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PROPOSAL 14-1
APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF
AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE
USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL
COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO
MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP
SMALL BUSINESSES GROW
AND CREATE JOBS

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.

2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for
local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.

3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.

4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.

5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.

Should this law be approved?

**Augusta Township - 1 Proposal**

**AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION MILLAGE RENEWAL**

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Augusta Charter Township, of 2.0 mills, which has been reduced by the required millage rollbacks to 2.0 mills, be renewed at 2.0 mills ($2.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for four (4) additional years, beginning in 2015 and through 2018 inclusive, for the purpose of providing fire protection and prevention, raising an estimated $394,058.86 in 2015?

**Dexter Township - 2 Proposals**

**Fire Services Millage Renewal**

Shall Dexter Township renew the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of up to 1.7 mills ($1.70 per $1,000 of taxable value), for five (5) years, 2014 through 2018 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the provision of all lawful fire and emergency services including personnel, equipment and facilities, raising an estimated $551,250.00 the first year the millage is levied.

**Police Services Millage Renewal**

Shall Dexter Township renew the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of up to 1.4586 mills ($1.4586 per $1,000 of taxable value), for five (5) years, 2014 through 2018 inclusive, for police services, including, but not limited to: Contracting for police services; hiring police officers and related staff; purchase and or lease of police vehicles and equipment; construction, purchase and or lease of facilities for police operations; contracting for dispatch services; and any and all other services related to police activities within Dexter Township, raising an estimated $472,973.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

**Freedom Township - 1 Proposal**
Do you want Freedom Township to withdraw from the Manchester District Library?

**Northfield Township - 1 Proposal**

**FIRE SERVICE AND MEDICAL RESCUE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the Township to continue to levy 1.9240 mills previously approved by electors to fund fire service and medical rescue in Northfield Township which expired with the 2013 levy.

As a renewal of previously authorized millage which expired with the 2013 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Township of Northfield, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, be increased by 1.9240 mills ($1.9240 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of three (3) years, 2014 to 2016, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire and medical rescue services including equipment in Northfield Township? It is estimated that 1.9240 mills would raise approximately $616,269 when first levied in 2014.

**Superior Township - 2 Proposals**

**SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP RENEWAL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MILLAGE**

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the Charter Township of Superior of 2.25 mills ($2.25 per $1,000 of taxable value), which expires on December 31, 2014, be renewed at 2.25 mills ($2.25 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2015 through 2018 inclusive, for the purpose of law enforcement, which increase will raise an estimated $1,231,800 in the first year the millage is levied? A portion of the millage levied on Hyundai's new construction only will be disbursed to the Local Development Finance Authority of the Charter Township of Superior.

**SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP RENEWAL OF FIRE MILLAGE**

Shall the previously voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in the Charter Township of Superior of 3.0 mills ($3.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), which expires on December 31, 2014, be renewed at 3.0 mills ($3.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied for 4 years, 2015 through 2018 inclusive, for the purpose of providing additional revenue for fire protection and prevention, which increase will raise an estimated $1,642,401 in the first year the millage is levied? A portion of the millage levied on Hyundai's new construction only will be disbursed to the Local Development Finance Authority of the Charter Township of Superior.

**York Township - 1 Proposal**

Charter Township of York

Proposition for Police and Fire Public Safety Millage Renewal
Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in York Charter Township, of 1 mill ($1.00 per $1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .9702 mill ($0.9702 per $1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at .9702 mill ($0.9702 per $1,000 of taxable value) and levied 5 years, 2014 through 2018 inclusive, to raise an estimated $372,884.00 in the first year of the millage levy for the purpose of providing funds to pay for police and fire public safety protection in the Township?

Manchester Village - 1 Proposal

Bridge Bond Proposition

Shall the Village of Manchester, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Six Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($635,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, payable in not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of issuance, for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing a replacement bridge for the Main Street bridge over the River Raisin, including all related site improvements, appurtenances and attachments? The estimated millage to be levied in 2015 is 0.66 mills ($0.66 per $1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds is 1.11 mills ($1.11 per $1,000 of taxable value).

Chelsea District Library - 1 Proposal

CHELSEA DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the Chelsea District Library be authorized to levy a new additional tax annually upon the taxable value of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within the district of the Chelsea District Library in an amount not to exceed 0.32 mill ($0.32 for each $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years (2014 through 2019, inclusive) to provide funds for all library purposes authorized by law?

This millage will raise estimated revenues of $255,000 in 2014 (the first year of the levy). To the extent required by law, a portion of the revenues from this millage (approximately 2.1% in the first year of the levy) will be captured within the district of and disbursed to the City of Chelsea Downtown Development Authority.

Manchester Community Schools - 2 Proposals

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Manchester Community Schools, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Three Million Six Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars ($3,635,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:
acquiring, installing and equipping instructional technology for school facilities; partially remodeling, 
furnishing and refurnishing, equipping and re-equipping school facilities, in part, for technology and security; 
purchasing school buses; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the first series of proposed bonds in 2014, under current law, is .94 
mill ($0.94 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years for each series of bonds, 
exclusive of any refunding, is eight (8) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be 
required to retire this bond debt is .66 mill ($0.66 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district expects to borrow from the State School Bond Qualification and Loan Program to pay debt 
service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of that borrowing is $1,541,794 and the 
estimated total interest to be paid thereon is $1,640,603. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated 
with that borrowing is 23 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 8.50 mills. The 
estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is $26,690,000. The total amount of qualified loans 
currently outstanding is approximately $12,398,568.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for 
repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

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 Manchester Community Schools, Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, Michigan, 
be renewed for a period of 20 years, 2015 to 2034, 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 $1,116,679 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy)?

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools - 1 Proposal

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 
full foundation allowance per pupil under Proposal A. The remaining 2 mills are only available to be levied to 
restore millage lost as a result of a “Headlee” rollback and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore 
that rollback.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all 
property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Plymouth-Canton Community 
Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 20 mills ($20.00 on each $1,000 of
taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2015 to 2024, 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 $24,900,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire on November 30, 2014)?

Wayne RESA

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed enhancement millage will be collected by the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and distributed to local public school districts within the boundaries of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Michigan, be increased by 2.00 mills ($2 per thousand dollars of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2014 to 2019, inclusive, as new additional millage to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes? It is estimated that 2 mills would raise approximately $80,000,000 when first levied in 2014.

The revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the following school districts:

Allen Park Public Schools
Crestwood School District
Dearborn City School District
Dearborn Heights School District #7
School District of the City of Detroit
Ecorse Public School District
Flat Rock Community Schools
School District of the City of Garden City
Gibraltaar School District
Grosse Ile Township Schools
The Grosse Pointe Public School System
Hamtramck Public Schools
City of Harper Woods Schools
School District of the City of Highland Park
Huron School District
School District of the City of Lincoln Park
Livonia Public Schools
Melvindale – Northern Allen Park Schools
Northville Public Schools
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
Redford Union School District
River Rouge School District
Riverview Community School District
Romulus Community Schools
Southgate Community School District
South Redford School District
Taylor School District
Trenton Public Schools
Van Buren Public Schools
Wayne-Westland Community School District
Westwood Community Schools
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District
Wyandotte City School District