SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 5097

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled
"The general property tax act,"
by amending section 34d (MCL 211.34d), as amended by 2005 PA 12,
and by adding section 7jj.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 SEC. 7JJ. (1) BEGINNING DECEMBER 31, 2005, COMMERCIAL RENTAL
- 2 PROPERTY IS EXEMPT FROM THE COLLECTION OF TAXES UNDER THIS ACT IF
- 3 AN OWNER OF THAT COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY CLAIMS AN EXEMPTION AS
- 4 PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY EXEMPT UNDER
- 5 THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE SPECIFIC TAX LEVIED UNDER THE
- 6 COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY SPECIFIC TAX ACT.
- 7 (2) AN OWNER OF COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY MAY CLAIM AN
- 8 EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SECTION BY FILING AN AFFIDAVIT ON OR BEFORE

- 1 DECEMBER 31 WITH THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT IN WHICH THE
- 2 COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED. THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL STATE
- 3 THAT THE PROPERTY IS OWNED AND OCCUPIED AS COMMERCIAL RENTAL
- 4 PROPERTY ON THE DATE THAT THE AFFIDAVIT IS SIGNED. THE AFFIDAVIT
- 5 SHALL BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. ONE
- 6 COPY OF THE AFFIDAVIT SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE OWNER, 1 COPY SHALL
- 7 BE RETAINED BY THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT UNTIL ANY APPEAL OR
- 8 AUDIT PERIOD UNDER THIS ACT HAS EXPIRED, AND 1 COPY SHALL BE
- 9 FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.
- 10 (3) UPON RECEIPT OF AN AFFIDAVIT FILED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)
- 11 AND UNLESS THE CLAIM IS DENIED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ASSESSOR
- 12 SHALL EXEMPT THE PROPERTY FROM THE COLLECTION OF TAXES UNDER THIS
- 13 ACT UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS
- 14 TRANSFERRED OR IS NO LONGER COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY.
- 15 (4) NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS AFTER EXEMPTED PROPERTY IS NO LONGER
- 16 COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY, AN OWNER SHALL RESCIND THE CLAIM OF
- 17 EXEMPTION BY FILING WITH THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT A RESCISSION
- 18 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY. AN OWNER WHO FAILS
- 19 TO FILE A RESCISSION AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO A
- 20 PENALTY OF \$5.00 PER DAY FOR EACH SEPARATE FAILURE BEGINNING AFTER
- 21 THE 90 DAYS HAVE ELAPSED, UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$200.00. THIS PENALTY
- 22 SHALL BE COLLECTED UNDER 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.1 TO 205.31, AND
- 23 SHALL BE DEPOSITED IN THE STATE SCHOOL AID FUND ESTABLISHED IN
- 24 SECTION 11 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF 1963. THIS
- 25 PENALTY MAY BE WAIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.
- 26 (5) IF THE ASSESSOR OF THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT BELIEVES
- 27 THAT THE PROPERTY FOR WHICH AN EXEMPTION IS CLAIMED IS NOT

