

State of Michigan Ballot Proposals



**GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC CLUB LUNCHEON
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- **A proposal to authorize :**

- Automatic and Election Day voter registration
- No-reason absentee voting
- Straight ticket voting
- And add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution.

Supporters and Opponents



Supporters

Promote the Vote

- American Civil Liberties Union, New York
- Michigan League Of Conservation Voters
- Samson Energy Company
- American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan
- Sixteen Thirty Fund
- United Auto Workers
- Campaign for Democracy, California
- Steven Laufer, Federal Reserve
- Rachel Bendit, Ann Arbor
- National Education Association
- American Federation of Teachers

Opponents

- **Protect My Vote/Michigan Freedom Fund**
- **West Michigan Policy Forum**
- **Business Leaders for Michigan**
- **Michigan Farm Bureau**

Proposal 18-3

Funding Sources

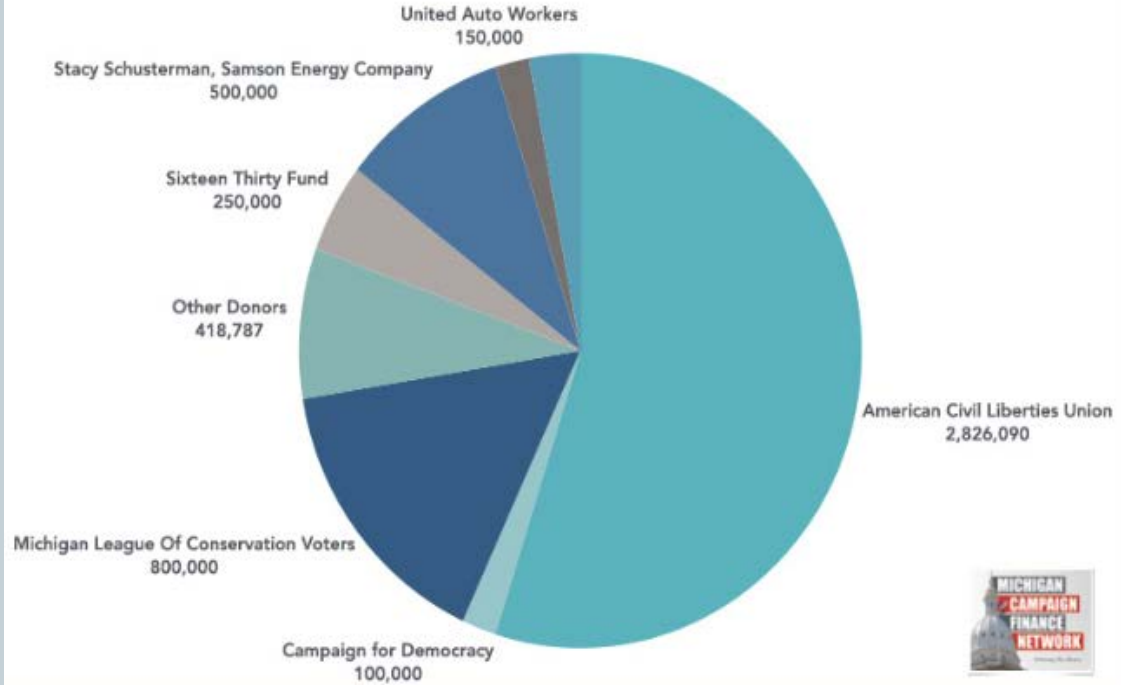
Supporters

- How much RAISED: \$5.14 million
- How much SPENT: \$3.99 million
- Individual contributions reported: 3,195

Top contributors:

- ACLU, New York, \$2.48 million
- Michigan League Of Conservation Voters, \$800,000
- Samson Energy Company, \$500,000
- ACLU - Michigan, \$325,153
- Sixteen Thirty Fund, \$250,000
- United Auto Workers, \$150,000
- Campaign for Democracy, California, \$100,000

Donors To Promote The Vote





This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.
- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day.
- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.



- A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a **commission of citizens** with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years.

Supporters and Opponents



Supporters

Voters Not Politicians

- Sixteen Thirty Fund, Washington D.C.
- Action Now Initiative, Texas
- SEIU-United Healthcare Workers
- Kathryn Murdoch, Quadrivium Foundation
- Samson Energy
- The Baupost Group LLC, Boston
- National Redistricting Action Fund
- Beckwith Constitutional Liberties Fund, East Lansing nonprofit
- National Education Association
- Green Advocacy Project

