

# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

## WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP

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### OFFICE OF THE CLERK

TO: Rik Kowall, Supervisor  
FROM: Anthony L. Noble ✓  
SUBJECT: Election Consolidation Update  
DATE: January 20, 2026

We are pleased to provide the Township Board with an overview of the current status of the precinct consolidation in White Lake Township. By way of background, Public Act 226 of 2023 amended Michigan Election Law to increase the maximum allowable size of a precinct from 2,999 to 4,999 active registered electors. This increase in allowable precinct population created an opportunity to reduce the total number of election precincts within the Township in a manner that supports efficiency and better reflects current voting practices.

As a result, the White Lake Township Election Commission has met on several occasions to evaluate the precinct consolidation process and assess the benefits this initiative would provide to both the Township and its voters. This consolidation was implemented to enhance the overall efficiency of election administration, ultimately reducing costs to the taxpayers while providing substantial long-term savings to the Township. Additionally, this will allow precinct structures to better align with current voter turnout patterns and the infrastructure demands associated by the expansion of absentee and early voting.

The White Lake Election Commission subsequently reviewed a resolution to reduce the number of precincts from 13 to 9 and to redistrict accordingly. As part of this change, the Township will no longer utilize public school buildings as polling locations. However, one precinct has been relocated to the White Lake Township Library, and we look forward to this new partnership.

White Lake Township is unique in that it includes five school districts, two United States Congressional districts, and three County Commissioner districts. Under the previous 13-precinct structure, this resulted in a high number of ballot splits which occur when more than one ballot style is required within a single precinct. With the reduction in precincts, the number of ballot styles has been significantly reduced from 26 to 10.

New voter identification cards have been mailed to all 27,000 registered voters to inform them of these changes. Updated precinct information will also be posted on the White Lake Township Clerk's webpage, and a reminder will be included in an upcoming Township newsletter.



# White Lake Township Voters Per Precinct

smartsheet

Precinct	Registered Voters	Active Voters
1	985	911
2	2520	2412
3	2976	2808
4	2759	2600
5	3224	3083
6	3409	3216
7	3870	3634
8	3505	3358
9	3753	3542
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11		Numbers as of 1/8/26