

HOUSE BILL No. 5290

February 2, 2016, Introduced by Rep. Lucido and referred to the Committee on Elections.

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.

12 (b) "Public library" means that term as defined in section 2

1 of the state aid to public libraries act, 1977 PA 89, MCL 397.552.

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

6 (a) The millage rate to be authorized.

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

9 (c) The duration of the millage in years. **IF THE STATED**
10 **DURATION EXCEEDS 5 YEARS, THERE SHALL ALSO BE AN ACCOMPANYING**
11 **STATEMENT CLEARLY EXPLAINING THE REASONS FOR THAT DURATION.**

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 other than bonds that are intended to be paid
25 from a separate revenue source or from taxes levied in less than
26 the entire taxing unit, the estimated millage that will be levied
27 for the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is

1 authorized and the estimated simple average annual millage that
2 will be required to retire the debt. Inaccuracies in the estimates
3 provided under this subdivision shall not affect the validity of
4 the bonds, the general obligation unlimited tax status requiring
5 the levy of taxes sufficient to pay the bonds, or the results of an
6 election.

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

11 (4) A taxing unit shall hold not more than 2 elections in a
12 calendar year concerning the authorization of a millage rate
13 greater than the product of the immediately preceding year's
14 reduced maximum authorized rate or rates as defined in section
15 ~~34d(16)~~**34D** multiplied by the current year's millage reduction
16 fraction, regardless of the number of questions presented at the
17 election.

18 (5) A taxing unit that levies millage under this act shall not
19 submit a single question to the electors of the taxing unit
20 requesting both the renewal of voter authorized millage and the
21 authorization of new additional millage if the additional millage
22 is greater than 0.5 mill. If authorization to levy millage has
23 expired and the taxing unit submits to the electors the
24 authorization of millage greater than the number of expired mills
25 reduced pursuant to the millage reduction in section ~~34d(11)~~**34D**,
26 and if the additional millage is greater than 0.5 mill, the taxing
27 unit shall submit 1 question for authorization of the number of

1 expired mills reduced pursuant to the millage reduction in section
2 ~~34d(11)~~ **34D** and 1 or more additional questions for the
3 authorization of millage in excess of that amount.