

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 7th CIRCUIT COURT FOR GENESEE COUNTY

MICHIGAN FAIR ELECTIONS INSTITUTE
Plaintiff,

Case No: 25- 54292 -CZ

v.

Hon. _____

GENESEE COUNTY CLERK
Defendant

BRIAN S. PICKELL
P-57411

Thomas J. Lambert (P86348)
Thomas J. Lambert, PLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
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There are no other pending or resolved civil actions arising out of the same transactions or occurrences alleged in this Complaint.

COMPLAINT

NOW COMES Plaintiff MICHIGAN FAIR ELECTIONS INSTITUTE, by and through counsel, and complains as follows:

INTRODUCTION

This case arises under the Michigan *Freedom of Information Act* ("FOIA"); MCL 15.231 *et seq.* Plaintiff MICHIGAN FAIR ELECTIONS INSTITUTE submitted a valid FOIA request to Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK which was denied.

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff MICHIGAN FAIR ELECTIONS INSTITUTE ("MFEI") is a Michigan not-for-profit organization that researches, collects, and analyzes data related to issues involving voting and elections.

2. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK is the office of county clerk organized under the laws of the State of Michigan for the County of Genesee.

3. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK is a "public body" as that term is defined by MCL 15.232(h).

JURISDICTION

4. This Court has jurisdiction by statute pursuant to MCL 15.240(1).

5. Venue is proper in this case pursuant to 15.240(4) as an office of the public body is located within the County of Genesee.

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

June 13, 2025, FOIA Request

6. On June 13, 2025, MFEI submitted a valid FOIA request to all 83 county clerks in the State, including Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK [hereinafter the "June 13 FOIA Request"].

7. A fair and accurate copy of the June 13 FOIA Request is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

8. The June 13 FOIA Request sought a "list of voters" from each county for the May 6, 2025, Special Election.

9. On June 17, 2025, an employee for Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK responded neither granting nor denying the request but instead indicating that the fields "Voter ID" and "Is Absentee Voter" would be redacted and asking if Plaintiff MFEI would still like to proceed with the request.

10. Through further emails, on June 24, 2025, the employee explained that Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK had received a memo from the Michigan Bureau of Elections expressly sent in response to MFEI's June 13 FOIA Request in which the Bureau urged local clerks to not disclose an individual's method of voting in specific circumstances where a very low number of votes could result in determining how an individual voted.

11. A fair and accurate copy of these communications is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

12. A fair and accurate copy of the memo from the Bureau of Elections is attached hereto as **Exhibit 3**.

13. On June 25, 2025, before Plaintiff MFEI could respond to the employee further, Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK denied the June 13 FOIA Request in its entirety [hereinafter the "June 25 Denial"].

14. A fair and accurate copy of the June 25 Denial is attached hereto as **Exhibit 4**.

15. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK claimed that it did not possess the records requested.

16. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK also claimed that the requested records could be obtained via an in-person request at the Genesee County Clerk's office for a fee of \$31.00.

17. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK provided no other basis for the denial and did not invoke any exemptions to FOIA.

18. At the time of this Complaint, Plaintiff MFEI has received no records from Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK pursuant to the June 13 FOIA Request.

**COUNT I
WRONGFUL DENIAL – MCL 15.240**

19. Plaintiff MFEI incorporates by reference the previous allegations as if set forth word for word herein.

20. Plaintiff MFEI submitted a valid FOIA request to Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK.

21. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK possesses and/or has access to public records that are responsive to the June 13 FOIA Request.

22. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK wrongfully denied the June 13 FOIA Request.

23. The records requested via the June 13 FOIA Request are not entirely exempt from FOIA.

24. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK acted arbitrarily and capriciously in its denial.

25. Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK acted intentionally or otherwise in bad faith.

26. As a result of Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff MFEI has incurred attorney fees, costs, and disbursements which must be paid by Defendant pursuant to MCL 15.240(6).

RELIEF REQUESTED

Plaintiff MFEI respectfully requests this Court to:

- a. Find that Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK unlawfully denied the June 13 FOIA Request;
- b. Find that Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK acted arbitrarily and capriciously;

- c. Find that Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK acted willfully and intentionally or otherwise acted in bad faith;
- d. Enter an order against Defendant GENESEE COUNTY CLERK compelling the disclosure of the public records requested via the June 13 FOIA Request;
- e. Enter an order awarding attorney fees, costs, and disbursements pursuant to MCL 15.240(6);
- f. Enter an order awarding all punitive damages and imposing all civil fines authorized by the FOIA;
- g. Grant all other relief that this Court deems equitable and just.

