



HOUSE BILL No. 4307

February 7, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Jaye, Ryan, Cropsey, Middaugh, Llewellyn, Perricone and Green and referred to the Committee on Local Government.

A bill to amend sections 485, 643a, and 707 of Act No. 116 of the Public Acts of 1954, entitled as amended "Michigan election law," as amended by Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 168.485, 168.643a; and 168.707 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 485, 643a, and 707 of Act No. 116 of
2 the Public Acts of 1954, as amended by Act No. 152 of the Public
3 Acts of 1994, being sections 168.485, 168.643a, and 168.707 of
4 the Michigan Compiled Laws, are amended to read as follows:

5 Sec. 485. (1) A question submitted to the electors of this
6 state or the electors of a subdivision of this state, ~~shall~~, to
7 the extent that it will not confuse the electorate, SHALL be
8 worded so that a "yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the

1 subject matter of the proposal or issue and a "no" vote will be a
2 vote against the subject matter of the proposal or issue. The
3 question shall be worded so as to apprise the voters of the
4 subject matter of the proposal or issue, but need not be legally
5 precise. The question shall be clearly written using words that
6 have a common everyday meaning to the general public. The lan-
7 guage used shall not create prejudice for or against the issue or
8 proposal.

9 (2) A QUESTION SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THIS STATE OR
10 THE ELECTORS OF A SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE THAT RELATES TO A NEW
11 TAX, A TAX INCREASE, OR A TAX RENEWAL SHALL ONLY RELATE TO 1 TYPE
12 OF TAX FOR EACH QUESTION SUBMITTED.

13 Sec. 643a. (1) A question submitted to the electors of
14 this state or the electors of a subdivision of this state,
15 ~~shall,~~ to the extent that it will not confuse the electorate,
16 SHALL be worded so that a "yes" vote will be a vote in favor of
17 the subject matter of the proposal or issue and a "no" vote will
18 be a vote against the subject matter of the proposal or issue.
19 The question shall be worded so as to apprise the voters of the
20 subject matter of the proposal or issue, but need not be legally
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3 Sec. 707. (1) If a proposed constitutional amendment or
4 other proposition is to be submitted to the electors of this
5 state for popular vote, the secretary of state, not less than 49
6 days before the date of the election at which the proposed con-
7 stitutional amendment or other proposition is to be submitted,
8 shall certify to the various county clerks the form of ballots to
9 be prepared in connection with the proposal. The ballot shall
10 contain a statement of the proposed constitutional amendment or
11 other proposition in 100 words or less, exclusive of caption, as
12 provided in section 2 of article XII of the state constitution of
13 1963. The ballot shall be a single ballot separate and distinct
14 from the ballots containing the names of candidates or nominees
15 for public office. The ballot shall contain a suitable caption,
16 under which shall be printed the words "yes ()" and "no ()" in
17 separate lines. Each board of county election commissioners
18 shall print the ballots for use in their respective counties.

19 (2) A city ordinance that has been or is hereafter adopted
20 by the legislative body of a city with a population of more than
21 500,000 and that is subject to referendum shall be submitted to
22 the people of that city at the next general election unless sub-
23 mitted to a special election by action of the legislative body.

24 (3) A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT OR OTHER PROPOSITION
25 SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THIS STATE THAT RELATES TO A NEW
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27 OF TAX FOR EACH PROPOSITION SUBMITTED.