

HOUSE BILL No. 5967

March 18, 2010, Introduced by Reps. Crawford, DeShazor, Elsenheimer, Kowall, Stamas, Walsh, Marleau, Horn and Rick Jones 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
11 state law.

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

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

7 (a) The millage rate to be authorized.

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

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

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

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

15 **(F) AN EXAMPLE OF THE ANTICIPATED TOTAL PROPERTY TAX BURDEN IN**
16 **THE TAXING UNIT FOR A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, BASED ON THE TOTAL**
17 **NUMBER OF ALL MILLS THAT WOULD BE LEVIED IN THE TAXING UNIT IF THE**
18 **PROPOSED MILLAGE IS AUTHORIZED AND LEVIED. AS USED IN THIS**
19 **SUBDIVISION, "PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE" MEANS PROPERTY EXEMPT UNDER**
20 **SECTION 7CC.**

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

24 (a) The principal amount to be borrowed.

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

27 (c) A clear statement of the purpose for which the proceeds of

1 the bonds will be used.

2 (d) For bonds other than bonds that are intended to be paid
3 from a separate revenue source or from taxes levied in less than
4 the entire taxing unit, the estimated millage that will be levied
5 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 (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.

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22 (4) A taxing unit shall hold not more than 2 elections in a
23 calendar year concerning the authorization of a millage rate
24 greater than the product of the immediately preceding year's
25 reduced maximum authorized rate or rates as defined in section
26 34d(16) multiplied by the current year's millage reduction
27 fraction, regardless of the number of questions presented at the

1 election.

2 (5) A taxing unit that levies millage under this act shall not
3 submit a single question to the electors of the taxing unit
4 requesting both the renewal of voter authorized millage and the
5 authorization of new additional millage if the additional millage
6 is greater than 0.5 mill. If authorization to levy millage has
7 expired and the taxing unit submits to the electors the
8 authorization of millage greater than the number of expired mills
9 reduced pursuant to the millage reduction in section 34d(11), and
10 if the additional millage is greater than 0.5 mill, the taxing unit
11 shall submit 1 question for authorization of the number of expired
12 mills reduced pursuant to the millage reduction in section 34d(11)
13 and 1 or more additional questions for the authorization of millage
14 in excess of that amount.