

# GOP ISSUES FEEDBACK REQUEST

## No taxation without representation!

**The Issues Committee is considering two resolutions and would like your feedback. The first is in support of Michigan House Bill 4088 which would require the Boards of Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) to be elected. You can review the issue at the following webpage:**

<https://www.michiganvotes.org/2019-HB-4088>

**Our Issues Committee is considering preparing a resolution calling for support of House Bill 4088. The Committee feels that the members of the Boards of Intermediate School Districts should be elected.** Electing the Boards rather than appointing them makes sense since people in these positions make decisions that directly impact our children.

The Issues Committee feels that decisions that are made by members of the ISD Boards involve financial decisions that do require revenue from the taxpayers. These millage requests and associated spending should only be made by an ISD Board that is accountable to the taxpayers in each of our state's school districts.

An ISD school bond proposal may appear on the August Ballot. See 5 things to know about a \$53.2M school bond proposal in Washtenaw County - [mlive.com](https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/2019/05/5-things-to-know-about-a-532m-school-bond-proposal-in-washtenaw-county.html)  
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**Please send us your comments on the idea of resolving that ISD Boards should be elected.**

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**The second is in support of only allowing tax increase votes to be on a November ballot. Refer to the following Draft Resolution below:**

**WASHTENAW COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
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**Resolution Proposing that Millage Ballot Proposals Shall Appear on the Ballot in November Only**

WHEREAS, the cost of Millage elections to the State of Michigan represent a significant expenditure and having low turnout - single issue elections is an inefficient use of the taxpayers money;

WHEREAS, elections held other than in November typically do not have a representative voter turnout to obtain election results that accurately reflect the will of the people on Millage Proposals;

WHEREAS, ballot Millage Proposals held on low voter turnout dates are often used as a strategy by special interest groups to put forth a Millage Proposal when voters typically do not come to the polls;

WHEREAS, elections held in months other than November are often used by special interests to market their proposal to a target audience thereby increasing the turnout of the voters that the special interest believes will vote in favor of the Millage Proposal;

WHEREAS, these ballot proposals should be held at a time when the highest election turnout is anticipated at the November election to be representative of the people's will;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Republican Executive Committee encourages our state legislators, as well as municipalities, school boards and other local governing bodies in our county and state to adopt resolutions restricting millages and other tax increases to the November election.

**Please send us your comments on the idea of resolving that millage elections appear only on the November ballot.**

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