AN ACT to provide for public hearings on budgets of local units of government.


The People of the State of Michigan enact:

141.411 Local unit of government; definition.
Sec. 1. As used in this act "local unit" means a county, township, city, village, authority or school district empowered by the constitution or by law to prepare budgets of estimated expenditures and revenues.


141.412 Local unit of government; public hearing on proposed budget; notice.
Sec. 2. A local unit shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget. The local unit shall give notice of the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the local unit at least 6 days before the hearing. The notice shall include the time and place of the hearing and shall state the place where a copy of the budget is available for public inspection. The notice shall also include the following statement printed in 11-point boldfaced type: "The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.".


141.413 Local unit of government; final adoption of budget; hearing; exception.
Sec. 3. Each local unit shall hold such public hearing prior to final adoption of its budget. Except for a local unit that has a fiscal year that begins before the convening of the county tax allocation board, a local unit that submits its budget to a county tax allocation board shall hold such hearing after its tax rate allocation has been fixed by such board.


141.414 Local unit of government; changes in budget.
Sec. 4. Changes made in its budget by the governing body of a local unit subsequent to such public hearing shall not affect the validity of such budget.


141.415 Local unit of government; public hearing on budget, charter, statute.
Sec. 5. Local units which provide for a public hearing before adoption of their budgets either in pursuance of charter provision or law shall hold a public hearing in accordance with such provision of charter or law which shall be deemed to be in a manner prescribed by law.