

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION OF 1963 BY ADDING A NEW § 6a TO ARTICLE 3, GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSAL:** The people should decide whether state government may construct or finance new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles. Consistent with this policy, and to shield the people from unnecessary burdens, the State shall not undertake ownership and development of or use State funds or resources for new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles unless first determined to be necessary and appropriate by majority vote of the people. [Refer to reverse side of this sheet for full text of the proposal]

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Michigan, respectfully petition for amendment to the Constitution.

**WARNING – A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.**

**INITIATIVE PETITION  
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

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CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is qualified to circulate this petition and that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a qualified registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

**WARNING – A circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.**

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(Signature of Circulator) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name of Circulator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City or Township Where Qualified to be Registered)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street and Number or Rural Route) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip Code)  
Complete Residence Address

# INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

## FULL TEXT OF PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION OF 1963 BY ADDING A NEW § 6A TO ARTICLE 3, GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

### § 6a. IMPROVEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES OR TUNNELS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES

SEC. 6a. (1) THE PEOPLE SHOULD DECIDE WHETHER STATE GOVERNMENT MAY CONSTRUCT OR FINANCE NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES OR TUNNELS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES. CONSISTENT WITH THIS POLICY, AND TO SHIELD THE PEOPLE FROM UNNECESSARY BURDENS, THE STATE SHALL NOT UNDERTAKE OWNERSHIP OR DEVELOPMENT OF OR USE STATE FUNDS OR RESOURCES FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES OR TUNNELS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES UNLESS FIRST DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE.

(2) THE PROVISIONS IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) SHALL APPLY IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THIS SECTION.

- (a) "OWNERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT" SHALL INCLUDE ALL ACTIVITIES INVOLVING AND RELATING TO ALL OR PART OF COMMENCING, CONSTRUCTING, OR FINANCING NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES OR TUNNELS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, OR RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: OPTIONING OR ACQUIRING INTERESTS IN PROPERTY; PROMOTING, DESIGNING, BIDDING, CONTRACTING FOR, OR CONSTRUCTING; OR IN ANY MANNER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FINANCING OR ASSISTING IN FINANCING PROPERTY ACQUISITION, DESIGN, OR CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS.
- (b) "STATE" SHALL INCLUDE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND ANY ONE OR MORE, OR A COMBINATION OF STATE AGENCIES, AUTHORITIES, COMMISSIONS, DISTRICTS, OR OTHER SUBDIVISIONS OR INSTRUMENTALITIES OF STATE GOVERNMENT.
- (c) THE PROCEDURE FOR SEEKING A DETERMINATION BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE PEOPLE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE THAT PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY LAW FOR THE SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF PETITIONS TO PROPOSE, ENACT, AND REJECT LAWS BY INITIATIVE UNDER ARTICLE 2, § 9 OF THIS CONSTITUTION, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS THAT: 1) A PROPOSAL UNDER THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN LIEU OF A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE; AND 2) AN APPROVAL BY THE PEOPLE SHALL REQUIRE AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS IN BOTH (A) THE STATE AND (B) EACH MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH IMPROVEMENTS ARE SITUATED, CONSIDERING THE IMPACT ON LOCAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES AND THAT PUBLIC OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION WOULD IMPACT LOCAL PROPERTY TAXATION.
- (d) "NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES OR TUNNELS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES" SHALL MEAN ANY BRIDGE OR TUNNEL WHICH IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND SERVING TRAFFIC AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012. NO VESTED RIGHTS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO ANY STATE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OR TUNNEL INITIATIVE THAT IS NOT SERVING TRAFFIC AS OF THAT DATE.
- (e) ANY AMBIGUITY IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF SHIELDING THE PEOPLE FROM PRACTICAL OR FINANCIAL BURDENS ASSOCIATED WITH STATE GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES.

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