- 1 COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY, THE ASSESSOR MAY DENY A NEW OR EXISTING
- 2 CLAIM BY NOTIFYING THE OWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY IN
- 3 WRITING OF THE REASON FOR THE DENIAL AND ADVISING THE OWNER THAT
- 4 THE DENIAL MAY BE APPEALED TO THE STATE TAX COMMISSION WITHIN 35
- 5 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF THE NOTICE. THE ASSESSOR MAY DENY A CLAIM
- 6 FOR EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR AND FOR THE 3 IMMEDIATELY
- 7 PRECEDING CALENDAR YEARS. IF THE ASSESSOR DENIES AN EXISTING CLAIM
- 8 FOR EXEMPTION, THE ASSESSOR SHALL REMOVE THE EXEMPTION OF THE
- 9 PROPERTY AND, IF THE TAX ROLL IS IN THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT'S
- 10 POSSESSION, AMEND THE TAX ROLL TO REFLECT THE DENIAL AND THE LOCAL
- 11 TREASURER SHALL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE DENIAL ISSUE A
- 12 CORRECTED TAX BILL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES WITH INTEREST AND
- 13 PENALTIES COMPUTED FROM THE DATE THE TAXES WERE LAST PAYABLE
- 14 WITHOUT INTEREST OR PENALTY. IF THE TAX ROLL IS IN THE COUNTY
- 15 TREASURER'S POSSESSION, THE TAX ROLL SHALL BE AMENDED TO REFLECT
- 16 THE DENIAL AND THE COUNTY TREASURER SHALL WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE
- 17 DATE OF THE DENIAL PREPARE AND SUBMIT A SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILL FOR
- 18 ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST AND PENALTIES COMPUTED
- 19 FROM THE DATE THE TAXES WERE LAST PAYABLE WITHOUT INTEREST OR
- 20 PENALTY. TAXES LEVIED IN A CORRECTED OR SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILL SHALL
- 21 BE RETURNED AS DELINQUENT ON THE MARCH 1 IN THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY
- 22 SUCCEEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CORRECTED OR SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILL
- 23 IS ISSUED. HOWEVER, IF THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO A BONA
- 24 FIDE PURCHASER BEFORE ADDITIONAL TAXES WERE BILLED TO THE SELLER AS
- 25 A RESULT OF THE DENIAL OF A CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION, THE TAXES,
- 26 INTEREST, AND PENALTIES SHALL NOT BE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND
- 27 SHALL NOT BE BILLED TO THE BONA FIDE PURCHASER, AND THE LOCAL TAX

- 1 COLLECTING UNIT IF THE LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT HAS POSSESSION OF
- 2 THE TAX ROLL OR THE COUNTY TREASURER IF THE COUNTY HAS POSSESSION
- 3 OF THE TAX ROLL SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY OF THE
- 4 AMOUNT OF TAX DUE, INTEREST, AND PENALTIES THROUGH THE DATE OF THAT
- 5 NOTIFICATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SHALL THEN ASSESS THE
- 6 OWNER WHO CLAIMED THE EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE TAX,
- 7 INTEREST, AND PENALTIES ACCRUING AS A RESULT OF THE DENIAL OF THE
- 8 CLAIM FOR EXEMPTION, IF ANY, AS FOR UNPAID TAXES PROVIDED UNDER
- 9 1941 PA 122, MCL 205.1 TO 205.31, AND SHALL DEPOSIT ANY TAX,
- 10 PENALTY, AND INTEREST COLLECTED INTO THE STATE SCHOOL AID FUND. THE
- 11 DENIAL SHALL BE MADE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
- 12 TREASURY.
- 13 (6) WHEN A COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS RECORDS A TRANSFER OF
- 14 OWNERSHIP OF COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY, HE OR SHE SHALL NOTIFY THE
- 15 LOCAL TAX COLLECTING UNIT IN WHICH THE COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY
- 16 IS LOCATED OF THE TRANSFER.
- 17 (7) THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE THE
- 18 AFFIDAVIT FORMS AND THE FORMS TO RESCIND AN EXEMPTION, WHICH MAY BE
- 19 ON THE SAME FORM, TO ALL CITY AND TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS, COUNTY
- 20 EQUALIZATION OFFICERS, COUNTY REGISTERS OF DEEDS, AND CLOSING
- 21 AGENTS.
- 22 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY"
- 23 MEANS REAL PROPERTY THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- 24 (A) IS CLASSIFIED AS COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY OR INDUSTRIAL
- 25 REAL PROPERTY UNDER SECTION 34C.
- 26 (B) ALL OR A PORTION IS SUBJECT TO A LEASE OR IS OFFERED FOR
- 27 LEASE.