Date: August 4, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Thomas J. Lambert

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Exhibit 1

June 13, 2025, FOIA Request



MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>

FOIA - May 6th, 2025 Special Election _ County List of Voters

1 message

MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>

Fri, Jun 13, 2025 at 1:44 PM

To: foia@mifairelections.org

Bcc: seller@alcona-county.net, tsomers@alcona-county.net, clerk@alcona-county.net, jvandevelde@algercounty.gov, cgoetz@algercounty.gov, bgenetski@allegancounty.org, jporter@allegancounty.org, DTaylor@allegancounty.org, bertrandk@alpenacounty.org, clerk@antrimcountymi.gov, wingc@antrimcountymi.gov, FOIArequest@antrimcountymi.gov, nselle@arenacountymi.gov, goodreauw@baragacounty.org, county_Clerk@barrycounty.org, baycountyclerk@baycountymi.gov, tbowers@benzieco.net, sloarporter@berriencounty.org, mail@sf-notifications.com, kklemesrud@berriencounty.org, elections@berriencounty.org, tkubasiak@countyofbranch.com, countyclerk@countyofbranch.com, clerk-rod@calhouncountymi.gov, ebrown@calhouncountymi.gov, jstout@calhouncountymi.gov, monicam@cassco.org, AmbrosiaN@cassco.org, clerk@cassco.org, drostj@charlevoixcounty.org, kaminskik@charlevoixcounty.org, clerk@charlevoixcounty.org, clerk@cheboygancounty.net, bev@cheboygancounty.net, swoodgate@chippewacountymi.gov, lwilson@chippewacountymi.gov, Clerk@chippewacountymi.gov, elections@clareco.net, 55thcourt@clareco.net, clerk@clinton-county.org, elections@clinton-county.org, jmccain@clinton-county.org, hfrancis@clinton-county.org, smoore@clinton-county.org, slmedler@clinton-county.org, clerk@deltacountymi.org, clerkcarol@dickinsoncountymi.gov, clerkbrenda@dickinsoncountymi.gov, dbosworth@eatoncounty.org, countyclerk@eatoncounty.org, skanine@emmetcounty.org, ahughey@emmetcounty.org, elections@geneseecountymi.gov, foia@geneseecountymi.gov, khulme@gladwincounty-mi.gov, countyclerk@gladwincounty-mi.gov, RCollins@gogebiccountymi.gov, dfrello@gogebiccountymi.gov, clerk@gogebiccountymi.gov, gtcclerk@gtcountymi.gov, athompson@gratiotmi.com, gratiotcountyclerk@yahoo.com, clerkcopier@gratiotmi.com, mkast@co.hillsdale.mi.us, a.dane@co.hillsdale.mi.us, countyclerk@houghtoncounty.net, renee@houghtoncounty.net, neall@co.huron.mi.us, PetersonA@co.huron.mi.us, boc@co.huron.mi.us, clerk@ingham.org, bbennett@ingham.org, clerk@ioniacounty.org, NHuebel@ioscocoounty.org, kflory@ioscocoounty.org, countyclerk@ioscocoounty.org, adonati@ironmi.org, jgrell@ironmi.org, mlux@isabellacounty.org, cembrey@isabellacounty.org, fengler@isabellacounty.org, jjałoszynski@isabellacounty.org, thutchinson@isabellacounty.org, foiaadmin@isabellacounty.org, clerk@isabellacounty.org, csowle@mijackson.org, jcrews@mijackson.org, mxplac@kalkcounty.com, dhill@kalkaskacourt.org, clerk-register@kentcountymi.gov, rob.macomber@kentcountymi.gov, michael.sullivan@kentcountymi.gov, clerk@keweenawcountymi.gov, deputyclerk@keweenawcountymi.gov, ppacola@co.lake.mi.us, tlandis@co.lake.mi.us, jtaylor@co.lake.mi.us, clerk@co.lake.mi.us, tspencer@leelanau.gov, mcrocker@leelanau.gov, clerk@leelanau.gov, ksmielewski@leelanau.gov, jzywicki@co.leelanau.mi.us, ldrzewiecki@co.leelanau.mi.us, roxann.holloway@lenawee.mi.us, phyllis.escott@lenawee.mi.us, ehundley@livgov.com, jbridgman@livgov.com, countyclerk@livgov.com, sprice@lucecounty.gov, macclerk@mackinacounty.net, clerksoffice@macombgov.org, Candice.Donato@macombgov.org, clerk@manistee-county.org, Italsma@mqtc.org, bhubbard@mqtc.org, countyclerk@mqtc.org, cakelly@masoncounty.net, MCClerk@mecostacounty.org, BOC@mecostacounty.org, mkleiman@menomineeeco.com, amanary@co.midland.mi.us, JGilkins@co.midland.mi.us, clerk@missaukee.org, circuit@missaukee.org, annamarie_osment@monroemi.org, grace_drewior@monroemi.org, kmillard@montcalm.us, cneilsen@montcountymi.org, jmorton@montcountymi.org, buieka@co.muskegon.mi.us, Clerk@muskegoncounty.net, jasonv@co.newaygo.mi.us, clerk@oakgov.com, aanderson@oceanami.us, mcoon@oceanami.us, gildnerb@ocmi.us, dolehanaty@ocmi.us, turnert@ocmi.us, spreiss@ontonagoncounty.org, oscclerk1@osceolacountymi.com, agalbraith@oscodacountymi.com, sdefeyter@otsegocountymi.gov, cstinson@otsegocountymi.gov, dstubli@otsegocountymi.gov, landerson@otsegocountymi.gov, countyclerk@miottawa.org, piclerk@picounty.org, stevensonm@roscommoncounty.net, clerk@roscommoncounty.net, yguerra@saginawcounty.com, kbstwick@saginawcounty.com, drodgers@saginawcounty.com, boc@saginawcounty.com, countyclerk@sanilacounty.net, clerk@schoolcraftcounty.us, FOIA@shiawassee.net, cwilson@shiawassee.net, awaters@stclaircounty.org, elections@stclaircounty.org, eversong@stjosephcountymi.org, countyclerk@stjosephcountymi.org, renee@tuscolacounty.org, jfetting@tuscolacounty.org, clerk@vanburencountymi.gov, Gumperts@vanburencountymi.gov, kestenbauml@washtenaw.org, cgarrett@co.wayne.mi.us, clerkhelp@waynecounty.com, clerk@wexfordcounty.org, mswanberg@wexfordcounty.org, FOIA@wexfordcounty.org

