

August 29, 2025

## Statutory revenue sharing eliminated for 88% of townships under House budget

All local governments would experience a reduction in their statutory revenue sharing under the House state budget measure that was approved this week (*see related article below*). Under the appropriations bill, [House Bill 4706](#), 88% of Michigan's 1,240 townships would see their current fiscal year statutory revenue sharing eliminated—removing the funding achieved in the current fiscal year for ALL townships, cities and villages *for the first time in nearly two decades*. For those townships and other local governments that received statutory revenue sharing in the state's 2024 fiscal year, the House bill reduces the proposed FY 2026 funding to 98% of FY 2024 levels. With approximately 30 days remaining until the beginning of the state's 2026 fiscal year, budget discussions continue, along with proposals for increased road funding and public safety funding.



MTA urges our members to contact their [state representative](#) and [state senator](#) to work in a bipartisan manner to fund statutory revenue sharing in FY 2026 for ALL local units of government.

## House unveils, passes state budget recommendation impacting revenue sharing, transportation and public safety

This week, the House passed [House Bill 4706](#), sponsored by Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. Ann Bollin (R-Brighton Chtr. Twp.), offering a funding plan for the local governments and state departments. The House budget plan totals nearly \$79 billion, which is approximately \$3 billion less than the current fiscal year and \$6 billion less than the Senate budget plan. The measure contains a reduction of \$75 million in statutory revenue sharing (*see related article*) and increased funding for transportation and public safety.

Public safety changes include a total of \$112 million for the Public Safety and Violence Prevention Fund created by bills passed earlier this year by the House, with \$72 million going to townships, cities and villages with law enforcement (or contracted law enforcement) proportionate to their share of statewide violent crime. The Michigan Department of Transportation was one of only four departments that would see its budget increase under the House budget plan. The transportation funding includes \$3.1 billion to pay for the House road funding proposal, focusing on local roads that includes \$120 million statewide for local (nonprimary roads) without a township match.

The House budget bill, which passed 59-45 (one Democrat joined

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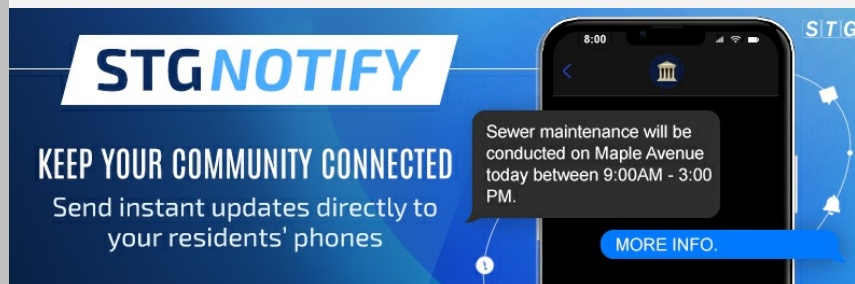
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all Republican House members), is expected to be rejected by the Senate and sent to conference committee. With a little over 30 days remaining prior to the state's new fiscal year (Oct. 1), House and Senate leadership will continue to negotiate with the governor to finalize the state's budget. Should a state budget not be approved by Oct. 1, the state could enter its first government shutdown since 2009.



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## Solid, hazardous and radioactive waste bills pass Senate

Two bills aimed at making Michigan a less attractive disposal destination for hazardous and radioactive waste and increasing fees were approved by the Senate. [Senate Bill 246](#) would prohibit Michigan landfills from accepting any new technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM), though they could continue to store any material already on-site. The legislation also increases the current solid waste surcharge from 36 cents to \$1.20 per ton, and establishes a distribution formula that includes increased revenue between contamination cleanup and municipal grants as well as increases for hazardous and radioactive waste disposal. SB 246 would also require the state to adopt a comprehensive State Hazardous Radioactive Waste Plan and place a moratorium on licenses and permits until a plan is adopted. [SB 247](#) would create a fee for waste deposited in a Class I Commercial Hazardous Waste Disposal Well. Those fees would be placed in a grant fund to be distributed to communities with a disposal site. MTA supported both bills, sponsored by Sen. Darrin Camilleri (D-Brownstown Chtr. Twp.), which now advance to the House for consideration.

## Treasury's next 'Chart Chat' Sept. 11

Join the state Department of Treasury's next [Chart Chat webinar](#) on Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. The free webinar, designed for elected officials and municipal finance and accounting staff, will provide important updates and information on cybersecurity, investment policy best practices and the Michigan Rural Water Association. Questions may be submitted when registering.

## STC updates and bulletins

The State Tax Commission (STC) approved several bulletins and guidelines this week:

- [Bulletin 6 of 2025](#): *Random Week for "Qualified Business"* sets Aug. 25-31 as the week to audit for assessment purposes.
- [Bulletin 7 of 2025](#): *Assessor Certification* provides requirements for assessors to re-certify for 2027. To do so, all certified assessors must complete 16 hours of [continuing](#)

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[education](#) between Nov. 1, 2025, and Oct. 31, 2026. Eight hours may be online courses approved by the STC, and must also include the 2026 *STC Updates* course.