- 1 Sec. 34d. (1) As used in this section or section 27a, or
- 2 section 3 or 31 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963:
- 3 (a) For taxes levied before 1995, "additions" means all
- 4 increases in value caused by new construction or a physical
- 5 addition of equipment or furnishings, and the value of property
- 6 that was exempt from taxes or not included on the assessment unit's
- 7 immediately preceding year's assessment roll.
- 8 (b) For taxes levied after 1994, "additions" means, except as
- 9 provided in subdivision (c), all of the following:
- 10 (i) Omitted real property. As used in this subparagraph,
- 11 "omitted real property" means previously existing tangible real
- 12 property not included in the assessment. Omitted real property
- 13 shall not increase taxable value as an addition unless the
- 14 assessing jurisdiction has a property record card or other
- 15 documentation showing that the omitted real property was not
- 16 previously included in the assessment. The assessing jurisdiction
- 17 has the burden of proof in establishing whether the omitted real
- 18 property is included in the assessment. Omitted real property for
- 19 the current and the 2 immediately preceding years, discovered after
- 20 the assessment roll has been completed, shall be added to the tax
- 21 roll pursuant to the procedures established in section 154. For
- 22 purposes of determining the taxable value of real property under
- 23 section 27a, the value of omitted real property is based on the
- 24 value and the ratio of taxable value to true cash value the omitted
- 25 real property would have had if the property had not been omitted.
- 26 (ii) Omitted personal property. As used in this subparagraph,
- 27 "omitted personal property" means previously existing tangible

- 1 personal property not included in the assessment. Omitted personal
- 2 property shall be added to the tax roll pursuant to section 154.
- 3 (iii) New construction. As used in this subparagraph, "new
- 4 construction" means property not in existence on the immediately
- 5 preceding tax day and not replacement construction. New
- 6 construction includes the physical addition of equipment or
- 7 furnishings, subject to the provisions set forth in section
- 8 27(2)(a) to (o). For purposes of determining the taxable value of
- 9 property under section 27a, the value of new construction is the
- 10 true cash value of the new construction multiplied by 0.50.
- (iv) Previously exempt property. As used in this subparagraph,
- 12 "previously exempt property" means property that was exempt from ad
- 13 valorem taxation under this act on the immediately preceding tax
- 14 day but is subject to ad valorem taxation on the current tax day
- 15 under this act. For purposes of determining the taxable value of
- 16 real property under section 27a:
- 17 (A) The value of property previously exempt under section 7u
- 18 is the taxable value the entire parcel of property would have had
- 19 if that property had not been exempt, minus the product of the
- 20 entire parcel's taxable value in the immediately preceding year and
- 21 the lesser of 1.05 or the inflation rate.
- (B) The taxable value of property that is a facility as that
- 23 term is defined in section 2 of 1974 PA 198, MCL 207.552, that was
- 24 previously exempt under section 7k is the taxable value that
- 25 property would have had under this act if it had not been exempt.
- 26 (C) THE TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY THAT WAS COMMERCIAL RENTAL
- 27 PROPERTY THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 7JJ IS THAT

- 1 PROPERTY'S ADJUSTED TAXABLE VALUE UNDER THE COMMERCIAL RENTAL
- 2 PROPERTY SPECIFIC TAX ACT IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR.
- 3 (D) $\overline{(C)}$ The value of property previously exempt under any
- 4 other section of law is the true cash value of the previously
- 5 exempt property multiplied by 0.50.
- 6 (v) Replacement construction. As used in this subparagraph,
- 7 "replacement construction" means construction that replaced
- 8 property damaged or destroyed by accident or act of God and that
- 9 occurred after the immediately preceding tax day to the extent the
- 10 construction's true cash value does not exceed the true cash value
- 11 of property that was damaged or destroyed by accident or act of God
- 12 in the immediately preceding 3 years. For purposes of determining
- 13 the taxable value of property under section 27a, the value of the
- 14 replacement construction is the true cash value of the replacement
- 15 construction multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the
- 16 taxable value of the property to which the construction was added
- 17 in the immediately preceding year and the denominator of which is
- 18 the true cash value of the property to which the construction was
- 19 added in the immediately preceding year, and then multiplied by the
- 20 lesser of 1.05 or the inflation rate.
- 21 (vi) An increase in taxable value attributable to the complete
- 22 or partial remediation of environmental contamination existing on
- 23 the immediately preceding tax day. The department of environmental
- 24 quality shall determine the degree of remediation based on
- 25 information available in existing department of environmental
- 26 quality records or information made available to the department of
- 27 environmental quality if the appropriate assessing officer for a

