

# OFFICIAL LIST OF PROPOSALS

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GRATIOT COUNTY

## STATE PROPOSALS

### A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

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### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

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### A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.

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- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL  
AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.

This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION  
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF  
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

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This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved?

### HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

Shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Hamilton Township be renewed at 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000.00 taxable value) for the period of four years 2013 to 2016 inclusive for bridge, culvert, road repair, and maintenance; and shall the Township levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$19,000.00?

### LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

#### GENERAL OPERATING

Shall Lafayette Township impose an increase of up to .6 mills (\$.60 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 4 years, 2012 to 2015, inclusive, raising an estimated \$20,294.22 in 2012, the first year the millage is levied?

### ROAD AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Lafayette Township, of 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 2.5 mills by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at up to 2.5 mills (\$2.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 3 years, 2012 through 2014 inclusive, for defraying expenses of road and bridge maintenance and construction, raising an estimated \$84,559.26 in 2012 the first year the millage is levied?

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**SEVILLE TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS**

## SEVILLE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Shall Seville Township impose an increase of .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 5 years, 2012 through 2016 inclusive, for maintaining and operating the Seville Township Library? The .25 mills will raise an estimated \$8,000.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

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**WHEELER TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS**

## ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Shall the Township of Wheeler, excluding the Village of Breckenridge, impose an increase of up to .5 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, and levy it for 5 years, 2012 through 2016 inclusive, for the purpose of Road Maintenance and Repairs? This new millage could raise an estimated \$67,000 in the first year of levy.

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**ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSALS**

## ASHLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2012 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Ashley Community Schools, Gratiot and Saginaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2013 to 2016, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$144,991 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2012 tax levy)?

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**ITHACA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSALS**

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OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Ithaca Public Schools, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2012 to 2016, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$970,048 (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 2011 tax levy)?

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**OVID-ELSIE AREA SCHOOLS PROPOSALS**

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, Clinton, Shiawassee, Saginaw and Gratiot Counties, Michigan, be increased by 0.5306 mill (\$0.5306 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2012 and 2013, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$18,633 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?

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MILLAGE PROPOSAL, BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, Clinton, Shiawassee, Saginaw and Gratiot Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2012 to 2016, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approxiamtely \$251,400?

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## ST. JOHNS PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

### OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.3638 mills (\$18.3638 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in St. Johns Public Schools, Clinton and Gratiot Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2014 to 2023, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$2,225,362 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy)?

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## ST. LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

### SAINT LOUIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Saint Louis Public Schools, Gratiot, Midland and Isabella Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18.2440 mills (\$18.2440 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2012 to 2016, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes (17.7440 mills of the above is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy and .5 mill is a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction); the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$767,320?

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