are unable to answer a given prompt, please contact [CONTACT].

You must answer all required questions on this application to be considered for the commission. You must also return a notarized copy to the Secretary of State via mail.

4. Are you a registered and eligible voter in the state of Michigan? Yes No
Not sure if you are registered? You can check your voter registration at Michigan.gov/vote.

5. Indicate whether any of the following currently apply to you, or did apply to you at any time since August 6, 2014.

a. I am currently or have been in the past six (6) years a declared candidate for a partisan elected office at the federal, state, or local level. Yes No

b. I am currently or have been in the past six (6) years an elected official to partisan federal, state, or local office. Yes No

c. I am currently or have been in the past six (6) years an officer or member of the governing body of a political party, at the local, state, or national level. Yes No

d. I am currently or have been in the past six (6) years a paid consultant or employee of a federal, state, or local elected official or political candidate, campaign, or political action committee. Yes No

e. I am currently or have been in the past six (6) years an employee of the legislature. Yes No

f. I am currently or have been in the past six (6) years a lobbyist agent registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. Yes No

g. I am currently or have been in the past six (6) years an employee of a lobbyist registered with the Michigan Bureau of Elections. Yes No

h. I am a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, or spouse of a person to whom sections (a) through (g), above, would apply. Yes No

I understand that if randomly selected as one of 200 semi-finalists, *the entire contents of this application (except my street address, email, and phone number) will be made available online.*

Yes, I understand.

I understand that this application is a public document, and that my email and phone number will be kept confidential to the extent authorized by law. (For more information, go to [FAQ PAGE HERE])

Yes, I understand.

Thoughts/Feelings/Questions

What does the application process look like from start to finish?

Who's behind this application and how did it come about?

How long is this going to take and how many questions will I have to answer?

Thoughts/Feelings/Questions

"It's clear that the law we passed in November has some strict guidelines about who can and can't apply for this."

Why do we need all of these restrictions?

Why is this application going to be made public if I'm chosen?

6. If appointed to the Commission, you will be ineligible to hold a partisan elected office at the state, county, village, or township level in Michigan for five (5) years following the completion of your service. Do you understand that by serving on the Commission you are ineligible to hold these elected offices for five (5) years? Yes No

7. Serving on the Commission will require a time commitment of more than one year, on a varying part-time and full-time basis (approximately 20 – 40+ hours per week). Are you able to dedicate the necessary time to fulfill your duties as Commissioner in addition to your other personal and work obligations? Yes No

8. The salary of a commissioner is set by law at approximately \$40,000 per year. Being a commissioner also requires travel to public hearings across Michigan. With these financial and travel expectations in mind, will you be able to serve on the commission? Yes No

9. The Michigan constitution states, "each commissioner shall perform his or her duties in a manner that is impartial and reinforces public confidence in the integrity of the redistricting process." If selected, are you able to conduct yourself accordingly? Yes No

10. The Commission will be comprised of 13 commissioners: 4 commissioners who identify as Republican, 4 commissioners who identify as Democrat, and 5 commissioners who do not identify with either major party.

How do you identify yourself? (please select one)

a. I do not affiliate with either the Republican or Democratic Party.

b. I affiliate with the Republican Party.

c. I affiliate with the Democratic Party.

Thoughts/Feelings/Questions

"After reading this I have a better understanding of what my time commitment and compensation will look like. I'm also aware of how my participation could impact my future."

11. Please fill out the following basic demographic information.

The Secretary of State invites wide public participation in this Commission from communities across Michigan. Potential commissioners should "mirror the geographic and demographic makeup of the state." The demographic information you provide will help achieve that goal. We will use this data in our outreach efforts and in the next phase of the selection process, as mandated by the state constitution. If you have any questions about the next step of the process, please visit RedistrictingMichigan.org or contact [CONTACT].

a. Sex

i. Male

ii. Female

iii. N/A

b. Birth Year: _____

c. Race/Ethnicity (please select all that apply)

i. White/Caucasian (non-Hispanic)

ii. Black/African-American

iii. Hispanic/Latino

iv. American Indian/Alaska Native

v. Asian Indian

vi. Chinese

vii. Japanese

viii. Filipino

ix. Korean

x. Vietnamese

xi. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

xii. Other: _____

1. Full Name

a. First: _____

b. Middle: _____

c. Last: _____

2. Home Address

a. Street: _____

b. City: _____

c. State: MI

d. ZIP: _____

3. Temporary Mailing Address (if different than the address listed above)

a. Street: _____

b. City: _____

c. State: MI

d. ZIP: _____

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The Secretary of State may need to contact you regarding your application. What is the best way to reach you?

Phone 1: _____ Type: _____ Phone 2: _____ Type: _____

Email: _____

Thoughts/Feelings/Questions

"Now I know what I'm getting myself into and I'm excited about it. Let's fill in these details."

Questions #12-14 are meant to provide more information to the public and to the legislative leaders who will review the semi-finalist pool of 200 randomly-selected applicants. The Speaker of the House, House Minority Leader, Senate Majority Leader, and Senate Minority leader are each able to remove up to five (5) applicants from consideration.

We encourage you to think about these questions and answer honestly. Your application will still be considered complete for the random drawing even if you do not respond to these questions.

12. The constitution specifies that for a redistricting map to be adopted by the Commission, it must receive votes from Democratic, Republican, and unaffiliated commissioners. If selected, do you believe you will be able to collaborate with fellow commissioners to reach consensus? Yes No

13. Please explain why you identify politically as unaffiliated, Republican, or Democrat (as selected in question #9).

14. Why do you want to serve on the Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission?

Thoughts/Feelings/Questions

"It's nice to get the chance to express my feelings and not just check a few boxes. It seems like the care about selecting the right people."

How long should my answers be?

By signing below, I swear or affirm that the answers provided in this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and in particular attest that my political party affiliation as represented in this application is accurate.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Notary Public _____

[add info on how to get a notarized signature here]

If you would like help finding a notary to complete this application, please contact [CONTACT].

Thoughts/Feelings/Questions

Who will look this application?
What happens next?

