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## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF 1963 — SUMMARY OF ADOPTION OR REJECTION

Subject of Amendment	Article	Section	Method of Proposal*	Year of Election	Action	Vote	
						For	Against
Lower minimum voting age from 21 to 18 years	2	1	SJR A of 1966	Nov. 1966	Rej.	703,076	1,267,872
Establish judicial tenure commission	6	30	HJR PP of 1968	Aug. 1968	App.	553,182	228,738
Require legislature to create state officers compensation commission	4	12	HJR AAA of 1968	Aug. 1968	App.	417,393	346,839
Define manner of filling judicial vacancies	6	20,22, 23,24	HJR F of 1968	Aug. 1968	App.	494,512	266,561
Permit election of members of legislature to another state office during their term of office	4	9	SJR Q of 1968	Nov. 1968	Rej.	778,388	1,783,186
Permit state to impose a graduated income tax	9	7	SJR G of 1967	Nov. 1968	Rej.	614,826	2,025,052
Prohibit public aid to nonpublic schools and students	8	2	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1970	App.	1,416,838	1,078,740
Lower minimum voting age from 21 to 18 years	2	1	HJR A of 1970	Nov. 1970	Rej.	924,981	1,446,884
Allow legislature to authorize lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets	4	41	HJR V of 1972	May 1972	App.	1,352,768	506,778
Permit members of legislature to resign and accept another office to which they have been elected or appointed	4	9	SJR DD of 1972	May 1972	Rej.	866,593	915,312
Allow trial by jury of less than 12 jurors in all prosecutions for misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment for not less than 1 year	1	20	HJR M of 1972	Aug. 1972	App.	696,570	357,186
Limit property tax for school, county, and township purposes and require legislature to establish a state tax program for support of schools	9	6	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1972	Rej.	1,324,702	1,815,126
Permit state to impose graduated income tax and allow legislature to authorize political subdivisions to levy graduated income tax	9	7	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1972	Rej.	959,286	2,102,744
Limit use of motor fuel tax fund	9	9	SJR LL of 1972	Nov. 1974	Rej.	1,091,938	1,146,109
Eliminate sales tax and use tax on food and prescription drugs	9	8	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1974	App.	1,337,609	1,071,253

\* See Const. 1963, art. 12, §§ 1 and 2.



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Lower minimum age of eligibility for office of state representative or state senator from 21 to 18 years	4	7	HJR B of 1976	Nov. 1976	Rej.	698,993	2,580,945
Limit taxation imposed by legislature to 8.3% of state personal income	9	25,26,27, 28,29,30, 31	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1976	Rej.	1,407,438	1,866,620
Permit state to impose a graduated income tax	9	7	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1976	Rej.	897,780	2,332,513
Call for constitutional convention			Req. by Const. 1963, art. 12, § 3	Nov. 1978	Rej.	640,286	2,112,549
Authorize deposit of state funds in savings and loan associations and credit unions, as well as banks	9	19,20	HJR GG of 1978	Nov. 1978	App.	1,819,847	933,101
Prohibit alcoholic beverages from being sold to, or possessed by, a person under the age of 21	4	40	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1978	App.	1,609,589	1,208,497
Establish limits on taxes imposed by legislature and units of local government (Headlee Amendment)	9	6,25,26, 27,28,29, 30,31,32, 33,34	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1978	App.	1,450,150	1,313,984
Grant Michigan state troopers and sergeants right to collective bargaining and binding arbitration	11	5	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1978	App.	1,535,023	1,203,930
Prohibit use of property taxes for school operating expenses and establish a voucher system for financing education of students at public and nonpublic schools	9 8	6 2	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1978	Rej.	718,440	2,075,583
Reduce property tax assessments to establish a maximum of 5.6% on the rate of the state income tax; prohibit legislature from requiring new or expanded local programs without state funding; and allow school income tax with voter approval (Tisch Amendment I)	9	3, 3(a),7(a), 7(b),25(a), 25(b),26	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1978	Rej.	1,032,343	1,737,133



