

HOUGHTON COUNTY CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Houghton County on **TUESDAY, November 4, 2025.** **There will be NO Early Voting Center for this Election.**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS in the Townships of: : Calumet Charter-Village of Copper City Voters only, Duncan-ETC School voters only, Franklin, Hancock, Portage Charter-Houghton School voters only, Quincy 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 20, 2025.**

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, November 1, 2025	Hours on Tuesday, November 4, 2025
Calumet Township- Precinct 2 only- Village of Copper City voters only	Township Office	Monday to Thursday 8:00 am-Noon & 1:00-4:00 pm. Friday 8 am-Noon 337-2410	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Duncan Township-ETC School voters only	Clerk's residence, Interior Township	By Appointment 852-3415	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Franklin Township	Township Office	By Appointment 482-0973	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Hancock Township	Township Office	By Appointment 281-1175	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Portage Township- Houghton School voters only	Township Office	9:00 am-3:00 pm Monday-Thursday 482-4310	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
Quincy Township	Township Office	By Appointment 281-4853	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
City of Hancock	Clerk's Office	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. 482-2720	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm

City of Houghton	Clerk's Office	Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 482-1700	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	7:00 am – 8:00 pm
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following proposals will appear on the ballot:

City Proposals:

City of Houghton:

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 1

Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter

It is proposed that the City of Houghton Charter be amended to change all gender specific terminology to gender neutral terms, making it clear that the Charter applies equally to all persons regardless of gender.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 2

Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter Section 2.9 Conflict of Interest

It is proposed that this section be amended to (1) prohibit private gain by public officials and employees, specify events that create a potential conflict of interest, require officials and employees to notify the clerk of potential conflicts of interest, and prohibit officials or employees from participating in or voting or acting upon any potential conflict (excepting employment agreements and any action where a public official or employee receives a benefit as a member of the public); and (2) require the city council to create a conflict of interest ordinance.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 3

Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter Section 2.6 Filling Vacancies

It is proposed that this section be amended to change the appointment period from 30 to 60 days for the city council to fill a vacancy in the office of a city council member, but if a vacancy is not filled within 60 days, to require that the election authorities call a special election to fill the vacancy at the next regular state election date; while permitting vacancies occurring within 90 days of the next regular city election to be filled at that election.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL NO. 4

Amendment to the City of Houghton Charter Section 3.2 Biennial and Special Elections

It is proposed that this section be amended to remove the requirement for concurrence by the county elections scheduling committee for special elections, the requirement that a special election be called at least 45 days in advance of the election, and to allow for special elections to be held when called by resolution of the city council in accordance with state authorized elections dates.

Shall the amendment as proposed be adopted?

Village Proposal:

Copper City:

Renewal of Fire Protection Millage

Shall the Village of Copper City be authorized to renew the previously approved levy of a millage not to exceed .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), against all taxable property within the Village, from Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2029, inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection to Village residents, in accordance with the Fire Protection Agreement with the Village of Ahmeek?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1074.84 in the first year of the levy based on the taxable value.

School Proposals:

Hancock Schools:

HANCOCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$13,000,000

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Hancock Public Schools, 501 Campus Drive, Hancock, Michigan 49930-1573, telephone: (906) 487-5925.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

Houghton-Portage Township Schools:

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

PROPOSAL EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW 17.1103 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Houghton-Portage Township School District, 1603 Gundlach Road, Houghton, Michigan 49931-2699, telephone: (906) 482-0450.

Ewen Trout Creek Schools:
(Duncan Township voters)

**EWEN-TROUT CREEK CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.0592 mills (\$19.0592 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Ewen-Trout Creek Consolidated School District, Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2027 to 2036, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2027 is approximately \$1,692,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2026 tax levy)?

MONDAY, October 20, 2025

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 hereby given as required by law (MCL 168.498(3)).

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

Robin Hicks, Calumet Township Clerk
Beth Helminen, Quincy Township Clerk
Elizabeth Aho, Franklin Township Clerk
Linda Kalinec, City of Hancock Clerk
Wade Boan, Interior Township Clerk

Janelle Datto, Portage Township Clerk
Kathy Allen, Duncan Township Clerk
Amy Jo Maki, Hancock Township Clerk
Amy Zawada, City of Houghton Clerk