

HOUSE BILL No. 5088

October 18, 2011, Introduced by Reps. McMillin and Heise and referred to the Committee on Tax Policy.

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 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

1 state law.

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

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

8 (a) The millage rate to be authorized.

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

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

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

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

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

19 (a) The principal amount to be borrowed.

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

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

24 **(D) FOR BONDS FINANCED BY AN AD VALOREM MILLAGE, A CLEAR**
25 **STATEMENT THAT IF THE AGGREGATE TAXABLE VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY**
26 **SUBJECT TO THE MILLAGE DECREASES, THE MILLAGE RATE MAY INCREASE TO**
27 **COVER THE COST OF THE BONDS. AS USED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, "TAXABLE**

1 **VALUE" MEANS THAT VALUE CALCULATED UNDER SECTION 27A.**

2 (E) ~~(d)~~—For bonds other than bonds that are intended to be
3 paid from a separate revenue source or from taxes levied in less
4 than the entire taxing unit, the estimated millage that will be
5 levied for the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is
6 authorized and the estimated simple average annual millage that
7 will be required to retire the debt. Inaccuracies in the estimates
8 provided under this subdivision shall not affect the validity of
9 the bonds, the general obligation unlimited tax status requiring
10 the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the bonds, or the results of an
11 election.

12 (F) ~~(e)~~—For bonds that are intended to be paid from a separate
13 revenue source or from taxes levied in less than the entire taxing
14 unit, the primary source of the revenue that is intended to be used
15 to retire the bonds.

16 (4) A taxing unit shall hold not more than 2 elections in a
17 calendar year concerning the authorization of a millage rate
18 greater than the product of the immediately preceding year's
19 reduced maximum authorized rate or rates as defined in section
20 ~~34d(16)~~—**34D** multiplied by the current year's millage reduction
21 fraction, regardless of the number of questions presented at the
22 election.

23 (5) A taxing unit that levies millage under this act shall not
24 submit a single question to the electors of the taxing unit
25 requesting both the renewal of voter authorized millage and the
26 authorization of new additional millage if the additional millage
27 is greater than 0.5 mill. If authorization to levy millage has

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