

August 4, 2026 Primary Election

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August 2026 Ballot Proposals at a Glance

The August 4, 2026 primary election features 25 ballot proposals across three counties in the Lansing region. Ingham County voters will consider 12 proposals covering millage renewals for parks, transportation, libraries, and schools, as well as charter amendments and a municipal property sale. Eaton County presents 8 proposals addressing emergency services, public safety, school facilities, and library funding. Clinton County voters will weigh in on 5 proposals related to township emergency services, road maintenance, and school operations.

Clinton County	Eaton County	Ingham County
5 ballot proposals	8 ballot proposals	12 ballot proposals

Voters are encouraged to review the section of this guide dedicated to ballot proposals for additional details and analysis.

CLINTON COUNTY

◆ RENEWAL

Duplain Township Emergency Services Millage

Millage Rate: 2.5 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$230,168 annually

Purpose: Renews funding for township emergency services including fire protection, emergency response equipment, and public safety operations.

◆ RENEWAL

Essex Township Road Millage Renewal and Increase

Millage Rate: 0.5 mills (\$5.00 per \$10,000 of taxable value)

Est. Annual Revenue: \$42,000 annually

Purpose: Renews and increases funding used for road repairs, resurfacing, maintenance, drainage work, and transportation infrastructure improvements within the township.

◆ RENEWAL

Lebanon Township Road Maintenance Millage

Millage Rate: 2 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$94,000 annually

Purpose: Continues funding dedicated to road maintenance, repair projects, snow removal, and ongoing township transportation infrastructure needs.

◆ RENEWAL

Fulton Schools Operating Millage

Millage Rate: 17.7146 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$1,029,594 annually

Purpose: Renews the school district's operating millage supporting classroom instruction, staffing, transportation, educational programs, and general district operations.

★ NEW

Bingham Township Fire and Emergency Service Millage

Millage Rate: 1 mill

Est. Annual Revenue: \$191,000 annually

Purpose: Would establish funding for township fire protection and emergency response services, including equipment, staffing, and operational support.

EATON COUNTY

◆ RENEWAL

Potterville Schools Building and Site Sinking Fund

Millage Rate: 3.3127 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$191,778 annually

Purpose: Renews funding for school building repairs, construction projects, land improvements, safety upgrades, and other facility-related needs throughout the district.

◆ RENEWAL

Potterville Schools Security and Technology Sinking Fund

Millage Rate: 0.9464 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$177,242 annually

Purpose: Continues funding dedicated to school security systems, technology infrastructure, computers, network upgrades, and related educational technology improvements.

◆ RENEWAL

Hamlin Township Emergency Medical and Fire Protection

Millage Rate: 0.9305 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$125,189 annually

Purpose: Renews funding supporting township fire protection and emergency medical services including equipment, staffing, emergency response operations, and vehicle maintenance.

◆ RENEWAL

Eaton County 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch Millage

Millage Rate: 0.95 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$5,555,537 annually

Purpose: Continues countywide funding for emergency dispatch operations, 911 call systems, communication equipment, and coordination between law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency responders.

◆ RENEWAL

Eaton County Juvenile Millage

Millage Rate: 0.35 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$2,046,777 annually

Purpose: Renews funding used for juvenile justice services, youth intervention programs, court operations, rehabilitation services, and programs intended to support at-risk youth and families.

★ NEW

Charlotte Library Millage Proposal

Millage Rate: 1.4 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$885,000 annually

Purpose: Would establish funding for Charlotte-area library services including operations, staffing, building maintenance, books and materials, public programming, and technology access.

★ NEW

Vermontville Township Ambulance Service Millage

Millage Rate: 1 mill

Est. Annual Revenue: \$84,000 annually

Purpose: Would provide dedicated funding for ambulance operations and emergency medical services, including staffing, vehicles, medical equipment, and response capabilities.

★ NEW

Benton Charter Township Fire and EMS Millage

Millage Rate: 1.9461 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$264,000 annually

Purpose: Would fund township fire protection and emergency medical services including emergency response operations, equipment purchases, staffing, and station maintenance.

INGHAM COUNTY

◆ RENEWAL

Potter Park Zoo and Potter Park Operational Millage

Millage Rate: 0.5 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$5,119,313 annually

Purpose: Renews and restores funding for the operation, maintenance, staffing, animal care, and improvements at Potter Park Zoo and surrounding park facilities. Supports zoo exhibits, educational programming, and long-term upkeep of the county-owned property.

◆ RENEWAL

Countywide System of Trails and Parks Millage

Millage Rate: 0.5 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$5,119,313 annually

Purpose: Continues funding for the development, maintenance, and improvement of county parks, recreational areas, greenways, and trail systems throughout Ingham County, including accessibility improvements and expansion of trail connections.

◆ RENEWAL

Public Transportation System for Elderly and Disabled

Millage Rate: 0.6 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$6,148,104 annually

Purpose: Renews funding for transportation services designed specifically for senior citizens and residents with disabilities, including medical transportation, demand-response transit, and access to community programs and appointments.

◆ RENEWAL

Fowlerville Community Schools Operating Millage

Millage Rate: 18.5337 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$3,782,870 annually

Purpose: Renews the district's operating millage used to fund general school operations including classroom instruction, staffing, educational programs, transportation, utilities, and day-to-day district expenses.

★ NEW

Ingham County Tourism, Entertainment Facilities, and Arts Proposal

Millage Rate: Hotel/accommodation tax: 5% increased to 8%

Purpose: Would establish funding for tourism promotion, arts and cultural programming, entertainment facilities, and community events intended to support economic development and regional attractions within Ingham County.

★ NEW

East Lansing Charter Amendment — City Council Terms of Office

Purpose: Would amend the East Lansing City Charter to update provisions related to terms of office for City Council members, establishing consistency with state election law amendments that extend the timing for certifying elections.

★ NEW

East Lansing Charter Amendment — Organization of the City Council

Purpose: Would revise charter provisions relating to how the East Lansing City Council organizes and elects its Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem, adjusted for updated state election certification timelines.

★ NEW

East Lansing Charter Amendment — City Manager

Purpose: Would amend charter language involving the City Manager's residency requirements and authority to designate a Deputy City Manager and an Acting City Manager, in alignment with changes in state law.

★ NEW

City of Lansing — Sale of Lansing City Market / Lansing Shuffle Building

Purpose: Asks voters whether the City of Lansing should be authorized to sell the riverfront property formerly known as the Lansing City Market, now operating as the Lansing Shuffle building at 325 Riverfront Drive.

★ NEW

Stockbridge Township Public Safety Millage

Millage Rate: 2.4 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$650,000 annually

Purpose: Would provide dedicated funding for township public safety services including police protection, emergency medical response, equipment purchases, staffing, and operational costs.

★ NEW

Morrice Area Schools Operating Millage

Millage Rate: 18 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$497,638 annually

Purpose: Creates a new operating millage for Morrice Area Schools to support educational operations, instructional programs, staffing, transportation, and other general district expenses.

★ NEW

Capital Area District Library (CADL) Districtwide Tax

Millage Rate: 1.5586 mills

Est. Annual Revenue: \$15,192,690 annually

Purpose: Would renew districtwide funding for Capital Area District Library services including books and materials, technology, digital resources, staffing, building maintenance, and community programming. Without passage, many library services may be eliminated and branches may close.
