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PROPOSAL 14-1

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 520 OF 2012, ESTABLISHING A HUNTING SEASON FOR WOLVES AND AUTHORIZING ANNUAL WOLF HUNTING SEASONS

Public Act 520 of 2012 would:

- Designate wolf as game for hunting purposes and authorize the first wolf hunting season. .
- Allow the Natural Resources Commission to schedule annual wolf hunting seasons.
- Provide criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or taking of wolves, but shield a person who lawfully captures or destroys a wolf from prosecution.
- Require a person who wishes to hunt wolves to obtain a wolf hunting license.
- Create a Wolf Management Advisory Council for the purpose of making nonbinding recommendations to the legislature regarding the proper management of wolves.

Should this law be approved?

PROPOSAL 14-2

A REFERENDUM OF PUBLIC ACT 21 OF 2013, GRANTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION THE POWER TO DESIGNATE WOLVES AND CERTAIN OTHER ANIMALS AS GAME WITHOUT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Public Act 21 of 2013 would:

- Allow the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to designate certain animals as game for hunting purposes and establish the first hunting season for game animals without legislative action.
- Continue the NRC's designation of wolves as game and allow the NRC to set a wolf hunting season.
- Grant the Legislature sole authority to remove a species from the list of designated game animals.
- Eliminate the \$1.00 hunting and fishing licensing fee for members of the military, whether stationed inside or outside of Michigan, subject to any lottery.
- Give the NRC sole authority to regulate fishing.

Should this law be approved?

Washtenaw County - 1 Proposal

PROPOSITION TO RENEW THE INCREASE IN THE TAX LIMITATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING, ACQUIRING, DEVELOPING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING PARKS AND RECREATION PLACES AND FACILITIES IN WASHTENAW COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF WASHTENAW COUNTY CITIZENS

To renew the millage expiring after December 1, 2016, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and tangible personal property in Washtenaw County, Michigan be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the Board of Commissioners of the County be authorized to levy a tax not to exceed one quarter of one mill (\$0.25 per \$1,000) which has been presently reduced by the Headlee Amendment to the State Constitution to \$0.2353 of state equalized valuation of such property for a period of ten years, beginning with the levy to be made on December 1, 2017 (which will generate estimated revenues of \$3.4 million dollars in the first year of such renewal millage), for the purpose of acquiring, developing and maintaining parklands and operating recreation facilities for the benefit of Washtenaw County citizens?

City of Ann Arbor - 2 Proposals

CHARTER AMENDMENT 1

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTED CITY OFFICES

Shall Section 12.2 of the Charter be amended to require a person seeking elective City office on the date they file their nominating petition with the City Clerk, or on the date of appointment to fill a vacancy, be a registered elector of the City, and in the case of a Council member the ward they are seeking to represent?

CHARTER AMENDMENT 2

ANN ARBOR CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT ESTABLISHING
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PAID AND UNPAID APPOINTED CITY OFFICES

Shall Section 12.2 of the Charter be amended to acknowledge State law residency requirements for paid appointed officials and require a person nominated for a board or commission unpaid appointed office to be a registered elector of the City on the date of appointment unless waived by resolution of Council?

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The proposed amendment acknowledges residency requirements for paid appointed officials (i.e. public employees) are subject to State law and establishes a residency requirement for unpaid appointed City board and commission officials while retaining the existing authority of City Council to waive this requirement by a vote of Council.

City of Dexter - 1 Proposal

Shall the proposed Charter for the City of Dexter, drafted by the Charter Commission elected on November 5, 2013, be adopted?

City of Ypsilanti - 10 Proposals

Proposal A

Shall Article XI, Section 11.07 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to remove a mandatory charter revision process every 8th general city election and instead provide that the Charter may be revised as provided by State law, being MCL 117.18 et seq., which provides that revisions may be initiated by City Council or by initiatory petition?

Proposal B

Shall sections 2.06, 2.10(d), 5.05(a), 5.12(a), 10.07, and 11.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended and Section 11.13 be added to permit the publication of ordinances, notices, or proceedings by one or more of the following methods: (a) at least once in a newspaper published in the English language for news of general character, (b) by posting in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the city, or (c) placing such on the City's website in a manner as to make it easily accessible to the public?

Proposal C

Shall Article IV, Section 4.02 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that the City Clerk automatically serves as Acting City Manager during a vacancy or absence in the office of the City Manager until otherwise designated by City Council?

Proposal D

Shall the first paragraph of Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to allow for the discontinuance of City boards and commissions by City Council?

Proposal E

Shall Article II, Section 2.10(c) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to permit City Council to, after a resolution that so declares and provides for the reason is passed by 2/3 of the Members of City Council present, have an ordinance (other than an ordinance that adopts or amends an administrative code, provides for a fine or other penalty, or establishes a rule or regulation for violation of which a fine or penalty is imposed) become effective immediately upon publication?

Proposal F

Shall the first sentence of Article II, Section 2.08(a) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that City Council must meet at least once a month rather than the current requirement that City Council must meet at least once every 30 days?

Proposal G

Shall the third paragraph of Article III, Section 3.06 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that candidates for City office file their petition with the City Clerk on the fifteenth Tuesday before the primary election, as is the current deadline provided by state law, or as state law may otherwise provide in the future?

