

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 538**

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled
"The general property tax act,"
by amending section 24f (MCL 211.24f), as amended by 1999
PA 248.

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 PROTEC-
5 TION UNDER 1951 PA 33, MCL 41.801 TO 41.813, THE BALLOT SHALL
6 FULLY DISCLOSE EACH LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT TO WHICH THE REVENUE
7 FROM THAT MILLAGE WILL BE DISBURSED. AS USED IN THIS
8 SUBSECTION:

9 (A) "LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT" MEANS A COUNTY, CITY,
10 VILLAGE, TOWNSHIP, SCHOOL DISTRICT, INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT,

1 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, PUBLIC LIBRARY, OR LOCAL AUTHORITY
2 CREATED UNDER STATE LAW.

3 (B) "PUBLIC LIBRARY" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2
4 OF THE STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT, 1977 PA 89, MCL
5 397.552.

6 (2) ~~-(1)-~~ In addition to THE REQUIREMENT SET FORTH IN SUB-
7 SECTION (1) AND any other requirement provided by law, when sub-
8 mitting a proposal on the question of authorizing a millage rate
9 to be levied under this act, the ballot shall state all of the
10 following:

11 (a) The millage rate to be authorized.

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

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

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

16 (e) A clear statement indicating whether the proposed mill-
17 age is a renewal of a previously authorized millage or the autho-
18 rization of a new additional millage.

19 (3) ~~-(2)-~~ In addition to any other requirement provided by
20 law, when submitting a proposal to authorize the issuance of
21 bonds, the ballot shall state all of the following:

22 (a) The principal amount to be borrowed.

23 (b) The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstand-
24 ing, exclusive of any refunding.

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

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

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

15 (4) ~~-(3)-~~ A taxing unit shall hold not more than 2 elections
16 in a calendar year concerning the authorization of a millage rate
17 greater than the product of the immediately preceding year's
18 reduced maximum authorized rate or rates as defined in section
19 34d(16) multiplied by the current year's millage reduction frac-
20 tion, regardless of the number of questions presented at the
21 election.

22 (5) ~~-(4)-~~ A taxing unit that levies millage under this act
23 shall not submit a single question to the electors of the taxing
24 unit requesting both the renewal of voter authorized millage and
25 the authorization of new additional millage if the additional
26 millage is greater than 0.5 mill. If authorization to levy
27 millage has expired and the taxing unit submits to the electors

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