

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4823 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Joseph N. Bellino, Jr.
Committee: Elections and Ethics
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4823 would amend the General Property Tax Act to revise the way school districts and other constituent districts are described on a millage ballot question. This adjustment would account for the changes instituted by 2018 PA 23 (Senate Bill 574),¹ which took effect May 15, 2018.

2018 PA 23 provides that public school academies (PSAs, or charter schools) and intermediate school districts (ISDs) themselves, for certain pupils, are eligible to receive a portion of funds obtained through a regional enhancement property tax levied by an ISD, for a regional enhancement millage approved after the bill takes effect.

Previously, these millages could be approved and levied by an ISD and used only for “traditional” public schools within the ISD. 2018 PA 23 expanded the definition of constituent districts, to which millages can be disbursed, to include PSAs and cyber schools—as long as they meet certain location and membership count requirements—and ISDs themselves.

House Bill 4823 would amend the act to allow school districts and constituent districts to which a millage would be disbursed to be disclosed on the ballot collectively as “public schools.”

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on state or local units of government.

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¹ House Fiscal Agency analysis of 2018 PA 23 /SB 574: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2017-2018/billanalysis/House/pdf/2017-HLA-0574-C54B4F3B.pdf>