- 1 local tax collecting unit requests that determination. The increase
- 2 in taxable value attributable to the remediation is the increase in
- 3 true cash value attributable to the remediation multiplied by a
- 4 fraction the numerator of which is the taxable value of the
- 5 property had it not been contaminated and the denominator of which
- 6 is the true cash value of the property had it not been
- 7 contaminated.
- 8 (vii) An PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2005, AN increase in the value
- 9 attributable to the property's occupancy rate if either a loss, as
- 10 that term is defined in this section, had been previously allowed
- 11 because of a decrease in the property's occupancy rate or if the
- 12 value of new construction was reduced because of a below-market
- 13 occupancy rate. For purposes of determining the taxable value of
- 14 property under section 27a, the value of an addition for the
- 15 increased occupancy rate is the product of the increase in the true
- 16 cash value of the property attributable to the increased occupancy
- 17 rate multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the taxable
- 18 value of the property in the immediately preceding year and the
- 19 denominator of which is the true cash value of the property in the
- 20 immediately preceding year, and then multiplied by the lesser of
- 21 1.05 or the inflation rate.
- 22 (viii) Public services. As used in this subparagraph, "public
- 23 services" means water service, sewer service, a primary access
- 24 road, natural gas service, electrical service, telephone service,
- 25 sidewalks, or street lighting. For purposes of determining the
- 26 taxable value of real property under section 27a, the value of
- 27 public services is the amount of increase in true cash value of the

- 1 property attributable to the available public services multiplied
- 2 by 0.50 and shall be added in the calendar year following the
- 3 calendar year when those public services are initially available.
- 4 (c) For taxes levied after 1994, additions do not include
- 5 increased value attributable to any of the following:
- 6 (i) Platting, splits, or combinations of property.
- 7 (ii) A change in the zoning of property.
- 8 (iii) For the purposes of the calculation of the millage
- 9 reduction fraction under subsection (7) only, -increased BOTH OF
- 10 THE FOLLOWING:
- 11 (A) INCREASED taxable value under section 27a(3) after a
- 12 transfer of ownership of property.
- 13 (B) INCREASED ADJUSTABLE TAXABLE VALUE UNDER THE COMMERCIAL
- 14 RENTAL PROPERTY SPECIFIC TAX ACT AFTER A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF
- 15 COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY.
- 16 (d) "Assessed valuation of property as finally equalized"
- 17 means taxable value under section 27a.
- (e) "Financial officer" means the officer responsible for
- 19 preparing the budget of a unit of local government.
- (f) "General price level" means the annual average of the 12
- 21 monthly values for the United States consumer price index for all
- 22 urban consumers as defined and officially reported by the United
- 23 States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics.
- 24 (g) For taxes levied before 1995, "losses" means a decrease in
- 25 value caused by the removal or destruction of real or personal
- 26 property and the value of property taxed in the immediately
- 27 preceding year that has been exempted or removed from the