- State Democratic Political Leaders

Opponents

Protect My Vote

- Michigan Freedom Fund

- West Michigan Policy Forum

- Grand Rapids Chamber

- Michigan Farm Bureau

- Business Leaders for Michigan

- State Republican Political Leaders



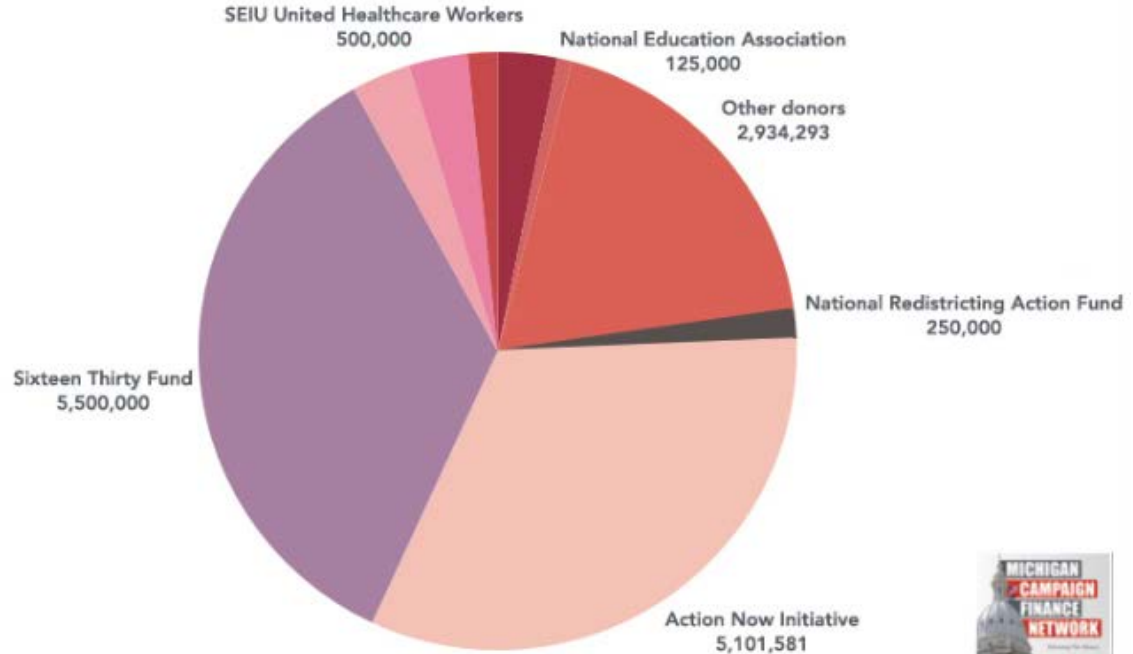
Supporters

- **How much RAISED:** \$15.65 million
- **How much SPENT:** \$10,999,781
- **Individual contributions:** 28,837

Top contributors:

- Sixteen Thirty Fund, Washington D.C., \$5.5 million
- Action Now Initiative, Texas, \$5.1 million
- SEIU-United Healthcare Workers, \$500,000
- Kathryn Murdoch, Quadrivium Foundation, \$500,000
- Stacy Schusterman, Samson Energy, \$500,000
- The Baupost Group LLC, Boston, \$250,000
- National Redistricting Action Fund, \$250,000
- Beckwith Constitutional Liberties Fund, East Lansing nonprofit, \$150,000
- National Education Association, \$125,000
- Green Advocacy Project, \$100,000

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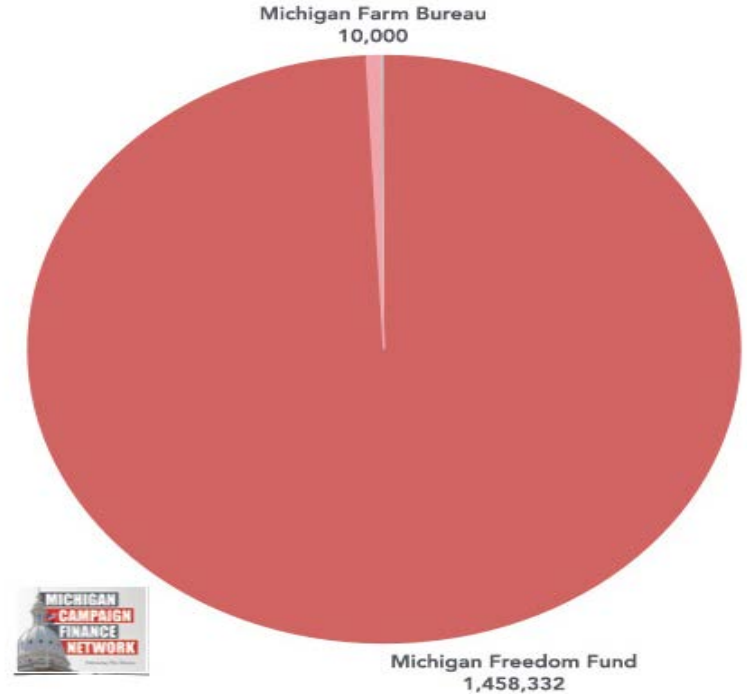
Opponents

- How much RAISED: \$1.47 million
- How much SPENT: \$133,232
- Individual contributions : 21

Top contributors:

- Michigan Freedom Fund, \$1.45 million
- Michigan Farm Bureau, \$10,000

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This proposal would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
 - 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
 - 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.
 - Minimums for Commissioners salaries are required at 25% of the Governor's salary and at least 25% of the budget of the Secretary of State



- A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers.

Overview of Proposal 18-1 Recreational Marijuana



This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.
- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.
- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.
- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.
- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.



