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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

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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

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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

BENZIE COUNTY PROPOSAL

Benzie County School Resource Officer Program Operating Millage Proposal

For the purpose of paying the cost of enhancing law enforcement presence in both school districts in Benzie County, specifically for funding two (2) School Resource Officers, and necessary equipment and training, to be provided in both Benzie County school districts, shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the general ad valorem taxes within the County of Benzie, Michigan, be increased, and shall the County be authorized to levy up to 0.1800 mills (\$0.1800 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years (2018-2021), inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise an estimated \$226,526 for two School Resource Officers operating purposes in the first calendar year.

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CITY OF FRANKFORT PROPOSAL

Millage Renewal
Fire Protection and First Responders

Shall the City of Frankfort renew the current levy (which was originally authorized at 1.0 mill, or \$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value on property within the City, and which is subject to the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution and thereby reduced to .9674 mills (\$0.9674 per \$1,000 of taxable value) at 0.9674 mills (\$0.9674 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2019 through 2023 (inclusive), to be used to continue fire protection and first responder services throughout the City and for the purpose of defraying the cost of general operations of and the maintenance, acquisition, replacement, and housing of equipment for the Frankfort Fire & Rescue Department? If levied in full, the amount estimated to be raised in the first year of the levy is \$87,384.

ALMIRA TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Renewal Millage for Fire & EMS Equipment and Apparatus Replacement

This proposal will permit the Township to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of replacing equipment and apparatus of the Fire & EMS Department.

Shall the expired previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Almira Township, of .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1000 of taxable value), reduced to .4834 mills (\$.4834 per \$1000 of taxable value) by required rollbacks, be renewed at said reduced millage rate and increased by .0166 mills (\$.0166 per \$1000 of taxable value) thereby restoring the millage up to the original voted .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1000 of taxable value) and to be levied for four (4) years, 2019 through 2022 inclusive, for the purpose of equipment and apparatus replacement for the Almira Township Fire & EMS Department, raising an estimated \$76,653.58 in the first year the millage is levied.

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BLAINE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Proposal to Renew Fire and Rescue Millage

This proposal reestablishes the 1 mill fire and rescue millage previously approved by the electors that expired after the December, 2017 levy. Specifically, the proposal renews the previously authorized .9764 mills and restores the .0236 mills rolled back by the Headlee Amendment.

Shall the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the Township of Blaine, Benzie County, Michigan, against taxable property in the Township be increased by up to 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2018 through 2021, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for fire protection and rescue services, and shall the Township levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$42,521 for the Township in 2018.

GILMORE TOWNSHIP PROPOSAL

Millage Renewal Fire Protection and First Responders

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution in Gilmore Township which was originally authorized at 1.5 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to 1.4435 mills (\$1.44 per \$1,000 of taxable value) be renewed at up to 1.4435 mills (\$1.44 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, 2019 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds to continue fire protection and first responder services throughout the township? If levied in full, the amount estimated to be raised in the first year of the levy is \$61,276.

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VILLAGE OF HONOR PROPOSAL

Proposed Amendment to the Village of Honor Village Charter To Provide That The Village Treasurer Is Appointed By The Village Council And To Acknowledge That Officer Elections Occur At Even Years In November And That The Elections Are Conducted At The Homestead Township Hall

The Village of Honor Charter currently states that the Village treasurer is elected to a two (2) year term, and the Charter further states that officer elections occur in March at the Village Hall, contrary to state law which requires November elections in even years.

The proposed amendment to the Village Charter provides that the Village Council appoints the Village treasurer to serve at the pleasure of the Village Council, and acknowledges that officer elections occur at even - years in November and that the elections are held at the Homestead Township Hall.

Shall Article 3, Section 2; Article 3, Section 6; Article 3, Section 7; and Article 9, Section 1 of the Village Charter be amended to provide for the appointment of the Village treasurer by the Village Council, and to acknowledge that officer elections occur at even - years in November, and that the elections are held at the Homestead Township Hall?

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

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. The remaining 2.2365 mills are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Benzie County Central Schools, Benzie, Manistee, Grand Traverse and Wexford Counties, Michigan, be renewed by 20.2365 mills (\$20.2365 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2020 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 2020 is approximately \$7,545,483 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2019 tax levy)?

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GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROPOSAL

GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory millage rate of 15.0696 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 expires with the 2018 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 24 mills (\$24,00 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 Glen Lake Community Schools, Leelanau and Benzie Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2019 to 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 15.0696 mills are levied in 2019 is approximately \$7,600,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 tax levy)?