- 1 assessment unit's assessment roll.
- 2 (h) For taxes levied after 1994, "losses" means, except as
- 3 provided in subdivision (i), all of the following:
- 4 (i) Property that has been destroyed or removed. For purposes
- 5 of determining the taxable value of property under section 27a, the
- 6 value of property destroyed or removed is the product of the true
- 7 cash value of that property multiplied by a fraction the numerator
- 8 of which is the taxable value of that property in the immediately
- 9 preceding year and the denominator of which is the true cash value
- 10 of that property in the immediately preceding year.
- (ii) Property that was subject to ad valorem taxation under
- 12 this act in the immediately preceding year that is now exempt from
- 13 ad valorem taxation under this act. For purposes of determining the
- 14 taxable value of property under section 27a, the value of property
- 15 exempted from ad valorem taxation under this act is the amount
- 16 exempted.
- 17 (iii) An PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2005, AN adjustment in value,
- 18 if any, because of a decrease in the property's occupancy rate, to
- 19 the extent provided by law. For purposes of determining the taxable
- 20 value of real property under section 27a, the value of a loss for a
- 21 decrease in the property's occupancy rate is the product of the
- 22 decrease in the true cash value of the property attributable to the
- 23 decreased occupancy rate multiplied by a fraction the numerator of
- 24 which is the taxable value of the property in the immediately
- 25 preceding year and the denominator of which is the true cash value
- of the property in the immediately preceding year.
- 27 (iv) A decrease in taxable value attributable to environmental

- 1 contamination existing on the immediately preceding tax day. The
- 2 department of environmental quality shall determine the degree to
- 3 which environmental contamination limits the use of property based
- 4 on information available in existing department of environmental
- 5 quality records or information made available to the department of
- 6 environmental quality if the appropriate assessing officer for a
- 7 local tax collecting unit requests that determination. The
- 8 department of environmental quality's determination of the degree
- 9 to which environmental contamination limits the use of property
- 10 shall be based on the criteria established for the categories set
- 11 forth in section 20120a(1) of the natural resources and
- 12 environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.20120a. The
- 13 decrease in taxable value attributable to the contamination is the
- 14 decrease in true cash value attributable to the contamination
- 15 multiplied by a fraction the numerator of which is the taxable
- 16 value of the property had it not been contaminated and the
- 17 denominator of which is the true cash value of the property had it
- 18 not been contaminated.
- 19 (i) For taxes levied after 1994, losses do not include
- 20 decreased value attributable to either of the following:
- 21 (i) Platting, splits, or combinations of property.
- 22 (ii) A change in the zoning of property.
- 23 (iii) FOR THE PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE MILLAGE REDUCTION
- 24 FRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (7) ONLY, DECREASED TAXABLE VALUE AS A
- 25 RESULT OF THE EXEMPTION OF COMMERCIAL RENTAL PROPERTY UNDER SECTION
- 26 7JJ.
- 27 (j) "New construction and improvements" means additions less

- 1 losses.
- 2 (k) "Current year" means the year for which the millage
- 3 limitation is being calculated.
- **4** (*l*) "Inflation rate" means the ratio of the general price level
- 5 for the state fiscal year ending in the calendar year immediately
- 6 preceding the current year divided by the general price level for
- 7 the state fiscal year ending in the calendar year before the year
- 8 immediately preceding the current year.
- 9 (2) On or before the first Monday in May of each year, the
- 10 assessing officer of each township or city shall tabulate the
- 11 tentative taxable value as approved by the local board of review
- 12 and as modified by county equalization for each classification of
- 13 property that is separately equalized for each unit of local
- 14 government and provide the tabulated tentative taxable values to
- 15 the county equalization director. The tabulation by the assessing
- 16 officer shall contain additions and losses for each classification
- 17 of property that is separately equalized for each unit of local
- 18 government or part of a unit of local government in the township or
- 19 city. If as a result of state equalization the taxable value of
- 20 property changes, the assessing officer of each township or city
- 21 shall revise the calculations required by this subsection on or
- 22 before the Friday following the fourth Monday in May. The county
- 23 equalization director shall compute these amounts and the current
- 24 and immediately preceding year's taxable values for each
- 25 classification of property that is separately equalized for each
- 26 unit of local government that levies taxes under this act within
- 27 the boundary of the county. The county equalization director shall