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Allow courts to deny bail under certain circumstances involving violent crimes; provide for commencement of trial within 90 days	1	15	HJR Q of 1978	Nov. 1978	App.	2,307,038	458,357
Allocate at least 90% of gas tax revenues for general road purposes and the remainder for other transportation purposes; and replace state highway commission with transportation commission	5 9	28 9	HJR F of 1978	Nov. 1978	App.	1,478,316	1,233,196
Require legislature to create a railroad redevelopment authority to make loans to railroads with trackage in Michigan and to authorize authority to issue general obligation bonds in amount not to exceed 175 million dollars	4	54	HJR OO of 1978	Nov. 1978	Rej.	1,257,606	1,415,441
Make local school boards responsible for school personnel and programs, reduce local property tax maximums for operational purposes, provide additional property tax relief for senior retirees, and require the state to raise revenues necessary for equal per pupil funding of public schools	8 9	2 6,31, 6a,26a	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1980	Rej.	746,027	2,769,497
Lower minimum legal age for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages from 21 to 19 years	4	40	HJR S of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rej.	1,403,935	2,250,873
Provide property tax relief; reimburse local and state governments with additional sales tax; require net state lottery revenues be deposited in school aid fund; and mandate creation of state "rainy day" fund	4 9	41,54 2,3,8, 30,31	SJR X of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rej.	894,441	2,583,253



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Decrease property taxes and prohibit new types of homestead taxes; require 60% voter approval to raise state taxes or fees; require partial state reimbursement to local units for lost income; limit legislature's ability to change tax exemptions or credits or change per pupil formula (Tisch Amendment II)	9	1,2,3,31, 2a,3a,3b, 3c,3d,3e, 3f,33a, 33b	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1980	Rej.	1,622,301	2,051,008
Allow the legislature to pass laws relating to members' immunity from civil arrest and process during legislative sessions	4	11	SJR L of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rej.	1,287,172	2,134,546
Restrict authority of lieutenant governor and establish a procedure to fill a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor	4 5	9 25,26	SJR K of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rej.	1,410,912	1,927,001
Reduce property taxes and city income taxes; limit growth of property tax revenues; return additional sales tax to local governments and schools; and require net lottery revenues be deposited in school aid fund	4 9	41 3,8,30,31	HJR G of 1981	May 1981	Rej.	560,924	1,451,305
Allow the legislature to pass laws to reform members' immunity from civil arrest and process during legislative sessions	4	11	SJR A of 1981	Nov. 1982	App.	1,804,728	1,029,743
Create a Michigan department of state police; provide for its personnel; prescribe its duties; and require minimum staffing	5	2,30	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1982	Rej.	720,915	2,111,802
Provide for an elected public service commission	5	30	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1982	Rej.	1,026,160	1,771,098



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Allow legislature to approve or disapprove administrative rules proposed by state agencies	4	37	HJR P of 1984	Nov. 1984	Rej.	1,280,948	1,827,677
Establish a natural resources trust fund and a board to administer it; to provide revenues for the fund from natural resources leases and existing funds; specify and limit expenditures therefrom	9	35	HJR M of 1984	Nov. 1984	App.	2,066,554	1,120,794
Amend constitution relating to taxes, other revenues and voter or legislative approval for same	9	1,2	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1984	Rej.	1,376,141	2,035,867
Allow establishment of the library of Michigan within the legislative branch	4	54	HJR V of 1986	Nov. 1986	Rej.	908,627	936,643
Allow for approval or rejection of administrative rules by the legislature	4	37	HJR W of 1986	Nov. 1986	Rej.	648,116	1,136,721
Expand authority of state officers compensation commission to determine compensation of attorney general and secretary of state	4	12	HJR U of 1986	Nov. 1986	Rej.	905,767	910,297
Provide for rights of crime victims	1	24	HJR P of 1988	Nov. 1988	App.	2,662,796	650,515
Increase the sales/use tax from 4¢ to 4½¢ and dedicate funds for local schools	4 9	41 8,10,11	HJR I of 1989	Nov. 1989	Rej.	514,407	1,341,292
Increase the sales/use tax from 4¢ to 6¢, reduce school property taxes, set permanent school operating millages not subject to voter renewal, and dedicate funds for local schools	4 9	41 3,5,6,8, 10,11,14	HJR I of 1989	Nov. 1989	Rej.	436,958	1,392,053
Limit annual increases in homestead property tax assessments and provide separate tax limitations for different property classifications	9	3,31	HJR H of 1991	Nov. 1992	Rej.	1,433,354	2,384,777