BCC: Michigan County Clerks, Deputy County, and/or County FOIA Clerks,

On behalf of [Michigan Fair Elections Institute](#), I am requesting a complete "List of Voters" from your respective county for the May 6th, 2025 Special Election. The State of Michigan did not publish the statewide May vote results in the June 1st QVF. I understand the statewide list will be shared by COB on June 13. The reason for the delay publishing May vote history records was "There were updates to these

records on June 11, 2025". To be clear, we desire a list of voters from each county even though we anticipate receiving the statewide list in the near future.

It is our goal to compare the statewide list from the BOE to the list provided by each county. Both lists should match if an accurate list of voters from the May election is provided from our QVF system. We will also be using the "Statement of Votes Cast" county report for validation purposes. If you have not posted this report to your website, we request that you include this report along with the "List of Voters".

The minimum required headers for this list of voters contain but not limited to:
Voter_Identification_Number, County, Jurisdiction, Precinct, Election_Date, Is_absentee_voter

Here are a few Michigan citations relevant to our FOIA request:

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Per [MCL 168.509q \(f\)](#), the QVF must maintain voter history for at least 5 years.

Per MCL - [Act 442 of 1976](#), FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, 15.243 Exemptions from disclosure

If there was not a special election in your county on May 6th, 2025 please confirm this fact via return email to mifairelectionsdeep@gmail.com. As a last note we would like to keep you informed about reporting related to county FOIA requests. This [MFEI report](#) shows results from our last FOIA request effort involving all 83 Michigan counties.

Take Care,
Tim Vetter - DEEP Co-Chair
6505 Arrowhead Ct, Davisburg, MI 48350
Email: mifairelectionsdeep@gmail.com
Cell: 248-462-5025 (text first to confirm identity)



Exhibit 2

Communications



MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>

RE: FOIA - May 6th, 2025 Special Election _ County List of Voters

1 message

Yope, Ellen <EYope@geneseecountymi.gov>
To: MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 24, 2025 at 2:08 PM

Attached is the BOE memo we received, anything further would likely require a FOIA request through our county FOIA office. If you would still like a voter list, we can get started on the payment process for that associated fee.

From: MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 1:51 PM
To: Yope, Ellen <EYope@geneseecountymi.gov>
Subject: Re: FOIA - May 6th, 2025 Special Election _ County List of Voters

Warning: Unusual sender <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>

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Can you please provide the documentation you received about redacting the VID and voting method?

