## **YOUR VOTER RIGHTS 2020**

## **ABSENTEE VOTING--NEW RULES!**

Because of new voting rules voted into law in the 2018 election, every voter can vote absentee. In effect, voters in Michigan can vote by mail! Just fill out a Permanent Absentee Voter Application Request Card (Cass Co only) and mail it to your Clerk. You will automatically receive an Absentee Voter Application in the mail for every election. If you want to vote by mail, send the application back to your Clerk and you will receive your ballot in the mail before the election.

Check your Voter Registration and download a Voter Registration Form www.michigan.gov/vote

## Did you know??

1. You do <u>not</u> need a drivers license or photo ID to vote in Michigan.

If you don't have a photo ID, or don't have it with you, <u>you can still vote a regular ballot</u>. You will be required to sign your name on an affidavit on the back of your application, but <u>you can vote if your name</u> is in the poll book. If not in the poll book, you can vote a *provisional* ballot, that may be verified later.

- 2. Felons can vote! If not serving a jail sentence, you can vote if registered
- 3. You can take a list of candidates into the voting booth, but don't leave it. You can take a helper into the voting booth—tell the election workers.
- **4. If your ballot gets rejected, ask for a new one.** Voting is not an easy process and the Election Workers are there to help. Ask for assistance if you need it!
- 5. If you are in line by the time polls close, you have the right to vote.

  Don't let anyone harass you during the voting process or while you're in line. If you feel your vote is being interfered with tell the election workers, they are there to help.

In the November General Election you can vote 'straight ticket' for all candidates of Democratic, Republican or other Parties by checking one Party box. However, you can vote straight ticket AND also vote for individual candidates of other parties. Check the Party box, and vote for candidates of other parties as you like. Every vote counts.