

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF 1963 — SUMMARY OF ADOPTION OR REJECTION

Subject of Amendment	Article	Section	Method of Proposal*	Year of Election	Action	Vote	
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Lower minimum voting age from 21 to 18 years . . . . .	2	1	Senate Joint Resolution "A" . . . . . of 1966	Nov. 1966	Rejected	703,076	1,267,872
Establish judicial tenure commission . . . . .	6	30	House Joint Resolution "PP" . . . . . of 1968	Aug. 1968	Approved	553,182	228,738
Require legislature to create state officers compensation commission . . . . .	4	12	House Joint Resolution "AAA" . . . . . of 1968	Aug. 1968	Approved	417,393	346,839
Define manner of filling judicial vacancies . . . . .	6	20,22, 23,24	House Joint Resolution "F" . . . . . of 1968	Aug. 1968	Approved	494,512	266,561
Permit election of members of legislature to another state office during their term of office . . . . .	4	9	Senate Joint Resolution "Q" . . . . . of 1968	Nov. 1968	Rejected	778,388	1,783,186
Permit state to impose a graduated income tax . . . . .	9	7	Senate Joint Resolution "G" . . . . . of 1967	Nov. 1968	Rejected	614,826	2,025,052
Prohibit public aid to nonpublic schools and students . . . . .	8	2	Initiatory Petition . . . . . of 1970	Nov. 1970	Approved	1,416,838	1,078,740
Lower minimum voting age from 21 to 18 years . . . . .	2	1	House Joint Resolution "A" . . . . . of 1970	Nov. 1970	Rejected	924,981	1,446,884
Allow legislature to authorize lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets . . . . .	4	41	House Joint Resolution "V" . . . . . of 1972	May 1972	Approved	1,352,768	506,778
Permit members of legislature to resign and accept another office to which they have been elected or appointed . . . . .	4	9	Senate Joint Resolution "DD" . . . . . of 1972	May 1972	Rejected	866,593	915,312
Allow trial by jury of less than 12 jurors in all prosecutions for misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment for not less than 1 year . . . . .	1	20	House Joint Resolution "M" . . . . . of 1972	Aug. 1972	Approved	696,570	357,186
Limit property tax for school, county, and township purposes and require legislature to establish a state tax program for support of schools . . . . .	9	6	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1972	Rejected	1,324,702	1,815,126
Permit state to impose graduated income tax and allow legislature to authorize political subdivisions to levy graduated income tax . . . . .	9	7	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1972	Rejected	959,286	2,102,744

\* See Const. 1963, art. 12, §§ 1 and 2.

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Limit use of motor fuel tax fund . . . . .	9	9	Senate Joint Resolution "LL" . . . . . of 1972	Nov. 1974	Rejected	1,091,938	1,146,109
Eliminate sales tax and use tax on food and prescription drugs . . . . .	9	8	Initiatory Petition . . . . . of 1974	Nov. 1974	Approved	1,337,609	1,071,253
Lower minimum age of eligibility for office of state representative or state senator from 21 to 18 years . . . . .	4	7	House Joint Resolution "B" . . . . . of 1976	Nov. 1976	Rejected	698,993	2,580,945
Limit taxation imposed by legislature to 8.3% of state personal income . . . . .	9	25,26,27, 28,29,30, 31	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1976	Rejected	1,407,438	1,866,620
Permit state to impose a graduated income tax . . . . .	9	7	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1976	Rejected	897,780	2,332,513
Call for constitutional convention . . . . .			Required by Const. 1963, art. 12, § 3 . . . . .	Nov. 1978	Rejected	640,286	2,112,549
Authorize deposit of state funds in savings and loan associations and credit unions, as well as banks . . . . .	9	19,20	House Joint Resolution "GG" . . . . . of 1978	Nov. 1978	Approved	1,819,847	933,101
Prohibit alcoholic beverages from being sold to, or possessed by, a person under the age of 21 . . . . .	4	40	Initiatory Petition . . . . . of 1978	Nov. 1978	Approved	1,609,589	1,208,497
Establish limits on taxes imposed by legislature and units of local government (Headlee Amendment) . . . . .	9	6, 25,26,27, 28,29,30, 31,32,33, 34	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1978	Approved	1,450,150	1,313,984
Grant Michigan state troopers and sergeants right to collective bargaining and binding arbitration . . . . .	11	5	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1978	Approved	1,535,023	1,203,930
Prohibit use of property taxes for school operating expenses and establish a voucher system for financing education of students at public and nonpublic schools . . . . .	9 8	6 2	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1978	Rejected	718,440	2,075,583
Reduce property tax assessments to establish a maximum of 5.6% on the rate of the state income tax; prohibit legislature from requiring new or expanded local programs without state funding; and allow school income tax with voter approval (Tisch Amendment I) . . . . .	9	3, 3(a),7(a), 7(b),25(a), 25(b),26	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1978	Rejected	1,032,343	1,737,133

