

EPIC ▪ MRA Statewide Poll – August 2007
Likely Presidential Primary Voters
400 sample – margin of error +/- 5.0%
August 23 through August 28,2007

__01. Legislation to establish January 15th of next year as the date for Michigan to hold it's presidential primary has passed the Michigan Senate and is under consideration by the Michigan House of Representatives. If enacted into law, the January 15th date would likely place Michigan right after the Iowa Caucuses and the New Hampshire Presidential primary. All registered voters would be eligible to vote in the presidential primary, but they would have to decide whether they will vote in the Democratic primary or the Republican primary. Based on this description and what you may know or have heard or read about the proposed presidential primary, do you favor or oppose the proposed legislation? **[IF FAVOR/OPPOSE, ASK]** Would that be strongly or somewhat?

29%	strongly favor	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
33%	somewhat favor		
62%	Total FAVOR	65%	62%
9%	somewhat oppose		
13%	strongly oppose		
22%	Total OPPOSE	16%	24%
16%	Undecided/don't know/refused	19%	14%

__02. If either political party chooses to not participate in the presidential primary election, that could influence the results of the election, because voters from the party that does not participate would be able to participate in the presidential primary election of the other party, and attempt to vote for the weakest of the top ranked candidates. If either political party did not participate, they would probably use a caucus system where voters would have to declare their party affiliation as a condition of participating. How important do you think it is for both political parties to use the presidential primary election on January 15th to determine how many delegates the candidates get from Michigan for their respective party conventions – extremely important, very important, somewhat important, only a little important or not really important at all?

30%	extremely important	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
41%	very important		
18%	somewhat important		
89%	Total IMPORTANT	90%	91%
2%	only a little important		
5%	not really important at all		
7%	Total LITTLE/NOT IMPORTANT	6%	6%
4%	Undecided/don't know/refused	4%	3%

__03. Some people have said that the Michigan Democratic Party may prefer to use a caucus system to make sure that only Democratic Party members are able to participate in the selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention to represent the candidates chosen by their members. Do you think the Democratic Party should participate in the Michigan Presidential

Primary or use the caucus system to determine how delegates are apportioned to presidential candidates?

		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
62%	Should participate in the presidential primary	64%	63%
16%	Should use caucus system	16%	18%
22%	Undecided/don't know/refused	20%	19%

__04. Some people have said that several labor union leaders in Michigan have taken the position that they would prefer to have the Democratic Party use a caucus system to select delegates instead of the presidential primary, because under a caucus system they can not only make sure that only Democratic Party members can participate in the selection process, but that if labor unions endorsed a specific candidate, a lower turnout caucus system would better enable them to help their endorsed candidate either win or garner more votes and delegates in Michigan. Thinking about this argument, do you think the Democratic Party should participate in the Michigan Presidential Primar, or use the caucus system to determine how delegates are apportioned to presidential candidates?

		DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN
69%	Should participate in the presidential primary	63%	79%
17%	Should use caucus system	23%	11%
14%	Undecided/don't know/refused	14%	10%