Jennifer Brogley and Tim Vetter on behalf of MFEI

On Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 9:25 PM MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you,

Jennifer Brogley on behalf of MFEI

On Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 7:07 AM Yope, Ellen <EYope@geneseecountymi.gov> wrote:

That is the guidance we receive from the State Bureau of Elections, as they are the owner of the database we are pulling this list from.

From: MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 22, 2025 6:50 PM
To: Yope, Ellen <EYope@geneseecountymi.gov>
Subject: Re: FOIA - May 6th, 2025 Special Election _ County List of Voters

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Before we receive a list of voters for our FOIA request. Can you please cite the FOIA law or share who is giving you this direction which requires you to redact the "Voter ID number" and "Is Absentee Voter" information.

Thank you,

Tim Vetter

On Tue, Jun 17, 2025 at 7:19 AM Yope, Ellen <EYope@geneseecountymi.gov> wrote:

Hello,

Thank you for your request. I do want to make it clear that any voter list from the May 2025 Election, would have to have the "Voter ID number" and "Is Absentee Voter" information redacted. Would you still like to proceed with this voter list request?

-Ellen

From: MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2025 1:45 PM

To: foia@mifairelections.org

Subject: FOIA - May 6th, 2025 Special Election _ County List of Voters

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Copy of 6-16-2025 BOE memo.pdf

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Exhibit 3

June 16, 2025, Memo from Bureau of Elections



STATE OF MICHIGAN
JOCELYN BENSON, SECRETARY OF STATE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
LANSING

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 16, 2025
To: Michigan County Clerks, Deputy Clerks, and/or County FOIA Specialists
From: Adam Fracassi, Deputy Director of Elections
Subject: Public disclosure of voters' method of voting

The Michigan Bureau of Election (Bureau) is aware that county clerks recently received a Freedom of Information Act request from an organization known as Michigan Fair Elections Institute. The request acknowledges that the organization anticipates receiving the Bureau's voter list report for the May 6, 2025, election by the close of business on June 13, 2025; separately requests the same list from each of Michigan's 83 counties; and indicates that the organization intends to compare the state and county reports, along with the statement of votes cast report, to ensure they match.

Further, the request states that the minimum required headers for the voter list are the following: Voter_Identification_Number, County, Jurisdiction, Precinct, Election_Date, Is_absentee_voter. This last header, "Is_absentee_voter," would disclose the method by which an individual voter cast their vote and is not included in the Bureau's report.

On March 4, 2024, the Bureau sent an email notice to clerks in which it informed clerks of changes to future public reporting of voters' method of voting. That notice is included in its entirety below. In the notice, the Bureau explained why reporting on an individual's method of voting fails to ensure Michigan's constitutional guarantee of a secret ballot.

On March 25, 2024, a lawsuit was filed arguing that the Michigan Election Law requires voter-specific reporting on the method of voting regardless of constitutional guarantees. *Mantravadi v Bureau of Elections*, Case No. 24-000038-MZ. That lawsuit is ongoing, and given this pending litigation on the subject, clerks are reminded that the method of voting may not be released. Questions about a county's responsibility to respond to your respective FOIA request on this topic should be directed to your county attorney.

March 4, 2024, email notice to clerks:

Dear Clerks:

As you are aware, the Michigan Election Law requires that election results be reported on a precinct level, and that election results also be broken down by the specific method of voting: early, absentee, and Election Day. Additionally, Michigan's constitution guarantees that voters have a right to a secret ballot. Const 1963, art 2, § 4.

With the expansion of the methods of voting (early, absentee, and on Election Day), jurisdictions may have limited number of voters utilizing any one of these methods of voting in a particular precinct. In situations in which there are a very low number of votes in an individual precinct or early voting location, there may be a risk that it is possible to determine how an individual is voted if voter history reports are combined with election results.

Accordingly, the Bureau is taking several steps to ensure that all voter history data, including method of voting, is stored and retained in QVF, but that when QVF data is publicly disclosed the voter's right to a secret ballot is preserved. Clerks should consult with their attorneys for specific information on how to respond to any FOIA requests, but should be sure to safeguard the secrecy of voter ballots when releasing QVF data.

First, the Bureau will continue to provide voter history in response to public records requests but will no longer provide the *method* of voting in these reports. The existing voter history report is being amended to remove the method of voting (although the method will still be retained in QVF). When releasing voter history in response to a public records request, the report will still provide the voter's name, address, jurisdiction, and information related to whether they voted as a simple yes/no. The report will not indicate whether each particular voter voted early, absentee, or in person on election day.