Supporters

The Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol

- Marijuana Policy Project, Washington D.C
- Smokers Outlet, Troy,
- Marijuana Policy Project Foundation, Washington D.C,
- MI Legalize 2018, East Lansing
- Kevin McCaffery, RBK Enterprises, Ann Arbor
- New Approach PAC, Washington, D.C.
- Sam Usman Jr., UPM LLC, East Lansing
- KX3 Superwall LLC, Royal Oak
- DKT Liberty, Washington D.C
- Susan Ruiz, scientist, Massachusetts

Opponents

Healthy and Productive Michigan

- Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action, Virginia
- Michigan Energy First, Okemos
- J.C. Huizenga, Huizenga Group,
- Gerard Anderson, DTE Energy
- Mark Murray
- Business Leaders for Michigan
- ITC Holdings Corp
- Jerry Norcia, DTE Energy
- Fannie Lou Hamer PAC
- William Parfet, Hickory Corners

Other:

- West Michigan Policy Forum
- 56 Prosecutors
- 54 Communities that Care Coalitions
- 73 Public Health/Substance Abuse groups

Proposal 18-1 Funding Sources in Support

Supporters

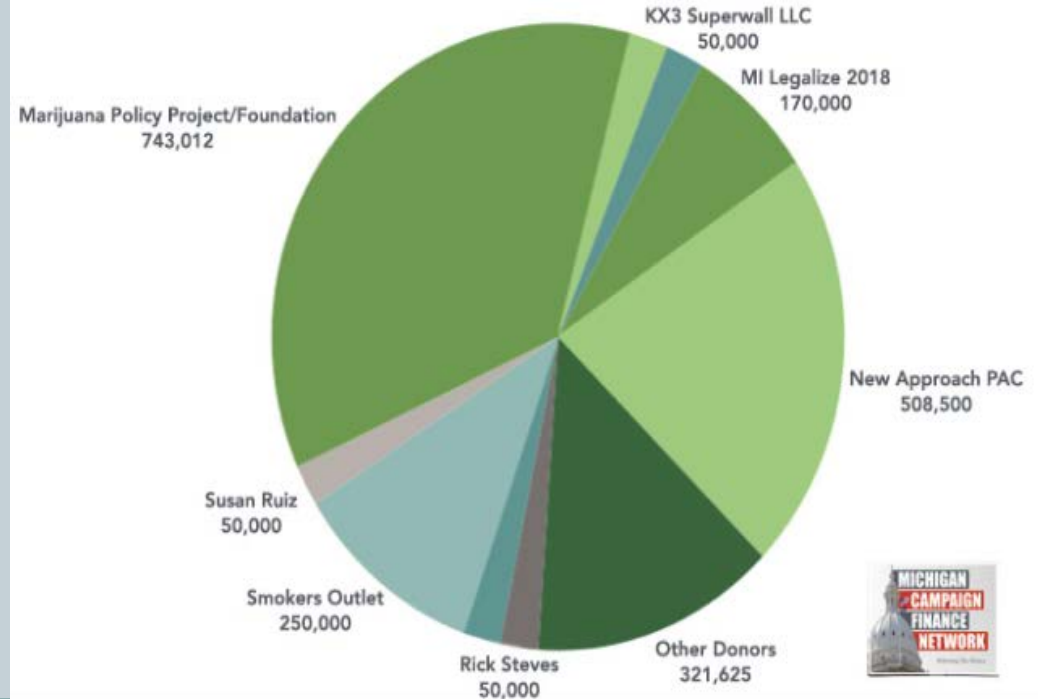
- How much RAISED: \$2.33 million
- How much SPENT: \$1.41 million
- Individual contributions: 966

Top contributors:

- Marijuana Policy Project, Washington D.C, \$444,205
- Smokers Outlet, Troy, \$250,000
- Marijuana Policy Project Foundation, Washington D.C, \$188,807
- MI Legalize 2018, East Lansing, \$170,000
- Kevin McCaffery, RBK Enterprises, Ann Arbor, \$95,000
- New Approach PAC, Washington, D.C., \$90,000
- Sam Usman Jr., UPM LLC, East Lansing, \$50,000
- KX3 Superwall LLC, Royal Oak, \$50,000
- DKT Liberty, Washington D.C, \$50,000
- Susan Ruiz, scientist, Massachusetts, \$50,000



Donors To Coalition To Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol



Proposal 18-1 Funding Sources in Opposition

Opponents

- How much RAISED: \$1.62 million
- How much SPENT: \$666,746
- Individual contributions : 99

Top contributors:

- Smart Approaches to Marijuana Action, Virginia, \$1,060,254
- Michigan Energy First, Okemos, \$250,000
- J.C. Huizenga, Huizenga Group, \$51,000
- Gerard Anderson, DTE Energy, \$50,000
- Mark Murray, Meijer, \$50,000
- Business Leaders for Michigan, \$50,000
- ITC Holdings Corp, \$50,000
- Jerry Norcia, DTE Energy, \$15,000
- Fannie Lou Hamer PAC, \$15,000
- William Parfet, Hickory Corners, \$10,000

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