

**JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS
4TH DISTRICT
PARTIAL TERM ENDING 1/1/2009 -
INCUMBENT**
Vote For Not More Than One

Alton T. Davis
Judge of Court of Appeals

**JUDGE OF THE
PROBATE COURT
6 YEAR TERM - INCUMBENT**
Vote For Not More Than One

Jack T. Arnold
Judge of Probate Court

STATE PROPOSAL(S)

**PROPOSAL 06-1
A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT
MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION
AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN
ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR
INTENDED PURPOSES**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund within the Constitution and establish existing conservation and recreation accounts as components of the fund.
- Use current funding sources such as state park entrance and camping fees; snowmobile, ORV and boating registration fees; hunting and fishing license fees; taxes and other revenues to fund accounts.
- Establish the current Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund within the Constitution.
- Provide that money held in Funds can only be used for specific purposes related to conservation and recreation and cannot be used for any purpose other than those intended.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES ←
NO ←

**PROPOSAL 06-2
A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE
STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS
THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL
TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR
INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR
RACE, GENDER, COLOR,
ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN
FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT,
EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING
PURPOSES**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes. Public institutions affected by the proposal include state government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges and school districts.
- Prohibit public institutions from discriminating against groups or individuals due to their gender, ethnicity, race, color or national origin. (A separate provision of the state constitution already prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.)

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES ←
NO ←

**PROPOSAL 06-3
A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT
160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
HUNTING SEASON FOR
MOURNING DOVES**

Public Act 160 of 2004 would:

- Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to establish a hunting season for mourning doves.
- Require a mourning dove hunter to have a small game license and a \$2.00 mourning dove stamp.
- Stipulate that revenue from the stamp must be split evenly between the Game and Fish Protection Fund and the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.
- Require the Department of Natural Resources to address responsible mourning dove hunting; management practices for the propagation of mourning doves; and participation in mourning dove hunting by youth, the elderly and the disabled in the Department's annual hunting guide.

Should this law be approved?

YES ←
NO ←

**PROPOSAL 06-4
A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT
GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING
PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT
DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE
PURPOSES**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit government from taking private property for transfer to another private individual or business for purposes of economic development or increasing tax revenue.
- Provide that if an individual's principal residence is taken by government for public use, the individual must be paid at least 125% of property's fair market value.
- Require government that takes a private property to demonstrate that the taking is for a public use and taken to eliminate blight. A higher standard of proof is required to demonstrate that the taking of property is for a public use.
- Preserve the rights of property owners.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES ←
NO ←

**PROPOSAL 06-5
A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO
ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL
FUNDING LEVELS**

The proposed law would:

- Increase current funding by approximately \$565 million and require State to provide annual funding increases equal to the rate of inflation for public schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and higher education (includes state universities and financial aid/grant programs).
- Require State to fund any deficiencies from General Fund.
- Base funding for school districts with a declining enrollment on three-year student enrollment average.
- Reduce and cap retirement fund contribution paid by public schools, community colleges and state universities; shift remaining portion to state.
- Reduce funding gap between school districts receiving basic per-pupil foundation allowance and those receiving maximum foundation allowance.

Should this proposed law be approved?

YES ←
NO ←

COUNTY PROPOSAL

**GRATIOT COUNTY EMERGENCY
RESPONSE DEPUTIES MILLAGE
PROPOSAL**

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and personal tangible property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan Constitution be increased in the County of Gratiot - Michigan by 0.45000 mills (which is equal to \$.45 per \$1,000 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of six (6) years, 2006 through 2011, inclusive, for the purpose of paying partial costs of current staffing levels of police protection services to be provided through the County Sheriff's Office, including the costs of 24-hour road patrol and Sheriff's Office staffing and equipment? The amount of revenue the County will collect if this millage is approved and levied by the County in the first year is estimated to be \$363,941. This proposal is for a new additional millage the revenue from which would be disbursed to the County of Gratiot.

YES ←
NO ←

TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

**Township Bridge and Road
Construction and Maintenance
Millage Proposition**

Shall an additional one (1) mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000.00 of Taxable valuation) be levied and assessed upon property within the Township of Elba for a period of 20 years for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, repairing, and replacing streets, roads, and bridges within the township? This is a new millage. The estimated amount of revenue that will be collected in the first year that the millage is authorized and levied is \$28,000.00.

YES ←
NO ←

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