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STATE PROPOSALS**PROPOSAL 12-1****A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 -
THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW**

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-2**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-3**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.

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- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-4

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL
AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

PROPOSAL 12-5

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.

This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

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PROPOSAL 12-6
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved?

MONTCALM COUNTY PROPOSALS

Shall the County of Montcalm, Michigan, impose an increase of up to .6 mill (\$.60 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, against all real and personal property in the County, for a period of two years, 2012 through 2013, both inclusive, for the sole purpose of providing funds for the law enforcement function of the Montcalm County Sheriff's Department; the estimate of the revenue the County will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$971,830.00?

BELVIDERE TOWNSHIP PROPOSALS

Shall the expiring previous voted increases in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution Belvidere Township, of 1.000 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value), reduced to .9724 mill (\$0.9724 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value), by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable value), and levied for 9 years, 2013 to 2021 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for road maintenance and repair, raising an estimated \$85,000.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

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VILLAGE OF PIERSON PROPOSALS**VILLAGE OF PIERSON MILLAGE PROPOSITION**

Shall the Village of Pierson be authorized to increase its maximum authorized general millage rate by 1.9646 mills (\$1.9646 per \$1,000 of taxable value) from 10.5354 mills to 12.5 mills (\$12.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), commencing in 2013 and continuing in perpetuity, and to levy such millage to provide funds for general operating and all other Village purposes?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The Village's maximum general millage rate of 12.5 mills as authorized by Chapter IX, Section 1 of the General Law Village Act (Public Act No. 3 of 1895, as amended) has been reduced by required Headlee Amendment rollbacks to 10.5354 mills. This new additional millage of 1.9646 mills would restore the millage rate lost due to the required Headlee Amendment rollbacks and would raise an estimated \$3,500 in 2013, the first year of the levy.

ITHACA PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROPOSALS**ITHACA PUBLIC SCHOOLS****OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Ithaca Public Schools, Gratiot and Montcalm Counties, Michigan, be increased by 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2012 to 2016, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2012 is approximately \$970,048 (this is a renewal of millage which expired with the 2011 tax levy)?

MORLEY-STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROPOSALS**MORLEY STANWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
MILLAGE PROPOSAL BUILDING AND SITE
SINKING FUND TAX LEVY**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Morley Stanwood Community Schools, Mecosta, Montcalm and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2013 to 2018, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$242,267?

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TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS PROPOSALS

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence ad other property exempted by law, in Tri County Area Schools, Montcalm, Kent and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be renewed for the year 2014, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$2,450,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy)?
