Michigan Ballot Proposals



PROPOSAL	WHAT IT WOULD DO	MAIN SUPPORTERS	MAIN OPPONENTS	WHAT VOTE MEANS	
A referendum on Public Act 4 of 2011 — The Emergency Manager Law Mibaliot2012.org/prop1	Determine if Michigan's emergency manager law should be kept	Gov. Rick Snyder, Michigan Chamber of Commerce	Supporters of eliminating the law: AFSCME, government and private-sector unions	YES Keeps the emergency manager law in place	NO Eliminates the emergency manager law
A proposal to amend the state constitution regarding collective bargaining Mibaliot2012.org/prop2	 Enshrine collective bargaining in the state constitution for government and private-sector unions Allow government union contracts to override laws passed by the Legislature Prohibit the Legislature from adopting a right-to-work law Override at least 170 current laws Cost taxpayers at least \$1.6 billion a year in lost savings 	UAW, MEA, AFL-CIO; other government and private-sector unions	Gov. Rick Snyder, Michigan Chamber of Commerce; coalition of state businesses, Detroit News	YES Allows government unions to overrule laws made by elected representatives; prevents right-to-work law	NO Changes nothing. Government unions would continue to keep all privileges they currently have
A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish a standard for renewable energy Mibaliot2012.org/prop3	 Mandate that electric utilities provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable sources by 2025 Require the construction of between 2,300 and 3,900 windmills in the state, up from 290 today Lower disposable income in Michigan by \$1.42 billion; reduce net investment in the state by \$147 million and impose net costs on the state's economy of \$2.55 billion Result in the loss of 10,000-plus jobs 	Environmental activist groups, windmill manufacturers, out-of-state special interest groups	Gov. Rick Snyder, state energy companies, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, coalition of individuals and businesses, Detroit News	YES Means energy companies in the state will be required to provide 25% of their electricity from windmills, solar and other renewable energy sources by 2025	NO Retains status quo, which mandates 10% of annual retail sales of electricity come from renewable sources by 2015
A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish the Michigan Quality Home Care Council and provide collective bargaining for home-based caregivers MIballot2012.org/prop4	Guarantee that the Service Employees International Union or another government union could lock a forced unionization of home-based caregivers into the state constitution and take about \$6 million a year in dues from the Medicaid checks of the disabled and elderly in the state, most of whom are being taken care of by family and friends	Service Employees International Union (SEIU)	Gov. Rick Snyder, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, coalition of business groups and individuals in the state, Detroit News, Lansing State Journal, Michigan Legislature	YES Means the SEIU would have its forced unionization scheme locked into the state constitution	NO Changes nothing. Federal program that provides for in- home care remains unchanged. Criminal background checks can continue
A proposal to amend the state constitution to limit the enactment of new taxes by state government Mibaliot2012.org/prop5	 Mandate a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote before new or additional taxes can be imposed — does not limit or modify tax limitations already in the state constitution Limit the ability of the Legislature to raise taxes by increasing the vote threshold necessary for passage Require 2/3 approval for a net tax cut if it raises one tax to partially offset lowering another 	Americans For Prosperity, Michigan Alliance for Prosperity, NFIB, Liberty Bell Group, Ambassador Bridge owner Manuel "Matty" Moroun, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard	Gov. Rick Snyder, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, coalition of businesses and individuals in the state, Detroit News, Detroit Free Press	YES Requires a 2/3 vote of the Legislature to approve new or additional taxes, or a vote of the people to do the same	NO Retains status quo
A proposal to amend the state constitution regarding construction of international bridges and tunnels Mlballot2012.org/prop6	Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing or promoting new international bridges or tunnels	The People Should Decide, Ambassador Bridge owner Manuel "Matty" Moroun	Gov. Rick Snyder, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Detroit News	YES Requires that voters approve any new international bridge or tunnel for motor vehicles	NO Retains status quo