- 1 cooperate with equalization directors of neighboring counties, as
- 2 necessary, to make the computation for units of local government
- 3 located in more than 1 county. The county equalization director
- 4 shall calculate the millage reduction fraction for each unit of
- 5 local government in the county for the current year. The financial
- 6 officer for each taxing jurisdiction shall calculate the compounded
- 7 millage reduction fractions beginning in 1980 resulting from the
- 8 multiplication of successive millage reduction fractions and shall
- 9 recognize a local voter action to increase the compounded millage
- 10 reduction fraction to a maximum of 1 as a new beginning fraction.
- 11 Upon request of the superintendent of the intermediate school
- 12 district, the county equalization director shall transmit the
- 13 complete computations of the taxable values to the superintendent
- 14 of the intermediate school district within that county. At the
- 15 request of the presidents of community colleges, the county
- 16 equalization director shall transmit the complete computations of
- 17 the taxable values to the presidents of community colleges within
- 18 the county.
- 19 (3) On or before the first Monday in June of each year, the
- 20 county equalization director shall deliver the statement of the
- 21 computations signed by the county equalization director to the
- 22 county treasurer.
- 23 (4) On or before the second Monday in June of each year, the
- 24 treasurer of each county shall certify the immediately preceding
- 25 year's taxable values, the current year's taxable values, the
- 26 amount of additions and losses for the current year, and the
- 27 current year's millage reduction fraction for each unit of local

- 1 government that levies a property tax in the county.
- 2 (5) The financial officer of each unit of local government
- 3 shall make the computation of the tax rate using the data certified
- 4 by the county treasurer and the state tax commission. At the annual
- 5 session in October, the county board of commissioners shall not
- 6 authorize the levy of a tax unless the governing body of the taxing
- 7 jurisdiction has certified that the requested millage has been
- 8 reduced, if necessary, in compliance with section 31 of article IX
- 9 of the state constitution of 1963.
- 10 (6) The number of mills permitted to be levied in a tax year
- 11 is limited as provided in this section pursuant to section 31 of
- 12 article IX of the state constitution of 1963. A unit of local
- 13 government shall not levy a tax rate greater than the rate
- 14 determined by reducing its maximum rate or rates authorized by law
- 15 or charter by a millage reduction fraction as provided in this
- 16 section without voter approval.
- 17 (7) A millage reduction fraction shall be determined for each
- 18 year for each local unit of government. For ad valorem property
- 19 taxes that became a lien before January 1, 1983, the numerator of
- 20 the fraction shall be the total state equalized valuation for the
- 21 immediately preceding year multiplied by the inflation rate and the
- 22 denominator of the fraction shall be the total state equalized
- 23 valuation for the current year minus new construction and
- 24 improvements. For ad valorem property taxes that become a lien
- 25 after December 31, 1982 and through December 31, 1994, the
- 26 numerator of the fraction shall be the product of the difference
- 27 between the total state equalized valuation for the immediately

- 1 preceding year minus losses multiplied by the inflation rate and
- 2 the denominator of the fraction shall be the total state equalized
- 3 valuation for the current year minus additions. For ad valorem
- 4 property taxes that are levied after December 31, 1994, the
- 5 numerator of the fraction shall be the product of the difference
- 6 between the total taxable value for the immediately preceding year
- 7 minus losses multiplied by the inflation rate and the denominator
- 8 of the fraction shall be the total taxable value for the current
- 9 year minus additions. For each year after 1993, a millage reduction
- 10 fraction shall not exceed 1.
- 11 (8) The compounded millage reduction fraction for each year
- 12 after 1980 shall be calculated by multiplying the local unit's
- 13 previous year's compounded millage reduction fraction by the
- 14 current year's millage reduction fraction. Beginning with 1980 tax
- 15 levies, the compounded millage reduction fraction for the year
- 16 shall be multiplied by the maximum millage rate authorized by law
- 17 or charter for the unit of local government for the year, except as
- 18 provided by subsection (9). A compounded millage reduction fraction
- 19 shall not exceed 1.
- 20 (9) The millage reduction shall be determined separately for
- 21 authorized millage approved by the voters. The limitation on
- 22 millage authorized by the voters on or before April 30 of a year
- 23 shall be calculated beginning with the millage reduction fraction
- 24 for that year. Millage authorized by the voters after April 30
- 25 shall not be subject to a millage reduction until the year
- 26 following the voter authorization which shall be calculated
- 27 beginning with the millage reduction fraction for the year

