

## Documentary Proof of Citizenship Decline to Sign Quick Responses

1. Only Citizens should vote. **Yes, that is already the law in Michigan.**
2. The problem of non-citizens voting is virtually non-existent. **Michigan has a secure automatic voter registration system that will identify and flag any non-citizens attempting to vote.** In November 2024, only 15 people out of 5.7 million voters slipped through the system.
3. The petition demanding only citizens should vote is claiming to solve a problem, but **THAT PROBLEM DOESN'T EXIST. If this amendment were to pass, many new problems would appear.**
  - **Barriers to registration will disenfranchise** tens of thousands of Michigan citizens.
    - Many lack passports
    - Many have no easy access to birth certificates or name change documents
    - Even if we don't foresee moving, eventually most of us do.
  - **It is costly.**
    - Documents cost money to retrieve.
    - Educating voters and clerks about what they need will cost around \$2.5 million.
    - Voters and clerks will both spend time cutting through added red tape.
4. What about Absentee Voting?! **Many people who can't otherwise get to the polls will find Absentee Voting very difficult.**
  - **When applying for and voting an absentee ballot,** voters would provide EITHER an original or copy of acceptable ID, driver's license number or state ID number, or last four digits of their social security number. This would compromise either the secrecy of our ballots (if that information is inside the envelope), or compromise our identity (if it is on the outside).
  - **Who would it hit the hardest?** Deployed military personnel, the elderly, the disabled, college students, anybody with a last minute complication to voting such as being hospitalized or on a business trip.
5. What else? **Harsh penalties for election workers** in the event a mistake is made will lead to a reluctance to serve at the polls. This will make election day lines longer and more difficult for anyone who needs to budget their time closely.
6. **Politicians and out-of-state special interests** are trying to rewrite parts of our state constitution that Michigan voters already overwhelmingly approved in 2018 and 2022.

**Voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around.**