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# Legislative Update

- **Political Dynamics**
- **Recent Public Acts**
- **Budget Highlights**
- **Legislative Issues**
- **Petitions—Ballot Proposals**
- **What's Next**



# Political Dynamics

- 2024 to date
- Special Election
- 2024 Election
- Redistricting Changes



# 2024 Public Acts

- PA 13—Ordinances—Milkweed
- PA 33—Speed Limits
- PA 35—Hotel Tax (Kent County / local units)
- PA 38—Trial Court Funding Extension
- PA 64—Emergency Service Authorities
- PA 74 & 75—Recount Process/Filing Fees

# Budget

Statutory Revenue Sharing: \$549.7 million

- Cities, Villages, Townships: \$293.5 million
  - Distributed in the same proportion as the current fiscal year
- Counties: \$256.2 million
  - Distributed in the same proportion as the current fiscal year

# Budget

New Revenue Sharing Funds: \$75 million

- Cities, Villages, Townships: \$40 million
  - Distributed on a three-factor formula that was created
- Counties: \$35 million

New Public Safety and Violence Prevention Fund: \$75 million

- Distributed to cities, villages, township, and counties based on violent crime statistics



# Budget

## *Economic Development*

- \$45.5 million for Talent and Growth
- \$2.5 million for the Economic and Worker Transition Office
- \$50 million in continued funding for the Revitalization and Placemaking program



# Budget

## *Housing*

- \$100 million to construct more affordable housing
- \$3.3 million for the Housing Readiness Incentive Grant Program
- \$2.5 million for the Office of Rural Prosperity



# Budget

## *Infrastructure*

- \$509.4 million for water infrastructure
- \$74.5 million of new one-time funding for local roads and bridges
- \$247.6 million of new funding to improve state and local roads, highways, and bridges across the state
- \$75 million of additional funding to support local transit operating expenses, federal transit capital grants, marine passenger services, rail operations and transit capital matching funds
- \$24 million to support new technology and mobility projects

# Legislative Issues

## *Tax*

- Revenue Sharing Trust Fund
- Property Tax Exemption
- Disabled Veterans Property Tax
- Dark Stores



# Legislative Issues

## *Local Authority*

- Short-Term Rentals
- Aggregate Mining
- Franchise Fees
- Ground Emergency Medical Transport



# Legislative Issues

## *Labor*

- Minimum Staffing
- Repeal of PA 152??



# Legislative Issues

## *Environment*

- Environmental Cleanup
- Water Affordability

# Legislative Issues

## *Elections*

- Terms of Office
- Prohibit guns in polling
- Michigan Voting Rights Act
- Recount Process/Filing Fees



# Legislative Issues

## *Housing*

- **Mobile Homes**
  - Require state database
  - Allow local ordinances to require a surety bond
  - Require consultation with locals before rules changes



# Petitions

## Citizens for Local Choice

- Repeal Part 8 added by PA 233 of 2023
- Allow LUG to determine siting standards for utility-scale renewable energy projects and exercise final authority over construction of said facilities in their jurisdictions

## Ax MI Tax

- Prohibit property taxes
- Require supermajority vote for tax increase
- Limits replacement revenue for limited purposes for local units of government only



**Helping Michigan  
municipalities navigate new  
state and federal funding  
opportunities**



# What is MI Funding Hub?



- ☐ Help Desk -technical and strategic assistance
- ☐ Online Resource Portal
  - State/federal grant database
  - Resource library, FAQs
  - News and events
- ☐ Webinars and newsletters
- ☐ J40 communities training



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