



**MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN
BALLOT PROPOSALS
NOVEMBER 6, 2018 GENERAL ELECTION
OFFICIAL**

STATE PROPOSALS

Proposal 18-1

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers

This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.
- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.
- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.
- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.
- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES

NO

Proposal 18-2

A proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
 - 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
 - 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan’s diverse population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES

NO

Proposal 18-3

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, no-reason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution

This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver’s license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.
- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to and including Election Day.
- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES

NO

MUSKEGON COUNTY

9-1-1 Muskegon Central Dispatch Surcharge Increase

For the exclusive purpose of funding for Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 for operational, technology and maintenance requirements (including emergency communication infrastructure; towers, radios, facility requirements, mobile computers, wireless redundancy), shall Muskegon County be authorized to assess a monthly surcharge of up to \$2.75 surcharge (current collection is \$0.42), on all devices capable of accessing 9-1-1, on the service suppliers monthly billings to service users within Muskegon County beginning July 1, 2019 and continuing until the repeal of MCL §484.1401 [currently scheduled for December 31, 2021]?

BLUE LAKE TOWNSHIP

**Fire Department Operations, Maintenance, and Equipment
Millage Renewal Proposition**

Shall the previously voted increase of 3.5 mills in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Blue Lake Township, reduced by the required Headlee roll back to 3.4565 mills, be renewed and increased at 3.5 mills (\$3.50 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value for real and personal property) for the five year period of 2019 through 2023 inclusive, for the purpose of providing 2.0 mills for operations and maintenance activities in the Fire Department, and providing 1.5 mills for the purchase of new equipment for the Fire Department; and shall the Township be authorized to levy such renewal? The estimated revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2019 is \$257,029.00.

EGELSTON TOWNSHIP

Medical Marihuana Zoning Ordinance Amendment

Shall the Egelston Township Zoning Ordinance amendment which added as a principal permitted use medical marihuana growers in the Agriculture and Resort Use District and Industrial Districts, medical marihuana processors in the Industrial Districts, medical marihuana provisioning centers in Commercial Districts, medical marihuana secure transporters in the Agriculture and Resort Use District, Commercial Districts, and Industrial Districts and medical marihuana safety compliance facilities in the Agriculture and Resort Use District and Industrial Districts under the authority of the medical marihuana facilities licensing act be approved?

HOLTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 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 2018 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.3121 mills (\$19.3121 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Holton Public Schools, Muskegon, Oceana and Newaygo Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 6 years, 2019 to 2024, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2019 is approximately \$770,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy)?

MONA SHORES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Bonding Proposal

Shall Mona Shores Public Schools, Muskegon County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Ninety-Three Million Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$93,225,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

Erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, equipping and re-equipping and furnishing and refurnishing school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping or re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; erecting, furnishing and equipping athletic facilities; purchasing school buses; and preparing, developing and improving athletic fields and facilities and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2019, under current law, is 4.73 mills (\$4.73 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a 0 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 5.15 mills (\$5.15 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$11,205,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

**ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS
Sinking Fund Millage Proposal**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Orchard View Schools, Muskegon County, 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 10 years, 2018 to 2027, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the construction or repair of school buildings, security improvements, 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 2018 is approximately \$288,826?

**OTTAWA AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal**

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed millage will be collected by the intermediate school district and distributed to the constituent districts based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Ottawa Area Intermediate School District, Michigan, be increased by 0.9 mill (\$0.9 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2019 to 2028, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2019 is approximately \$11,200,000, which funds will be disbursed as required by statute to: Allendale Public Schools, Coopersville Area Public Schools, Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Hamilton Community Schools, School District of the City of Holland, Hudsonville Public Schools, Jenison Public Schools, Saugatuck Public Schools, Spring Lake Public Schools, West Ottawa Public Schools, Zeeland Public Schools, Black River Public School, Eagle Crest Charter Academy, ICademy Global, Innocademy, Vanderbilt Charter Academy, Walden Green Montessori, West Michigan Academy of Arts and Academics, and Ottawa Area Intermediate School District?

**FRUITPORT DISTRICT LIBRARY
Library Millage**

This millage will replace the current library millage that expires December 2018. Shall the Fruitport District Library, County of Muskegon, Michigan, be authorized to levy a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed .75 mills (\$.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Fruitport District Library district for a period of ten (10) years, 2019 to 2028, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the District Library will collect in the first year of levy (2019) if the millage is approved and levied by the District Library is approximately \$366,000.