

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION W

September 12, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Young and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 31 of article IX, to limit the application of the requirement for a millage rollback under certain circumstances.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to limit the application of the requirement for a millage rollback under certain circumstances, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE IX

Sec. 31. Units of Local Government are hereby prohibited from

1 levying any tax not authorized by law or charter when this section  
2 is ratified or from increasing the rate of an existing tax above  
3 that rate authorized by law or charter when this section is  
4 ratified, without the approval of a majority of the qualified  
5 electors of that unit of Local Government voting thereon. If the  
6 definition of the base of an existing tax is broadened, the maximum  
7 authorized rate of taxation on the new base in each unit of Local  
8 Government shall be reduced to yield the same estimated gross  
9 revenue as on the prior base. If the assessed valuation of property  
10 as finally equalized, excluding the value of new construction and  
11 improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in  
12 the General Price Level from the previous year, the maximum  
13 authorized rate applied thereto in each unit of Local Government  
14 shall be reduced to yield the same gross revenue from existing  
15 property, adjusted for changes in the General Price Level, as could  
16 have been collected at the existing authorized rate on the prior  
17 assessed value.

18       The limitations of this section shall not apply to taxes  
19 imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other  
20 evidence of indebtedness, ~~or~~ for the payment of assessments on  
21 contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued  
22 which were authorized prior to the effective date of this  
23 amendment, **OR FOR A MILLAGE ASSESSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A**  
24 **SINKING FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FOR SITES**  
25 **FOR, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF, SCHOOL BUILDINGS.**

26       Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be  
27 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election

1 in the manner provided by law.