

SENATE BILL No. 1186

March 5, 2008, Introduced by Senators SWITALSKI and GLEASON and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A bill to amend 1893 PA 206, entitled
"The general property tax act,"
by amending section 44a (MCL 211.44a), as amended by 2004 PA 357.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 44a. (1) Notwithstanding any other statutory or charter
2 provision to the contrary, beginning in 2005 and each year after
3 2005, a county shall impose as a summer property tax levy that
4 portion of the number of mills allocated to the county by a county
5 tax allocation board or authorized for the county through a
6 separate tax limitation vote as provided in this section.

7 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATUTORY OR CHARTER PROVISION TO THE**
8 **CONTRARY, BEGINNING IN 2008 AND EACH YEAR AFTER 2008, A COUNTY MAY**
9 **IMPOSE AS A SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY ANY OTHER MILLS LEVIED BY THAT**

1 COUNTY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

2 MILLAGE, COUNTY PARK MILLAGE, AND DRAIN DEBT. The treasurer that

3 collects the state education tax shall collect the summer property

4 tax levy under this section. The portion of the total number of

5 mills allocated to a county by a county tax allocation board or

6 authorized for a county through a separate tax limitation vote that

7 shall be imposed in each year as a summer property tax levy under

8 this section is as follows:

9 (a) In 2005, 1/3 of the total number of mills allocated to the

10 county by a county tax allocation board or authorized for the

11 county through a separate tax limitation vote.

12 (b) In 2006, 2/3 of the total number of mills allocated to the

13 county by a county tax allocation board or authorized for the

14 county through a separate tax limitation vote.

15 (c) In 2007 and each year after 2007, the total number of

16 mills allocated to the county by a county tax allocation board or

17 authorized for the county through a separate tax limitation vote.

18 (2) Before June 30 and in conformance with the procedures

19 prescribed by this act, the taxes being collected as a summer

20 property tax levy shall be spread in terms of millages on the

21 assessment roll, the amount of tax levied shall be assessed in

22 proportion to the taxable value, and a tax roll shall be prepared

23 that commands the appropriate treasurer to collect on July 1 the

24 taxes indicated as due on the tax roll.

25 (3) Taxes authorized to be collected shall become a lien

26 against the property on which assessed, and due from the owner of

27 that property on July 1.

1 (4) All taxes and interest imposed pursuant to this section
2 that are unpaid before March 1 shall be returned as delinquent on
3 March 1 and collected pursuant to this act.

4 (5) Interest shall be added to taxes collected after September
5 14 at that rate imposed by section 78a on delinquent property tax
6 levies that became a lien in the same year. The tax levied under
7 this act that is collected with the city taxes shall be subject to
8 the same penalties, interest, and collection charges as city taxes
9 and shall be returned as delinquent to the county treasurer in the
10 same manner and with the same interest, penalties, and fees as city
11 taxes.

12 (6) All or a portion of the fees or charges, or both,
13 authorized under section 44 may be imposed on taxes paid before
14 March 1 and shall be retained by the treasurer actually performing
15 the collection of the summer property tax levy pursuant to this
16 section, regardless of whether all or part of these fees or
17 charges, or both, have been waived by the township or city.

18 (7) Collections shall be remitted to the county for which the
19 taxes were collected pursuant to section 43.

20 (8) To the extent applicable and consistent with the
21 requirements of this section, this act shall apply to proceedings
22 in relation to the assessment, spreading, and collection of taxes
23 pursuant to this section.

24 (9) Each county shall establish a restricted fund known as the
25 revenue sharing reserve fund. The total amount required to be
26 placed in the revenue sharing reserve fund for each county shall
27 equal the amount of that county's December 2004 property tax levy

1 of the total number of mills allocated to the county by a county
2 tax allocation board or authorized for the county through a
3 separate tax limitation vote and shall be deposited in the revenue
4 sharing reserve fund as provided in this section. Revenues credited
5 to the revenue sharing reserve fund from the December tax levy of a
6 county with a fiscal year ending December 31 shall be accrued to
7 the fiscal year ending in the year of that December property tax
8 levy. Revenue shall be credited to the fund by each county as
9 follows:

10 (a) From the county's December 2004 property tax levy, 1/3 of
11 the total December levy of the total number of mills allocated to
12 the county by a county tax allocation board or authorized for the
13 county through a separate tax limitation vote.

14 (b) From the county's December 2005 property tax levy, 1/2 of
15 the remaining balance required to be deposited in the fund.

16 (c) From the county's December 2006 property tax levy, the
17 balance required to be deposited in the fund.

18 (10) All of the following apply to a revenue sharing reserve
19 fund established under subsection (9):

20 (a) Funds in the revenue sharing reserve fund may not be
21 expended in any fiscal year except as provided in this section.

22 (b) Funds in the revenue sharing reserve fund may be used
23 within a county fiscal year for cash flow purposes at the
24 discretion of the county.

25 (c) Interest earnings on funds deposited in the revenue
26 sharing reserve fund shall be credited to the revenue sharing
27 reserve fund. However, the county is not required to reimburse the

1 revenue sharing reserve fund for a reduction of interest earnings
2 that occurs because funds in the revenue sharing reserve fund were
3 used for cash flow purposes.

4 (d) The revenue sharing reserve fund shall be separately
5 reported in the annual financial report required under section 4 of
6 1919 PA 71, MCL 21.44.

7 (11) For a county fiscal year that ends on December 31, 2004,
8 a county may expend in that fiscal year an amount not to exceed the
9 payments made to that county under the Glenn Steil state revenue
10 sharing act of 1971, 1971 PA 140, MCL 141.901 to 141.921, in
11 October and December 2003 and, if the payment is accrued back to
12 the county's 2003 fiscal year, February 2004.

13 (12) Not later than March 1, 2005, a county that receives a
14 payment in October 2004 as provided in a bill making appropriations
15 to the department of treasury for the 2004-05 fiscal year shall pay
16 the amount of that payment to the state treasurer from the revenue
17 sharing reserve fund. A county that does not make the payment
18 required under this subsection shall not make any expenditures from
19 the fund provided under subsection (13).

20 (13) For each fiscal year of a county that begins after
21 September 30, 2004, a county may expend from the revenue sharing
22 reserve fund an amount not to exceed the total payments made to
23 that county under the Glenn Steil state revenue sharing act of
24 1971, 1971 PA 140, MCL 141.901 to 141.921, in the state fiscal year
25 ending September 30, 2004, adjusted annually by the inflation rate,
26 without regard to any executive orders issued after May 17, 2004.
27 As used in this subsection, "inflation rate" means that term as

1 defined in section 34d.