



What the Heck is a 'Con Con'?

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The Question

- Automatically on ballot every 16 years (up next in 2026)
- Ballot Language:
 - *“Shall a convention of elected delegates be called for the purpose of a general revision of the Michigan Constitution, any such revision to be submitted to the voters for ratification?”*
- Rejection of the question means continue 1963 Constitution; question would appear again in 2042

If Proposal 1 approved ...

- Select convention delegates
 - One delegate for each House (110) and each Senate (38) district
- Primary (February 2027) and Election (May 2027)
 - Both must be held within six months
- Convention convene in Lansing on Oct. 5, 2027
 - Commence to draft new constitution
 - Any draft submitted by Convention goes to voters for approval/rejection

Previous Votes on Question

- 1978: Rejected, 77 percent = no
- 1994: Rejected, 72 percent = no
- 2010: Rejected, 67 percent = no



Amendments to 1963 Constitution

- Adopted 45 (55%) of 82 proposals
- Articles most frequently proposed for amendment
 - IX – Finance and Taxation
 - IV – Legislative Branch



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Three Eras of Amendment Proposals

1. Powers and Structure of Government

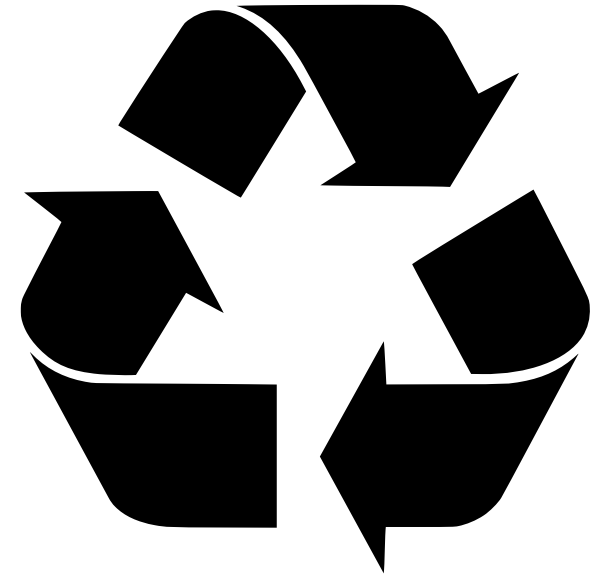
- Judicial selection & tenure
- State Officer Compensation Commission

2. “Tax Revolt”

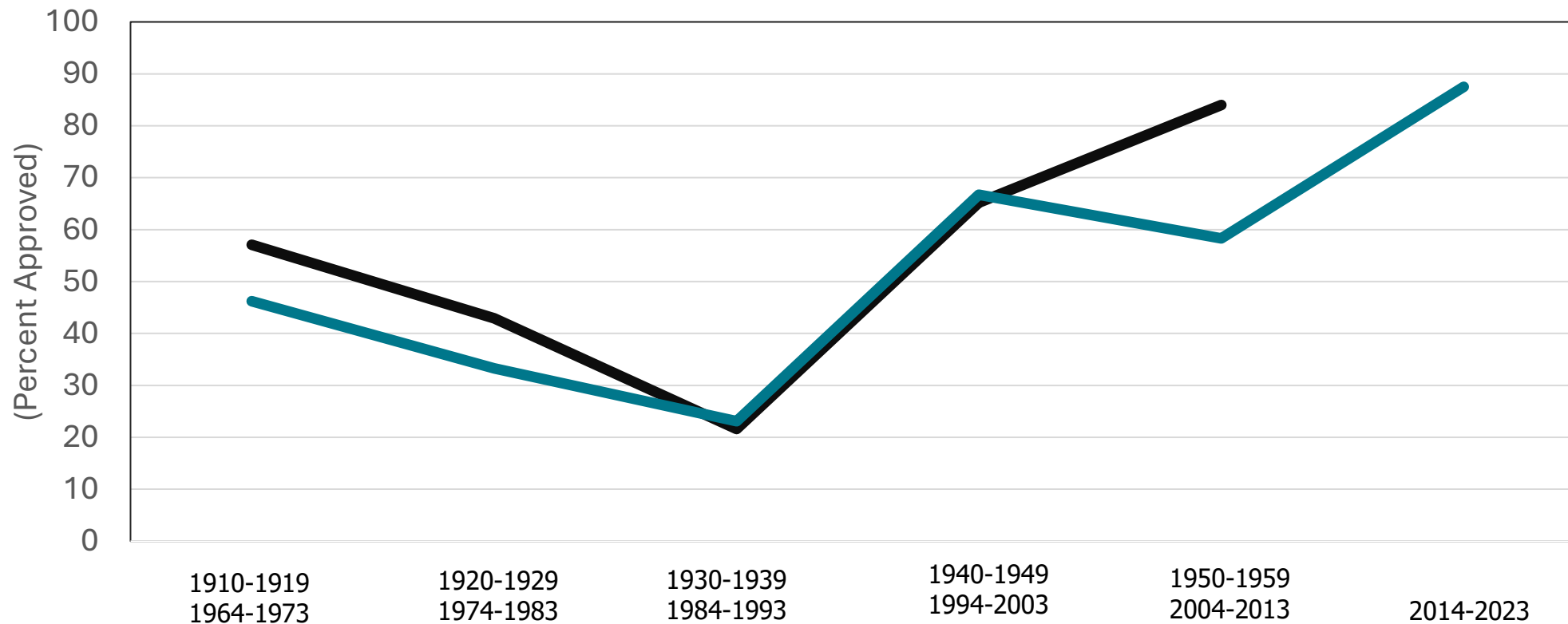
- Headlee Amendment
- Proposal A of 1994

3. Social Agendas

- Same-sex marriage
- Affirmative action

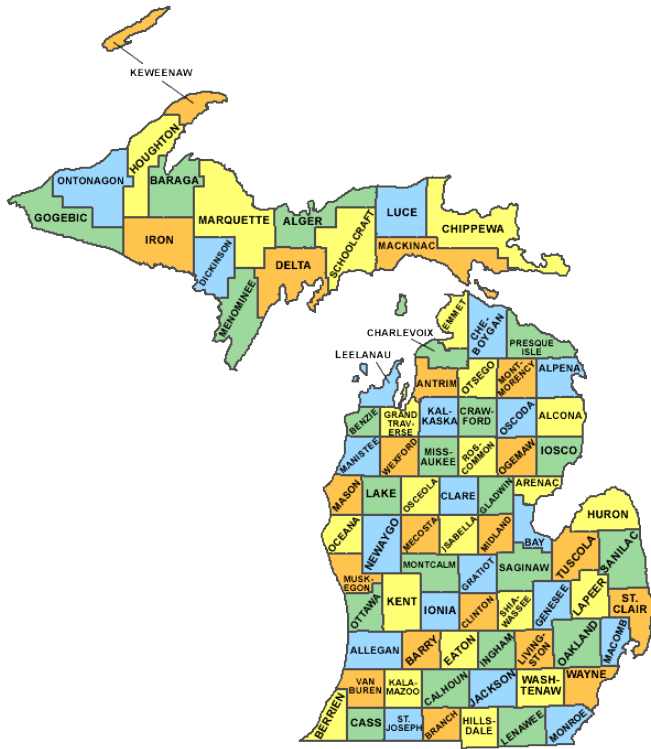


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Approval Rate by Decade (1910-2023)

Potential County Issues



- Structure/Role of County Officers
- Townships
- Taxation/Local Options





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