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Restrict/limit the number of times a person can be elected to congressional, state executive and state legislative offices	2 4 5 12	10 54 30 4	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1992	App.	2,295,904	1,613,404
Exempt property from a portion of school operating property taxes and limit annual increases in all property tax assessments	9	3	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 1992	Rej.	1,552,119	2,276,360
Limit property tax assessments and increase sales tax	4 9	41 3,6,8, 10,11	HJR G of 1993	June 1993	Rej.	1,008,425	1,164,468
Increase sales and use tax rates from 4% to 6%; limit annual increases in property tax assessments, exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement, and require 3/4 vote of legislature to exceed statutorily established school operating millage rates	9	3,5,8, 11,36	SJR S of 1993	March 1994	App.	1,684,541	750,952
Call for constitutional convention			Req. by Const. 1963, art. 12, § 3	Nov. 1994	Rej.	777,779	2,008,070
Limit criminal appeals	1	20	SJR D of 1994	Nov. 1994	App.	2,118,734	761,784
Establish a Michigan state parks endowment fund, increase maximum allowable funds in Michigan natural resources trust fund, and eliminate diversion of dedicated revenue from Michigan natural resources trust fund	9	35,36	SJR E of 1994	Nov. 1994	App.	2,007,097	806,888
Establish qualifications for judicial offices	6	19	SJR D of 1995	Nov. 1996	App.	2,806,833	629,402
Establish the current Michigan Veterans' Trust Fund in the state constitution and require that expenditures from the fund be made solely for purposes authorized by the trust fund's board of trustees	9	37,38,39	HJR H of 1995	Nov. 1996	App.	2,447,905	849,525
Change the word "handicapped" to "disabled" in the state constitution	8	8	SJR I of 1998	Nov. 1998	App.	1,708,873	1,181,138



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Permit the state to indirectly support nonpublic school students	8	2,10	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2000	Rej.	1,235,533	2,767,320
Require a 2/3 legislative vote to enact laws affecting local governments	4	55	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2000	Rej.	1,242,516	2,548,995
Amend the provision of the state constitution governing the operation of the state officers compensation commission (SOCC)	4	12	HJR E of 2001	Aug. 2002	App.	1,057,503	404,682
Allow certain permanent and endowment funds to be invested as provided by law and increase allowed spending for state parks, local parks and outdoor recreation	9	19,35,35a, 36(1),37	SJR T of 2002	Aug. 2002	App.	925,475	565,971
Grant state classified employees the constitutional right to collective bargaining with binding arbitration	11	5	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2002	Rej.	1,336,249	1,591,756
Reallocate the tobacco settlement revenue received by the state from cigarette manufacturers	9	36	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2002	Rej.	1,018,644	2,011,105
Require voter approval for any new gambling authorization, with exceptions	4	41	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2004	App.	2,689,448	1,926,721
Provide that marriage may only be the union of a man and woman	1	25	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2004	App.	2,698,077	1,904,319
Require that conservation/recreation funds be used only for intended purposes	9	40,41,42	HJR Z of 2004	Nov. 2006	App.	2,915,106	680,859
Ban affirmative action programs for public employment, education, and contracting	1	26	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2006	App.	2,141,010	1,555,691
Restrict use of eminent domain	10	2	SJR E of 2005	Nov. 2006	App.	2,914,214	724,573
Permit stem cell research under certain conditions	1	27	Initiatory Petition	Nov. 2008	App.	2,521,026	2,271,083

HJR = House Joint Resolution; SJR = Senate Joint Resolution; App. = Approved; Rej. = Rejected