Again, this information will remain in QVF and be accessible to clerks and their staff for administration purposes; however, it should not be released in response to a public records request. You may continue to release voter history information but should not release the specific method of voting.

The Bureau will continue to provide total numbers broken down by method of voting. For example, the Bureau will continue to report that [x] voters voted early, [x] voted by absentee, and [x] voted on election day. This information can also be released broken down by county.

Additionally, if you receive requests for a copy or inspection of a pollbook, you should first review the poll book to determine the number of voters. If there are a limited number of voters on a particular day or in a particular precinct, compare that number to the canvass results to see if the way that voter voted could be determined by comparing the pollbook and election returns. By doing this, if you could be able to see how a particular voter voted, you should copy the pollbook and then redact the voter's name and any other personally identifiable information such as address. You should then provide the redacted pollbook in response to the records request.

Please keep in mind that FOIA authorizes a public body to charge to determine whether information should be redacted and to redact the information. You should talk to your attorney for specific information on how to bill for such requests and whether this applies to your jurisdiction.

As always, thank you for your work, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Bureau.

Exhibit 4

June 25, 2025, Denial



MFEI DEEP <mifairelections.deep@gmail.com>

Your Genesee County, Michigan public records request #25-727 has been closed.

1 message

Genesee County FOIA Specialist <messages@nextrequest.com>

Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 1:12 PM

Reply-To: geneseecountymi_25-727-requester-notes@inbound.nextrequest.com

To: mifairelections.deep@gmail.com

-- Attach a non-image file and/or reply ABOVE THIS LINE with a message, and it will be sent to staff on this request. --

Genesee County, Michigan Public Records

Record request #25-727 has been closed. The closure reason supplied was:

To: Tim Vetter, Michigan Fair Elections Institute (MFEI)

This correspondence is in response to your public records request (**#25-727**) submitted to Genesee County's FOIA Specialist. Your request was deemed officially received on June 17, 2025, and has been processed pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), MCL 15.231 *et seq.* **** Genesee County government offices were closed for business on Thursday, June 19, 2025, for the Juneteenth holiday.**

I understand your FOIA request to be for a copy of **"a complete "List of Voters" from your respective county for the May 6th, 2025, Special Election."** In responding to your FOIA request, please be advised that I relied upon and received information from Genesee County Clerk's Office and Corporation Counsel, I hereby certify.

Your FOIA request is denied.

Please be advised that Section 3 of the Act requires the public body to provide, upon written request, copies of, or the opportunity to inspect, a public record. MCL 15.233. The Act does not require a public body to make a compilation, summary, or report of information, or to create a new public record. MCL 15.233 (4)-(5). Genesee County government does not maintain a record that provides the information you seek.

Furthermore, the Qualified Voter File (QVF) is a statewide computerized system that is owned, maintained, and operated by the State of Michigan, Bureau of Elections. Although the Genesee County Clerk, in his official capacity may access the QVF system, ultimately the data within thereof does not belong to this public body, i.e., Genesee County.

IMPORTANT:

The Election Division of the Genesee County Clerk's Office, located in the Genesee County Administration Building, 1st floor, [1101 Beach Street, Flint, MI 48502](#), can, however, provide specific information from the QVF if the request is made in person for a fee of \$31.00. Due to personal privacy, electronic files will not be transferred by email and all electronic data will be in CSV file format and placed on an encrypted flash drive. Their regular business hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays, and they are closed on Fridays. It is suggested that you call, prior to your visit, to ensure you have all of necessary information to obtain the records. Their office phone is: (810) 257-3283.

To the extent this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to submit a written appeal via email to foiaappeals@geneseecountymi.gov, addressed to the chairperson of the Genesee County Board of County Commissioners, specifically stating the word "appeal" and identifying the reason or reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial. You are further advised that you have the right to seek judicial review of such denial and obtain attorney's fees and damages to the extent provided in, and subject to the conditions of, section 10 of the FOIA ("Section 10"). A copy of

Section 10 is uploaded to the portal and is incorporated in this response by reference.

Copies of Genesee County's FOIA Policy and Procedures, along with its FOIA Summary, are on the county's website:
https://www.geneseecountymi.gov/government/freedom_of_information.php.

To find the **"Section 10"** record in the portal, please click on the **"Documents"** tab located directly below the **"Request"** box.

There was no charge for responding to this FOIA request.

Respectfully,
Genesee County's FOIA Specialist

View Request 25-727

<https://geneseecountymi.nextrequest.com/requests/25-727>



NextRequest

Questions about your request? Reply to this email or sign in to contact staff at Genesee County, Michigan.

Technical support: See our [help page](#)