

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 HOUGHTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Houghton County on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026.**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS: The Townships of: Adams, Calumet, Chassell, Duncan, Elm River, Franklin, Hancock, Laird, Osceola, Portage, Quincy, Schoolcraft, Stanton, Torch Lake and the Cities of Hancock and Houghton.

COUNTY OF HOUGHTON, STATE OF MICHIGAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the above-mentioned townships and city who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township or City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at: www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 19, 2026.**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following:

Municipality	Address	Regular Business Hours	Hours on Saturday, October 31, 2026 or November 1, 2026	Hours on Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Adams Township	Township Office	Call 281-5616	Sunday-9 am to 5 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Calumet Township	Township Office	Monday to Thursday 8 am to 12 pm & 1-4 pm and Friday 8 am to 12 pm 337-2410	Saturday-8 am-4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Chassell Township	Township Office	Tuesdays 10 am-3 pm 523-4000	Saturday-9 am to 5 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Duncan Township	Clerk's residence, Sidnaw	Call 355-2439	Saturday-9 am to 5 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Elm River Township	Township Office	Call 281-4047	Saturday-9 am to 5 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Franklin Township	Township Office	Call 487-9073	Saturday-9 am to 1 pm & Sunday- 9 am to 1 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Hancock Township	Clerk's residence, Hancock	Call 281-1175	Saturday-8 am to 4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Laird Township	Clerk's residence, Pelkie	Call 338-2430	Saturday-9 am to 5 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Osceola Township	Township Office	Monday-Wednesday 9 am – 12 pm 482-8578	Saturday-9 am to 5 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Portage Township	Township Office	Monday to Thursday-9 am to 3 pm 482-4310	Saturday-8 am to 4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Quincy Township	Township Office	Call 281-4853	Saturday-8 am to 4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Schoolcraft Township	Township Office	9:00 am-Noon, Monday-Thursday 296-8721	Saturday-9 am to 5 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Stanton Township	Township Office Canal Rd	Call 370-1482	Saturday-8 am to 4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Torch Lake Township	Township Office	Call 296-0214	Saturday-8 am to 4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
City of Hancock	Clerk's Office	Monday-Friday- 8 am to 4:30 pm 482-2720	Saturday-8 am to 4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
City of Houghton	Clerk's Office	Monday-Friday-8 am to 4:30 pm 482-1700	Saturday-8 am to 4 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm

The offices to be elected are:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Member of the State Board of Education, Regents U of Michigan, Trustees Michigan State, Governors Wayne State, Justice Supreme Court, United States Senator, State Senator 38th District, Representative in Congress 1st District, Representative 110th District,

County: Drain Commissioner

City: Council Members

Local School District: Board Members

Townships: (Partial 2 year terms)
Portage-Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee
Hancock-Trustee
Chassell-Treasurer

Villages:
Copper City: Clerk, President-2 year term, Treasurer
Calumet Village: President-2 year term, Clerk-2 year term, and Trustees (2 & 4 year terms)
Lake Linden: President-2 year term and Trustee (4 year term)
Laurium: Trustee (4 year and 2 year term)
South Range-Trustee (4 year)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following proposals will appear on the ballot:

County Proposal:

COUNTY JAIL AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the County of Houghton, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Twenty Eight Million Dollars (\$28,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, payable in not to exceed thirty (30) years from the date of issuance of each series, for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs to acquire, construct, furnish and equip new county jail facilities, and remodel, re-construct, renovate, furnish and equip existing county buildings, including interests in land, site improvements, and parking improvements, together with rights-of-way, appurtenances and attachments thereto, and demolition of existing buildings? If approved, the estimated millage to be levied in the first year of the levy in 2027 is 1.2726 mills (\$1.2726 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.2722 mills (\$1.2722 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

Township Proposals:

Franklin Township:

Fire Department Fund Renewal

Shall the tax increase of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) which has been in effect previously in Franklin Township Precincts, and designated as "FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND" be continued for the ensuing 4 (four) years, namely: 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 inclusive, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$65,400?

Millage Proposal for Fire Apparatus Renewal

Shall Franklin Township impose an increase of .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levy it for 4 (four) years namely: 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 inclusive for Purchase of Fire Truck and other Firefighting Apparatus for the Township, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$16,350?

Millage Proposal for Roads Renewal

Shall Franklin Township impose an increase of 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value), which had been in effect previously, and levy it for 4 (four) years namely: 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 inclusive for Improvements to Public Roads within the Township, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$130,800?

City Proposal:

Hancock City:

Recreation Millage Renewal

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 0.80 mills (\$0.80 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all Real and Personal Property in the City of Hancock be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2027-2031 inclusive? Taxes so raised to be disbursed to the City of Hancock to be held in the Hancock Recreational Fund to be used exclusively for Hancock Recreational Improvements, which, if approved, will provide tax revenue up to an estimated \$128,664.00 in 2027.

Schools:

Stanton Township:

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE

AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW

17.5055 MILLS FOR 8 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Stanton Township Public Schools, 50870 Holman School Road, Atlantic Mine, Michigan 49905-9262, telephone: (906) 482-2797.

Copper Country Intermediate School District:

SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE PROPOSAL
0.2903 MILLS FOR 20 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Copper Country Intermediate School District, 809 Hecla Street, Hancock, Michigan 49930-1212, telephone: (906) 482-4250.

District Library:

Hancock Area District Library:

Library Millage Proposal

Shall the Hancock Area District Library, County of Houghton, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 0.70 mill (\$0.70 per each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Hancock Area District Library district for a period of five (5) years, 2026 through 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Hancock Area District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Hancock Area District Library in the first year (2026) is approximately \$200,000. By law, a portion of the revenue from the millage may be subject to capture by the Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026
LAST DAY FOR VOTER REGISTRATION OTHER THAN IN-PERSON

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the appropriate clerk's office.

This notice is given as required by law (MCL 168.498(3)).

JENNIFER KELLY
HOUGHTON COUNTY CLERK & REGISTER OF DEEDS
on behalf of:

Debra Pindral, Adams Township Clerk
Robin Hicks, Calumet Township Clerk
Bethany Baetsen, Chassell Township Clerk
Kathy Allen, Duncan Township Clerk
Sherri Brandt, Elm River Township Clerk
Christina Anderson, Franklin Township Clerk
Amy Jo Maki, Hancock Township Clerk
Robin Henry, Laird Township Clerk

Christa Gardner, Osceola Township Clerk
Janelle Datto, Portage Township Clerk
Beth Helminen, Quincy Township Clerk
Betty Anttila, Schoolcraft Township Clerk
Tina Hatman, Stanton Township Clerk
Lou Ambuehl, Torch Lake Township Clerk
Linda Kalinec, City of Hancock Clerk
Amy Zawada, City of Houghton Clerk