

How the voucher plan would work

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series on the Nov. 7 ballot proposals. It was prepared by the League of Women Voters of Troy and is provided as an unbiased, factual voter service.)

PROPOSAL H

The issue: Should the Michigan Constitution be amended to prohibit the use of property taxes for school operating purposes, and to establish a voucher system for financing education of students at public and nonpublic schools?

The local property tax currently provides a major source of revenue to operate public schools in Michigan. It is collected by local governments and is supplemented by state school aid according to law.

The state constitution prohibits the allocation of state funds to nonpublic elementary and secondary schools although it does allow the legislature to provide for transportation of students to and from any school.

Proponents wish to make public funds available to finance nonpublic schools while some opponents are opposed to funding nonpublic schools. The property tax is considered inequitable by many, but no agreement has yet been reached on a different method of funding schools. Many fear the loss of local control over schools, and the fact that there are no provisions for busing students to the schools of their choice.

The tuition voucher proposal would make major changes in financing education in Michigan. It would prohibit the use of property taxes for school operating expenses, including intermediate school districts, and vocational and special education.

It would also require the legislature to establish a program of general state tuition for support of schools, and to provide for the issuance of an educational voucher to be applied toward financing a student's education at a public or nonpublic school of his parent's or guardian's choice.

It does not require students to attend a school in the district or community in which they live.

Property taxes which have already been voted for the payment of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness will remain in effect. Voters could approve additional property taxes for school construction, but not for school operating costs.

The proposal does not prohibit the use of property taxes for the support of community colleges and school libraries.

PROPOSAL J (TISCH)

The issue: Should the constitutional limit on cash value for assessing property be reduced? Should there be constitutional limits on annual property

valuation increases and on the state's income tax rate?

The constitution currently allows property tax assessments to be based on 50 per cent of true cash value and puts no limit on the amount of yearly increases in valuation for assessment purposes. There is also no constitutional limit on the rate of the state income tax, which is set by the legislature and is currently 4.6 per cent.

Many persons concerned with the rise in taxes to cover the rising costs of government services are trying to limit taxes and cut the cost of government. The Coalition for Property Tax Reform in Michigan filed petitions to place this proposal on the ballot. It resembles California's Proposition 13 in that it rolls back assessment levels.

The Tisch amendment would reduce real and personal property tax assessments to 25 per cent of true cash value of property, effective Dec. 31, 1978. The does not mean a 50 per cent reduction in property taxes for everyone, because not all properties are currently assessed at their true cash values.

Under Proposal J, there is no provision for a property tax credit for sen-

ior citizens and farmers.

The proposal also limits state valuation increases to 2.5 per cent for any year. A limit of 5.6 per cent (an increase of one per cent) would be placed on the state income tax rate.

Since local school districts rely on property taxes for operating income, and this amendment would result in a reduction in revenue to the schools, the proposal also allows the legislature to authorize a school district income tax of up to one per cent with local school district voter approval.

The state would be required to make up the bulk of the lost revenues to the school districts.

The proposal would also prohibit the legislature from requiring new or expanded local programs unless they are fully funded by the state.

"User fees" for public services could be instituted. The single business tax, cigarette or liquor taxes, gasoline taxes, and some other taxes could be increased to provide the additional revenue required to avoid cutting services.

If the Tisch amendment is passed, the legislature would implement it by law.

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Ed Muskie	81%	93% (1974)	48% (1972)
Walter Mondale	85%	94% (1975)	51% (1976)
Howard Baker	78%	91% (1977)	51% (1972)
Barry Goldwater	67%	81% (1976)	43% (1970)
Jacob Javits	86%	94% (1951)	64% (1968)
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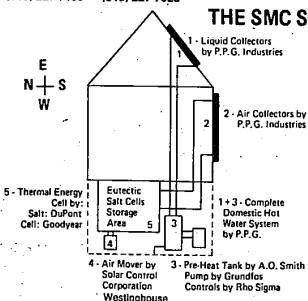
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