- [Bulletin 8 of 2025: Assessor Certification Level Requirements](#) contains information regarding the assessor certification level requirements for 2027 for proper assessment of a local assessing unit.
- [Bulletin 9 of 2025: 2nd Quarter Certified Interest Rates](#) provides the prevailing institutional lending rates of interest for April through June 2025.
- [CAMA Data Standards](#) and [CAMA Data Standards Resource Guide](#) outline revisions to computer-assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) data standards, which include updates to terms of sale, adjustment change reasons and study type codes for use with Form L-4018R.

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## Treasury seeks comments on revised Numbered Letters

The Michigan Department of Treasury guides local governments on accounting and auditing through Numbered Letters. Treasury is updating and removing documents from 1993 to the present, aiming to refresh 20% of these publications annually. This process will include formatting updates and verifying all web links, with some documents potentially needing significant revisions or removal. The Local Audit and Finance Division is currently inviting public comments on [selected Numbered Letters](#), which can be [submitted in writing](#) until Sept. 25.



## EMERGING ISSUES IN EMERGENCY SERVICES

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## Webinar details local data, insights in American Community Survey

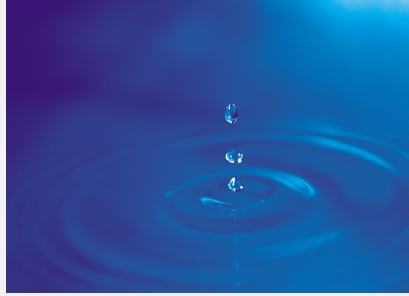
The [American Community Survey](#) provides statistics about the nation's people and housing, such as language spoken at home, education, commuting, employment, mortgage/rent status, income, poverty and health insurance coverage. Information from the survey generates data that help inform how trillions of dollars in federal funds are distributed each year, and local leaders can use this information to assess the past and plan the future. It is the only source of local statistics for most of the [40-plus topics](#) it covers. A [U.S. Census Bureau webinar on Sept. 4](#) will share how to access data and resources from the upcoming survey release and offer tips for comparing geographies and statistics over time.

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## Fall rollout for water withdrawal assessment tool

The state Department of

Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy is debuting a two-phase rollout of changes to the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool (WWAT). These changes will be covered in a [webinar](#) on Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. Phase 1 of the rollout will launch on Sept. 22, when applicants for large quantity water withdrawals will be able to assess proposed withdrawals using an unconfined aquifer system. Phase 2, scheduled for early 2026, will allow users to access withdrawals using semi-confined and two-layer aquifer systems. A [MiLogin account](#) will be required to access the updated WWAT.



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## Reminders for clerks

- Polling places and early voting sites cannot be established, moved or abolished for the Nov. 5 election after Sept. 5 unless damaged or rendered inaccessible. Jurisdictions planning a combined precinct must upload that information in the Qualified Voter File (QVF) Election Geography module by Oct. 5.
- Locals will soon be able to submit early voting wage reimbursement requests directly to the state Bureau of Elections (BOE) without going through their counties first. The BOE will soon open the opportunity for reimbursement for the August 2025 election and once available, a direct message with submission instructions will go to all eligible counties and jurisdictions.
- Clerks are encouraged to review and share comments on the BOE's [Voter Registration Cancellation, Challenge, and Correction](#) ruleset, which codify the corresponding [addendum](#) in the clerk accreditation manual. Email [Elections-PublicComment@Michigan.gov](mailto:Elections-PublicComment@Michigan.gov) with comments by 5 p.m. on Sept. 5. A public hearing will also be held on Sept. 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 1100 of the Binsfeld Office Building in Lansing.
- The [Electronic Orders & Requests \(EOR\) training](#) is available for review in the BOE's eLearning. EOR is not yet available for all clerks, but the training must be reviewed before clerks gain access to the system. BOE has also made available resources to support [MiLogin for Business](#) and [SIGMA](#) questions.

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## Member input sought for MTA's 2026 legislative issues

Township officials can review and provide input on the MTA legislative policy platform. The legislative policy objectives—reviewed, updated and approved annually—guide the Association's government relations efforts and reflect emerging issues and goals. MTA members are encouraged to review the current [2025-2026 Policy Platform](#) and share any proposed additions and revisions by Monday, Nov. 24. Member-proposed policy changes will be reviewed by MTA policy committees and will be presented at the 2026 MTA Annual Meeting in conjunction with our 2026 Annual Educational Conference in April. Contact [legislation@michigantownships.org](mailto:legislation@michigantownships.org) with questions, comments or suggestions.

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## Read the September issue of *Township Focus*—online now!

Your September issue of *Township Focus* is here and in mailboxes soon!

In this month's cover story, *On the record: Michigan's Freedom of Information Act*, we explore this important law, and other records statutes, that protect both public records and the public's right to know, and delve into what township



officials need to know about their options and obligations regarding public records access. Our feature story discusses specific rules for township board meetings regarding schedules, notices and minutes. "Financial Forum" shares considerations for issuing bonds, and learn about township drone usage in zoning enforcement in the "Hello, MTA ... ?" column.

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## MTA webinar reviews township revenue sources

Every board member should understand their options and the ways different township revenues may—or may not—be used. MTA can get you up to speed in just one hour! Join MTA Staff Attorney Catherine Mullhaupt Sept. 17 at noon for our next live webinar [Revenue Sources: Coins in the Couch](#). Can't join live? We'll record it so you can watch it on demand later. [Click here to register now.](#)

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## MTA office closed for Labor Day holiday

MTA's office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day and will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, Sept. 2. MTA wishes everyone a safe holiday weekend.

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