

## Tips to Avoid Long Lines on Election Day

**Avoid peak times:** If possible, you may want to vote from 9 to 11 am or 1 to 4 pm when lines are usually shorter

**Be informed:** The ballot is very long and has two sides, with more than 90 candidates running for 22 offices as well as ballot proposals to consider in most precincts. You can download a sample ballot at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) by looking up your voter registration and then viewing your ballot. This will allow you to look everything over ahead of time and do any research you would like. If you print the sample ballot to record your choices and bring it to the polls to record your votes onto an official ballot, be sure to keep it in your purse or pocket until you are in the privacy of the voting booth and make sure to take it with you after you are done voting.

Often the bottleneck in the precinct is that all the booths are full and people have to wait until a booth is open before we can issue a ballot. Knowing ahead of time which offices are being decided and reading over the language on the proposals means less time in the voting booth and better moving lines for those waiting.

**Be prepared:** Make sure you know where your polling location is so you don't wait in line at the wrong precinct only to have to go somewhere else. If you're not sure if you're registered, or to find your polling location, check [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote) or call your local Clerk's office.

Poll workers will ask you to show photo ID or sign an affidavit stating you don't have an ID. If you have your ID with you, having your ID out of your wallet and ready to present can help make things go quicker.