

AUGUST 5, 2014 PRIMARY BALLOT PROPOSALS

STATE

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?

COUNTY

COUNTY FIXED MILLAGE RESTORATION QUESTION

For the purpose of restoring the County's fixed millage for primary county operating purposes to 5.5550 mills as set by the voters of Shiawassee County in 1996, but later reduced by Headlee Amendment and Proposition A requirements, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed within the County of Shiawassee, Michigan, be increased by 0.4404 of a mill (\$0.4404 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of two (2) years, 2015 through 2016 inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$9,299,235 for primary county operating purposes in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. As required by law, a portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Corunna, Durand, Laingsburg, and Owosso, and the Villages of Lennon, Morrice, New Lothrop and Vernon, the Brownfield Authorities of Owosso Township and the City of Owosso.

SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES MILLAGE PROPOSAL

For the sole purpose of providing operating millage for the funding of senior citizen services within Shiawassee County, shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Shiawassee imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution of be increased up to 0.5000 mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years, 2014 through 2017, inclusive?

(If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$837,014 for the senior citizen services in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. As required by law, a portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Corunna, Durand, Laingsburg, and Owosso, and the Villages of Lennon, Morrice, New Lothrop and Vernon, the Brownfield Authorities of Owosso Township and the City of Owosso.)

BENNINGTON TOWNSHIP

FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICES AND PROTECTION

Shall the millage for Bennington Township Fire Protection as previously authorized, be renewed at up to two (2) mills, each year, on an ad valorem basis, for ten (10) years? Such millage to be used for providing Fire Department Services and Protection. The millage of two (2) mills ad valorem represents \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of all property. Such millage to be effective from 2014 through 2023.

The township estimates it will receive up to \$182,024.54 in the first year if this proposal is approved.

SATA FUNDING

(SHIAWASSEE AREA TRANSPORTATION AGENCY)

Shall Bennington Township levy up to .3333 of a mill (.3333 cents per \$1,000.00 taxable value of all property) each year on an ad valorem basis, for a term of four (4) years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)? Such millage to be used for the purpose of providing public transportation within Bennington Township, at a reduced cost?

It is estimated that the township will receive up to \$30,334.39, in the first year if this millage is approved.

BURNS TOWNSHIP

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RENEWAL
FOR EXISTING AMBULANCE SERVICE FUNDING**

Shall Burns Township be authorized to levy a Special Assessment on each household and business of \$45.00 per year for the exclusive purpose of using the money received to provide Ambulance Service for the entire Township; and to levy such Special Assessment each year for three (3) years, for the period of 2014, 2015 and 2016 if this proposal is approved? The Township estimates it will collect \$55,000.00 in the first calendar year.

**MILLAGE RENEWAL
FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPARATUS FUNDINGS**

Shall the Township of Burns, Shiawassee County, Michigan, be authorized to fund the purchase of required and necessary fire equipment and apparatus by the levy of one-half

(1/2) (\$0.50 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation of such property) on all property in the Township for a period of 3 years, 2014 through 2016 inclusive, this being a Renewal of one-half mil for the same purpose which expires with the 2014 tax levy?) The Township estimates it will collect \$40,000.00 in the first calendar year if this proposal is approved.

**MILLAGE RENEWAL
FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE**

Shall the Township of Burns, Shiawassee County, Michigan, levy 1 mil (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation of such property) on all property in the Township for a period of 3 years, 2014 through 2016 inclusive, to provide funds to operate a fire department (this being a renewal) of 1 mil for the same purpose which expires with the 2014 tax levy? The Township estimates it will collect \$80,000.00 in the first calendar year if this proposal is approved.

VILLAGE OF BYRON

Shall Village of Byron Ordinance No. 2013-1, which shall reduce the number of Village Trustees from Six (6) Trustees to Four (4) Trustees who with the President shall constitute the Village Council, be adopted?

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

This proposal requests the authorization for the levy of a new additional millage for the purpose of supporting the provision of public transportation services in the Charter Township of Caledonia. This millage would be disbursed to the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency and used to defray the expenses of existing transportation services. If authorized by the voters, it is estimated that the levy of the entire millage would generate \$27,935 the first year.

Shall a new additional millage for public transportation services be levied in an amount of .19 mills (\$.19 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) annually for a period of two years?

