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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?

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?

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
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INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

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?

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INGHAM COUNTY PROPOSALS

INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES MILLAGE

Shall Ingham County be authorized to levy up to 0.52 additional mills for the purpose of providing basic health care services to Ingham County residents who are not eligible for Medicaid under the Federal Affordable Care Act, and whose individual income is less than $28,000 and who do not have medical insurance. If this proposal is approved, Ingham County will use these funds to help pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications, and essential care such as preventative testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses for low-income residents whose employers do not offer health insurance or who cannot afford to purchase health insurance. This proposal would increase the Constitutional limitation of the amount of property taxes which may be assessed each year against all the taxable real and personal property in Ingham County by up to 0.52 mills ($0.52 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation) as new additional millage for a period of three years (2012-2014 inclusive). If levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated $3,349,707 in the first calendar year.
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CITY OF EAST LANSING PROPOSALS

EAST LANSING PUBLIC LIBRARY MILLAGE

To support the East Lansing Public Library, shall the City of East Lansing be authorized pursuant to MCL 397.201 to impose a new millage of up to 1 mill ($1 per $1,000 of taxable value), for a period of ten (10) years (2013-2022) inclusive, to be deposited in a separate fund for the exclusive use of the East Lansing Public Library under the direction of the East Lansing Library Board? Such millage, if fully levied, would raise an estimated $840,000 in the first year.

[All amounts levied under this millage on property located outside the Downtown Development Authority or Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will be disbursed directly to the East Lansing Library Board for the exclusive use of the East Lansing Public Library. The law requires that fixed amounts levied under this millage on property located within the Downtown Development Authority or Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be disbursed to those authorities. Disbursements to those other authorities account for less than 4% of the total millage revenue.]

CITY OF LANSING PROPOSALS

SHALL THE CITY OF LANSING, FOR REDEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, BE AUTHORIZED TO SELL OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF THAT PORTION OF RED CEDAR GOLF COURSE, A/K/A RED CEDAR PARK, DESCRIBED AS:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13 and the Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, T.4 N. - R.2 W., City of Lansing, Ingham County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of Lot 23, Supervisors Plat No. 1, recorded in Liber 12, page 27 of plats, Ingham County records, said point being on the West line of said Section 13, 660.00 feet, S.00°33’40”W., of the West 1/4 Corner of said Section 13; thence N.89°48’40”E., on the South line of Supervisors Plat No. 1, 206.60 feet to the East line of Olin Avenue and the Southwest Corner of Lot 17; thence N.00°33’10”W., on the East line of Olin Avenue, 100.00 feet; thence N.89°48’38”E., 259.81 feet to West line of Cooper Street; thence S.00°22’22”E., on said West line, 100.00 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot 17; thence N.89°48’40”E., 49.50 feet to the East line of Cooper Street and the Southwest Corner of Lot 15; thence N.00°22’22”W., on said East line, 100.00 feet; thence N.89°48’42”E., 415.85 feet to West line of Reniger Court; thence S.00°44’49”E., on said West line, 100.00 feet to Southeast Corner of Lot 15; thence N.89°48’40”E., 50.00 feet to East line of Reniger Court and the Southwest Corner of Lot 6; thence N.00°44’49”W., on said East line, 100.00 feet; thence N.89°48’43”E., 199.18 feet to the East line of Lot 6; thence S.00°54’10”E., on said East line, 50.00 feet; thence N.89°48’38”E., 332.13 feet; thence S.00°35’20”E., 743 feet to North shore line of the Red Cedar River; thence Westerly on said North line 2822 feet, more or less; thence N.00°32’01”E., 198.00 feet; thence N.53°27’59”W., 565.00 feet; thence N.89°27’59”W., 305.00 feet to a point which is 24.75 feet, East of the West line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4; thence N.00°32’01”E., parallel said West line, 613.50 feet to the South right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (so-called); thence S.89°37’22”E., on said right-of-way line, 264.00 feet; thence S.00°22’38”W., 540.50 feet; thence S.89°37’22”E., 1020.84 feet to the point of beginning, containing 45.27 acres, more or less. Subject to easements, covenants, conditions, restrictions and/or reservations of record, if any.
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MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP CENTRAL FIRE STATION REPLACEMENT

Shall the Charter Township of Meridian, County of Ingham, State of Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new central fire station on a site located at the Southeast corner of Okemos Road and Central Park Drive, and improving the site? The estimated millage to be levied in 2013 to service this issue of bonds is 0.2 mill (20¢ per $1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 0.2 mill (20¢ per $1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be payable in not to exceed fifteen (15) years from the date of issue.

EATON RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy its authorized operating millage 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 17.8669 mills ($17.8669 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 Eaton Rapids Public Schools, Eaton and Ingham 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 $1,790,084 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy)?

PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

PERRY SCHOOLS
Operating Millage Proposal

This proposal will restore a portion of the millage lost due to the Headlee rollback and the proposed millage will be levied on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its per pupil foundation allowance revenue.

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 Perry Public Schools, Shiawassee and Ingham Counties, Michigan, be increased by 1.2229 mills ($1,2229 on each $1000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 2 years, 2012 and 2013, 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 $57,400 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963)?
WILLIAMSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

SINKING FUND PROPOSAL

Shall the Williamston Community Schools, County of Ingham, Michigan, be authorized to levy 1.00 mills to create a sinking fund for the purpose of the construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be permitted by law, by increasing the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in the School District for a period of ten (10) years, being the years 2012 to 2021, inclusive? It is estimated that 1.00 mills ($1.00 per $1,000 of taxable valuation) would raise approximately $385,000 when first levied in 2012.