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Allow courts to deny bail under certain circumstances involving violent crimes; provide for commencement of trial within 90 days . . . . .	1	15	House Joint Resolution "Q" . . . . . of 1978	Nov. 1978	Approved	2,307,038	458,357
Allocate at least 90% of gas tax revenues for general road purposes and the remainder for other transportation purposes; and replace state highway commission with transportation commission . . . . .	5 9	28 9	House Joint Resolution "F" . . . . . of 1978	Nov. 1978	Approved	1,478,316	1,233,196
Require legislature to create a railroad redevelopment authority to make loans to railroads with trackage in Michigan and to authorize authority to issue general obligation bonds in amount not to exceed 175 million dollars . . . . .	4	54	House Joint Resolution "OO" . . . . . of 1978	Nov. 1978	Rejected	1,257,606	1,415,441
Make local school boards responsible for school personnel and programs, reduce local property tax maximums for operational purposes, provide additional property tax relief for senior retirees, and require the state to raise revenues necessary for equal per pupil funding of public schools . . .	8 9	2 6,31, 6a,26a	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1980	Rejected	746,027	2,769,497
Lower minimum legal age for possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages from 21 to 19 years . . . . .	4	40	House Joint Resolution "S" . . . . . of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rejected	1,403,935	2,250,873
Provide property tax relief; reimburse local and state governments with additional sales tax; require net state lottery revenues be deposited in school aid fund; and mandate creation of state "rainy day" fund . . . . .	4 9	41,54 2,3,8,30, 31	Senate Joint Resolution "X" . . . . . of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rejected	894,441	2,583,253
Decrease property taxes and prohibit new types of homestead taxes; require 60% voter approval to raise state taxes or fees; require partial state reimbursement to local units for lost income; limit legislature's ability to change tax exemptions or credits or change per pupil formula (Tisch Amendment II) . . . . .	9	1,2,3,31, 2a,3a,3b, 3c,3d,3e, 3f,33a, 33b	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1980	Rejected	1,622,301	2,051,008

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Allow the legislature to pass laws relating to members' immunity from civil arrest and process during legislative sessions	4	11	Senate Joint Resolution "L" . . . . . of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rejected	1,287,172	2,134,546
Restrict authority of lieutenant governor and establish a procedure to fill a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant governor . . . . .	4 5	9 25,26	Senate Joint Resolution "K" . . . . . of 1980	Nov. 1980	Rejected	1,410,912	1,927,001
Reduce property taxes and city income taxes; limit growth of property tax revenues; return additional sales tax to local governments and schools; and require net lottery revenues be deposited in school aid fund . . . . .	4 9	41 3,8,30,31	House Joint Resolution "G" . . . . . of 1981	May 1981	Rejected	560,924	1,451,305
Allow the legislature to pass laws to reform members' immunity from civil arrest and process during legislative sessions . .	4	11	Senate Joint Resolution "A" . . . . . of 1981	Nov. 1982	Approved	1,804,728	1,029,743
Create a Michigan department of state police; provide for its personnel; prescribe its duties; and require minimum staffing . . . . .	5	2,30	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1982	Rejected	720,915	2,111,802
Provide for an elected public service commission . . . . .	5	30	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1982	Rejected	1,026,160	1,771,098
Allow legislature to approve or disapprove administrative rules proposed by state agencies . . . . .	4	37	House Joint Resolution "P" . . . . . of 1984	Nov. 1984	Rejected	1,280,948	1,827,677
Establish a natural resources trust fund and a board to administer it; to provide revenues for the fund from natural resources leases and existing funds; specify and limit expenditures therefrom . . . . .	9	35	House Joint Resolution "M" . . . . . of 1984	Nov. 1984	Approved	2,066,554	1,120,794
Amend constitution relating to taxes, other revenues and voter or legislative approval for same . . . . .	9	1,2	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1984	Rejected	1,376,141	2,035,867
Allow establishment of the library of Michigan within the legislative branch . . . . .	4	54	House Joint Resolution "V" . . . . . of 1986	Nov. 1986	Rejected	908,627	936,643
Allow for approval or rejection of administrative rules by the legislature . . . . .	4	37	House Joint Resolution "W" . . . . . of 1986	Nov. 1986	Rejected	648,116	1,136,721
Expand authority of state officers compensation commission to determine compensation of attorney general and secretary of state . . . . .	4	12	House Joint Resolution "U" . . . . . of 1986	Nov. 1986	Rejected	905,767	910,297

