

May 5, 2015 - Proposals

State Proposal

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
 - o Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
 - o Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
 - o Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
 - o Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

City of Ypsilanti - 2 Proposals

Charter Amendment Proposal A

Shall Article II, Section 2.02(c) of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to provide that the Mayor and Councilmembers are to maintain their status as qualified electors continuously through their term of office?

Charter Amendment Proposal B

Shall the second paragraph of Article IX, Section 9.03 of the Ypsilanti City Charter be amended to allow members of City Council to serve on City boards and commissions when permitted by law?

Freedom Township - 1 Proposal

Freedom Township Renewal Tax-Rate Limitation and Levy Proposal

(Road Maintenance)

Shall the expired previous voted increases in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Freedom Township, of .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and levied for five (5) years, 2015 through 2019, inclusive, for road maintenance, raising an estimated \$23,000 in the first year the millage is levied.

Should the proposal be approved?

Northfield Township - 1 Proposal

CONSOLIDATED POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal is a consolidation of the three previously approved millages. This proposal will permit the Township to fund all police protection services by authorizing a single new consolidated millage in place of three separate existing millage authorizations previously approved by the electors which expire with the 2015 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 4.50 mills (\$4.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2016 to 2020, inclusive, as new additional millage, for the purpose of providing funds for police protection in Northfield Township? It is estimated that 4.50 mills would raise approximately \$1,444,437.00 when first levied in 2016.

Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor - 1 Proposal

BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor, County of Washtenaw, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Thirty-Three Million Dollars (\$33,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of making the following improvements:

- remodeling, equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurnishing School District buildings, including classroom furnishings, performing arts facilities and secure school entrances;
- acquiring school buses and musical instruments; and

- improving and developing sites, including athletic fields and structures and playgrounds, in the School District?

The debt millage levy required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed by this ballot proposal is estimated to remain at or below the current 2.45 mill levy. The estimated millage to be levied in 2015 to service this issue of bonds is .13 mill (\$.13 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is .43 mill (\$.43 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in one or more series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed 10 years from the date of issue of such series.

(Under state law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance costs or other School District operating expenses.)

Napoleon 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 2015 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.2390 mills (\$18.2390 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 Napoleon Community Schools, Jackson and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 4 years, 2016 to 2019, 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 2016 is approximately \$1,320,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2015 tax levy)?

Northville Public Schools - 1 Proposal

MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall the currently authorized millage rate of .9978 mill (\$.9978 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) which may be assessed against all property in Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 5 years, 2016 to 2020, inclusive, to continue to provide for 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 2016 is approximately \$2,588,047 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2015 tax levy)?

Pinckney Schools - 1 Proposal

PINCKNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS MILLAGE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO OPERATE A SYSTEM OF PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Pinckney Community Schools, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the Board of Education be authorized to levy not to exceed 0.30 mill (\$0.30 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2015 to 2019, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating a system of public recreation and playgrounds; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect for such recreation program if the millage is approved and levied in 2015 is approximately \$317,973?

South Lyon Community Schools - 1 Proposal

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall South Lyon Community Schools, Oakland, Washtenaw and Livingston Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Sixty-Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$64,400,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school; erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to the early childhood center; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing and equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; acquiring, preparing, equipping, developing and improving athletic facilities, playgrounds, structures and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2016, is 1.12 mills (\$1.12 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a net -0- mill increase from the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.60 mills (\$1.60 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

(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.)

Van Buren Public Schools - 1 Proposal

MILLAGE PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE SINKING FUND TAX LEVY

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.13 mills (\$1.13 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive? This levy would renew the sinking fund levy previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for an additional seven (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$1,715,961 from the local taxes authorized in this proposal. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Van Buren Township Downtown

Development Authority.