CITY OF DURAND

MILLAGE TO SUBSIDIZE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Shall the City of Durand assess and collect 1.175 mills (\$1.175 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of 3 years, that being fiscal years 2014-15 through 2016-17, inclusive for the purpose of using the money to subsidize ambulance service for the entire city?

The city estimates that it will collect \$71,685.49 in the first fiscal year if this proposal is approved.

HAZELTON TOWNSHIP

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Shall Hazelton Township assess each entity (residence) located in the Township Fifty (\$50.00) dollars for a period of 6 years beginning December 1, 2014 thru November 30, 2020 for the purpose of providing ambulance service through Twin Township Ambulance, Inc. for the people of Hazelton Township?

CITY OF LAINGSBURG

**EMERGENCY SERVICES
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

Shall the City of Laingsburg renew one mill (which is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all real and personal property subject to taxation) each year for a term of 10 years (2014 through 2023 inclusive) for the purpose of operation and maintenance for emergency services (which includes but is not limited to the payment for equipment, supplies, insurance, wages, building construction, repair and other expenses of a fire department operation)?

It is estimated that if this millage is authorized that in the first year the city will receive \$24,247.00.

OWOSSO TOWNSHIP

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Shall the millage for the Owosso Charter Township Fire Fighting Equipment as previously established at ½ mill on an ad valorem basis be renewed for a period of five (5) years? Such millage shall be for firefighting equipment. Such millage of ½ mill ad valorem represents \$.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of all property. The millage would be effective 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. The township estimates it will collect \$63,472 in the first year if this proposal is approved.

**SATA FUNDING
(SHIAWASSEE AREA TRANSPORTATION AGENCY)**

Shall the Charter Township of Owosso collect up to 1/3 of a mill (.333 cents per \$1,000.00 taxable value) each year for 4 years, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, to provide funding to Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency (SATA) so that Owosso Charter Township residents can ride for a reduced charge? It is expected, if this millage is approved, that the Township could raise up to an estimated \$42,272, in the first year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATION

Shall the millage for the Owosso Charter Township Fire Department as previously established at 1 mill on an ad valorem basis be renewed for a period of five (5) years? Such millage shall be for the operation of the Fire Department. Such millage of 1 mill ad

valorem represents \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of all property. The millage would be effective 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. The township estimates it will collect \$126,944 in the first year if this proposal is approved.

CITY OF PERRY

**SPECIAL MILLAGE PROPOSAL
(CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE)**

This proposal requests authorization for the levy of the continuation of a millage for the purpose of supporting the provision of public transportation services in the City of Perry. This millage would be used to defray the expenses of existing transportation services provided by the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency and be used to defray the expenses of transportation services in the future. If authorized by the voters, it is estimated that the levy of the entire millage would generate \$9,792.58 the first year.

Shall a special millage for public transportation services be levied in an amount not to exceed .25 mill (\$.25 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) annually for a period of two (2) years?

PERRY TOWNSHIP

AMBULANCE SERVICE PROPOSITION

Shall the Township of Perry (not including the Village of Morrice) in Shiawassee County, Michigan be created into an Emergency Service (Ambulance) Special Assessment District for the purpose of raising money by special assessment therein to assist with the provision of emergency service (ambulance) for said district?

SCIOTA TOWNSHIP

EMERGENCY SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL BALLOT PROPOSAL

Shall the Township of Sciota renew one mill (which is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation) each year for a term of 10 years (2014 through 2023 inclusive) for the purpose of operation and maintenance for emergency services (which includes but is not limited to the payment for equipment, supplies, insurance, wages, building construction, repair and other expenses of a fire department operation)?

It is estimated that if this millage is authorized that in the first year the township will receive \$52,220.

WOODHULL TOWNSHIP

EMERGENCY SERVICES MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

Shall the Township of Woodhull renew one mill (which is equal to \$1 dollar per \$1,000 dollars of taxable value of all real and personal property subject to taxation) each year for a term of 10 years (2014 through 2023 inclusive) for the purpose of operation and

maintenance for emergency services (which includes but is not limited to the payment for equipment, supplies, insurance, wages, building construction, repair and other expenses of the fire department operations)?

It is estimated that if this millage is authorized that in the first year the township will receive \$ 122,808.

FOWLERVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**FOWLERVILLE 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 2014 tax levy. The remaining .794 mill is only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the “Headlee” amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.794 mills (\$18.794 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 Fowlerville Community Schools, Livingston, Ingham and Shiawassee 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 levied in 2015 is approximately \$2,280,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2014 tax levy)?