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Provide for rights of crime victims . . . . .	1	24	House Joint Resolution "P" . . . . . of 1988	Nov. 1988	Approved	2,662,796	650,515
Increase the sales/use tax from 4¢ to 4½¢ and dedicate funds for local schools . . . . .	4 9	41 8,10,11	House Joint Resolution "I" . . . . . of 1989	Nov. 1989	Rejected	514,407	1,341,292
Increase the sales/use tax from 4¢ to 6¢, reduce school property taxes, set permanent school operating millages not subject to voter renewal, and dedicate funds for local schools . . . . .	4 9	41 3,5,6,8, 10,11,14	House Joint Resolution "I" . . . . . of 1989	Nov. 1989	Rejected	436,958	1,392,053
Limit annual increases in homestead property tax assessments and provide separate tax limitations for different property classifications . . . . .	9	3,31	House Joint Resolution "H" . . . . . of 1991	Nov. 1992	Rejected	1,433,354	2,384,777
Restrict/limit the number of times a person can be elected to congressional, state executive and state legislative offices . . . . .	2 4 5 12	10 54 30 4	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1992	Approved	2,295,904	1,613,404
Exempt property from a portion of school operating property taxes and limit annual increases in all property tax assessments . . . . .	9	3	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 1992	Rejected	1,552,119	2,276,360
Limit property tax assessments and increase sales tax . . . . .	4 9	41 3,6,8, 10,11	House Joint Resolution "G" . . . . . of 1993	June 1993	Rejected	1,008,425	1,164,468
Increase sales and use tax rates from 4% to 6%; limit annual increases in property tax assessments, exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement, and require 3/4 vote of legislature to exceed statutorily established school operating millage rates . . . . .	9	3,5,8, 11,36	Senate Joint Resolution "S" . . . . . of 1993	March 1994	Approved	1,684,541	750,952
Call for constitutional convention . . . . .			Required by Const 1963, art 12, sec 3 . . . . .	Nov. 1994	Rejected	777,779	2,008,070
Limit criminal appeals . . . . .	1	20	Senate Joint Resolution "D" . . . . . of 1994	Nov. 1994	Approved	2,118,734	761,784
Establish a Michigan state parks endowment fund, increase maximum allowable funds in Michigan natural resources trust fund, and eliminate diversion of dedicated revenue from Michigan natural resources trust fund . . . . .	9	35,36	Senate Joint Resolution "E" . . . . . of 1994	Nov. 1994	Approved	2,007,097	806,888

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Establish qualifications for judicial offices . . . . .	6	19	Senate Joint Resolution “D” . . . . . of 1995	Nov. 1996	Approved	2,806,833	629,402
Establish the current Michigan Veterans’ Trust Fund in the state constitution and require that expenditures from the fund be made solely for purposes authorized by the trust fund’s board of trustees . . . . .	9	37,38,39	House Joint Resolution “H” . . . . . of 1995	Nov. 1996	Approved	2,447,905	849,525
Change the word “handicapped” to “disabled” in the state constitution . . . . .	8	8	Senate Joint Resolution “I” . . . . . of 1998	Nov. 1998	Approved	1,708,873	1,181,138
Permit the state to indirectly support nonpublic school students . . . . .	8	2,10	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2000	Rejected	1,235,533	2,767,320
Require a 2/3 legislative vote to enact laws affecting local governments . . . . .	4	55	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2000	Rejected	1,242,516	2,548,995
Amend the provision of the state constitution governing the operation of the state officers compensation commission (SOCC) . . . . .	4	12	House Joint Resolution “E” . . . . . of 2001	Aug. 2002	Approved	1,057,503	404,682
Allow certain permanent and endowment funds to be invested as provided by law and increase allowed spending for state parks, local parks and outdoor recreation . . . . .	9	19,35,35a, 36[1],37	Senate Joint Resolution “T” . . . . . of 2002	Aug. 2002	Approved	925,475	565,971
Grant state classified employees the constitutional right to collective bargaining with binding arbitration . . . . .	11	5	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2002	Rejected	1,336,249	1,591,756
Reallocate the tobacco settlement revenue received by the state from cigarette manufacturers . . . . .	9	36	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2002	Rejected	1,018,644	2,011,105
Require voter approval for any new gambling authorization, with exceptions . . . . .	4	41	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2004	Approved	2,689,448	1,926,721
Provide that marriage may only be the union of a man and woman . . . . .	1	25	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2004	Approved	2,698,077	1,904,319
Require that conservation/recreation funds be used only for intended purposes . . . . .	9	40,41,42	House Joint Resolution “Z” . . . . . of 2004	Nov. 2006	Approved	2,915,106	680,859
Ban affirmative action programs for public employment, education, and contracting . . . . .	1	26	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2006	Approved	2,141,010	1,555,691
Restrict use of eminent domain . . . . .	10	2	Senate Joint Resolution “E” . . . . . of 2005	Nov. 2006	Approved	2,914,214	724,573
Permit stem cell research under certain conditions . . . . .	1	27	Initiatory Petition . . . . .	Nov. 2008	Approved	2,521,026	2,271,083

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Call for constitutional convention . . . . .			Required by Const 1963, art 12, sec 3 . .	Nov. 2010	Rejected	983,019	1,960,573
Ban felons from public office/positions . . . . .	11	8	Senate Joint Resolution "V" . . . . . of 2010	Nov. 2010	Approved	2,270,657	760,586