Proposal H

Shall Article II, Section 2.09 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that an action of City Council to convey or lease City-owned land may be by resolution following a public hearing rather than by ordinance, which is currently required?

Proposal I

Shall Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to add a third paragraph to allow City Council to remove members of City boards and commissions for misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office, or as otherwise authorized by statute with a 2/3 affirmative vote?

Proposal J

Shall Article VIII, Section 8.03(b)(4) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that City Council may confirm a special assessment roll within the City by resolution, when permitted by law, rather than by ordinance as is currently required?

Manchester Township - 2 Proposals

Extra Voted Fire Equipment Millage Renewal

Shall the previous voted increases expiring in 2014 in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Manchester Township, of 0.15 mills (\$0.15 per \$1,000 of Taxable value), reduced to 0.15 mills (\$0.15 per \$1,000 of Taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 0.15 mills (\$0.15 per \$1,000 of Taxable value) and levied for 5 years, for the period of 2015 through 2019 inclusive, for Purchase of Fire/Rescue Equipment for Manchester Township, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$26,563.

Extra Voted Road Maintenance Millage Renewal

Shall the previous voted increases expiring in 2014 in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Manchester Township, of 0.35 mills (\$0.35 per \$1,000 of Taxable value), reduced to 0.35 mills (\$0.35 per \$1,000 of Taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 0.35 mills (\$0.35 per \$1,000 of Taxable value) and levied for 5 years, for the period of 2015 through 2019 inclusive, for Maintenance of Roads within Manchester Township, raising in the first year the millage is levied an estimated \$61,981.

Webster Township - 4 Proposals

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

POLICE AND FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall Webster Township's previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 2.0 mills (\$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed at 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for five (5) additional years, beginning in 2015 and through 2019 inclusive, for the purpose of providing police and fire protection within Webster Township, raising an estimated \$792,000 in 2015?

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall Webster Township's previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 0.5 mill (50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value), be renewed at 0.5 mill (50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for ten (10) additional years, beginning in 2015 and through 2024 inclusive, for the purpose of farmland and open space preservation within Webster Township, raising an estimated \$195,000 in 2015?

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall Webster Township's previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1.16 mills (\$1.16 per \$1,000 of taxable value) which has been reduced by the

required millage rollbacks to 0.7790 mill, be renewed at 0.7790 mill (77.90 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for five (5) additional years, beginning in 2015 and through 2019 inclusive, for general operating purposes within Webster Township, raising an estimated \$309,000 in 2015?

WEBSTER TOWNSHIP
OPERATING MILLAGE INCREASE

Shall Webster Township's previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1.16 mills (\$1.16 per \$1,000 of taxable value) which has been reduced by the required millage rollbacks to 0.7790 mill, be increased by 0.3810 mill (38.10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) to recover that millage reduction and levied for five (5) additional years, beginning in 2015 and through 2019 inclusive, for general operating purposes within Webster Township, raising an estimated \$118,000 in 2015?

Barton Hills Village - 2 Proposals

Barton Hills Village Charter Amendment Proposal 1

Shall sections 7.2 and 7.4 of the Barton Hills Village charter be amended to provide that the Village President shall submit the fiscal year budget proposal to the Board of Trustees at the first regular meeting in January and that the budget shall be adopted in March of each year?

Barton Hills Village Charter Amendment Proposal 2

Shall section 8.8 of the Barton Hills Village charter be amended to provide that village taxes may be paid without penalty or interest if paid by September 14 of each year?

Ann Arbor Public Schools - 1 Proposal

**PROPOSAL TO ASSUME THE BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF
WHITMORE LAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Shall the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, assume the bonded indebtedness of the Whitmore Lake Public School District, if the electors of the Whitmore Lake Public School District approve both annexation by the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor and the assumption of the bonded indebtedness of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, which annexation and assumption, if approved, will be effective as of July 1, 2015?

Clinton Community Schools - 1 Proposal

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 2014 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 Clinton Community Schools, Lenawee and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed for the year 2015, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2015 is approximately \$940,922.23 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy)?

Pinckney Community Schools - 1 Proposal

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 2014 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 Pinckney Community Schools, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 6 years, 2015 to 2020, 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 2015 is approximately \$3,728,530 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy)?

Stockbridge Community Schools - 1 Proposal

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 2014 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 23.2595 mills (\$23.2595 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 Stockbridge Community Schools, Ingham, Jackson, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2015 to 2018, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2015 is approximately \$1,650,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy)?

Whitmore Lake Public Schools - 1 Proposal

ANNEXATION AND ASSUMPTION OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS PROPOSITION

This proposal is only effective if the electors of the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor on November 4, 2014 approve the assumption of the bonded indebtedness of Whitmore Lake Public School District.

Shall Whitmore Lake Public School District, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan, be annexed to Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan effective July 1, 2015 and on the effective date of annexation, assume the bonded indebtedness of Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor?

Manchester District Library - 1 Proposal

Library Millage Renewal Proposal

Shall the Manchester District Library, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, be authorized to renew and levy the previously voted increase in the tax limitation that will expire in 2014 in an amount not to exceed 1.05 mills (\$1.05 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Manchester District Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2015 to 2024, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Manchester District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Library in the 2015 calendar year is approximately \$367,000. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Village of Manchester Downtown Development Authority and a portion of the revenue collected may also be disbursed to the Clinton Township Public Library pursuant to a library services contract.