

# HOUSE BILL No. 4814

July 12, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Albert, Lower and Lilly and referred to the Committee on Elections and Ethics.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled  
 "The general property tax act,"  
 by amending section 24f (MCL 211.24f), as amended by 2000 PA 244.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 24f. (1) If a taxing unit submits a proposal on the  
 2 question of authorizing the issuance of bonds, imposing a new  
 3 millage, or increasing or renewing an existing millage, except an  
 4 ad valorem special assessment millage for police or fire protection  
 5 under 1951 PA 33, MCL 41.801 to 41.813, the ballot ~~shall~~**MUST** fully  
 6 disclose each local unit of government to which the revenue from  
 7 that millage will be disbursed. As used in this subsection:

8           (a) "Local unit of government" means a county, city, village,  
 9 township, school district, intermediate school district, community  
 10 college district, public library, or local authority created under  
 11 state law.

1 (b) "Public library" means that term as defined in section 2  
2 of the state aid to public libraries act, 1977 PA 89, MCL 397.552.

3 (2) In addition to the requirement set forth in subsection (1)  
4 and any other requirement provided by law, when submitting a  
5 proposal on the question of authorizing a millage rate to be levied  
6 under this act, the ballot ~~shall~~**MUST** state all of the following:

7 (a) The millage rate to be authorized.

8 (b) The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected in  
9 the first year that the millage is authorized and levied.

10 (c) The duration of the millage in years.

11 (d) A clear statement of the purpose for the millage.

12 (e) A clear statement indicating whether the proposed millage  
13 is a renewal of a previously authorized millage or the  
14 authorization of a new additional millage.

15 (3) In addition to any other requirement provided by law, when  
16 submitting a proposal to authorize the issuance of bonds, the  
17 ballot ~~shall~~**MUST** state all of the following:

18 (a) The principal amount to be borrowed.

19 (b) The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding,  
20 exclusive of any refunding.

21 (c) A clear statement of the purpose for which the proceeds of  
22 the bonds will be used.

23 (d) For bonds other than bonds that are intended to be paid  
24 from a separate revenue source or from taxes levied in less than  
25 the entire taxing unit, the estimated millage that will be levied  
26 for the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is  
27 authorized and the estimated simple average annual millage that

1 will be required to retire the debt. Inaccuracies in the estimates  
2 provided under this subdivision shall not affect the validity of  
3 the bonds, the general obligation unlimited tax status requiring  
4 the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the bonds, or the results of an  
5 election.

6 (e) For bonds that are intended to be paid from a separate  
7 revenue source or from taxes levied in less than the entire taxing  
8 unit, the primary source of the revenue that is intended to be used  
9 to retire the bonds.

10 (4) ~~A~~**BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018, A** taxing unit shall hold not  
11 more than 2 elections in a calendar year concerning the  
12 authorization of a millage rate greater than the product of the  
13 immediately preceding year's reduced maximum authorized rate or  
14 rates as defined in section ~~34d(16)~~**34D** multiplied by the current  
15 year's millage reduction fraction, regardless of the number of  
16 questions presented at the election. **AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2017, A**  
17 **LOCAL TAXING UNIT SHALL ONLY SUBMIT A PROPOSAL ON A QUESTION OF**  
18 **IMPOSING A NEW MILLAGE OR INCREASING OR RENEWING AN EXISTING**  
19 **MILLAGE AT A GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION.**

20 (5) A taxing unit that levies **A** millage under this act shall  
21 not submit a single question to the electors of the taxing unit  
22 requesting both the renewal of voter authorized millage and the  
23 authorization of new additional millage if the additional millage  
24 is greater than 0.5 mill. If authorization to levy **A** millage has  
25 expired and the taxing unit submits to the electors the  
26 authorization of **A** millage greater than the number of expired mills  
27 reduced pursuant to the millage reduction in section ~~34d(11)~~,

1 **34D(7)**, and if the additional millage is greater than 0.5 mill, the  
2 taxing unit shall submit 1 question for authorization of the number  
3 of expired mills reduced pursuant to the millage reduction in  
4 section ~~34d(11)~~**34D(7)** and 1 or more additional questions for the  
5 authorization of **THE** millage in excess of that amount.

6 **(6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "GENERAL NOVEMBER ELECTION" MEANS**  
7 **THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF THE MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW,**  
8 **1954 PA 116, MCL 168.2.**

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
10 after the date it is enacted into law.