- 1 following the authorization. The first millage reduction fraction
- 2 used in calculating the limitation on millage approved by the
- 3 voters after January 1, 1979 shall not exceed 1.
- 4 (10) A millage reduction fraction shall be applied separately
- 5 to the aggregate maximum millage rate authorized by a charter and
- 6 to each maximum millage rate authorized by state law for a specific
- 7 purpose.
- 8 (11) A unit of local government may submit to the voters for
- 9 their approval the levy in that year of a tax rate in excess of the
- 10 limit set by this section. The ballot question shall ask the voters
- 11 to approve the levy of a specific number of mills in excess of the
- 12 limit. The provisions of this section do not allow the levy of a
- 13 millage rate in excess of the maximum rate authorized by law or
- 14 charter. If the authorization to levy millage expires after 1993
- 15 and a local governmental unit is asking voters to renew the
- 16 authorization to levy the millage, the ballot question shall ask
- 17 for renewed authorization for the number of expiring mills as
- 18 reduced by the millage reduction required by this section. If the
- 19 election occurs before June 1 of a year, the millage reduction is
- 20 based on the immediately preceding year's millage reduction
- 21 applicable to that millage. If the election occurs after May 31 of
- 22 a year, the millage reduction shall be based on that year's millage
- 23 reduction applicable to that millage had it not expired.
- 24 (12) A reduction or limitation under this section shall not be
- 25 applied to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest
- 26 on bonds or other evidence of indebtedness or for the payment of
- 27 assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds

- 1 are issued that were authorized before December 23, 1978, as
- 2 provided by section 4 of chapter I of former 1943 PA 202, or to
- 3 taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or
- 4 other evidence of indebtedness or for the payment of assessments or
- 5 contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued that
- 6 are approved by the voters after December 22, 1978.
- 7 (13) If it is determined subsequent to the levy of a tax that
- 8 an incorrect millage reduction fraction has been applied, the
- 9 amount of additional tax revenue or the shortage of tax revenue
- 10 shall be deducted from or added to the next regular tax levy for
- 11 that unit of local government after the determination of the
- 12 authorized rate pursuant to this section.
- 13 (14) If as a result of an appeal of county equalization or
- 14 state equalization the taxable value of a unit of local government
- 15 changes, the millage reduction fraction for the year shall be
- 16 recalculated. The financial officer shall effectuate an addition or
- 17 reduction of tax revenue in the same manner as prescribed in
- **18** subsection (13).
- 19 (15) The fractions calculated pursuant to this section shall
- 20 be rounded to 4 decimal places, except that the inflation rate
- 21 shall be computed by the state tax commission and shall be rounded
- 22 to 3 decimal places. The state tax commission shall publish the
- 23 inflation rate before March 1 of each year.
- 24 (16) Beginning with taxes levied in 1994, the millage
- 25 reduction required by section 31 of article IX of the state
- 26 constitution of 1963 shall permanently reduce the maximum rate or
- 27 rates authorized by law or charter. The reduced maximum authorized

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     rate or rates for 1994 shall equal the product of the maximum rate
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     to that millage in 1994 pursuant to subsections (8) to (12). The
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     reduced maximum authorized rate or rates for 1995 and each year
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     current year's millage reduction fraction and shall be adjusted for
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     millage for which authorization has expired and new authorized
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     millage approved by the voters pursuant to subsections (8) to (12).
          [Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
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     unless all of the following bills of the 93rd Legislature are
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     enacted into law:
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          (a) House Bill No. 4972.
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          (b) House Bill No. 4973.
          (c) House Bill No. 4980.
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          (d) House Bill No. 5095.
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          (e) House Bill No. 5096.
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          (f) House Bill No. 5098.
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          (g) House Bill No. 5106.
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(i) House Bill No. 5108.]
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