

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
HANCOCK AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY**

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

At a meeting of the Board of the Hancock Area District Library, County of Houghton, State of Michigan, held at the Library on August 10, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Carolyn Dekker, Ruth Gill, Dean Woodbeck, Whitney Warstler, Jillian Shilling

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Dean Woodbeck and supported by Whitney Warstler:

WHEREAS, the Hancock Area District Library ("District Library") is a district library subject to the provisions of the District Library Establishment Act, 1989 PA 24, MCL 397.171 *et seq.* ("DLEA"); and

WHEREAS, the District Library is located in Houghton County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District Library determines that it is in the best interests and welfare of the District Library District and its residents that revenue be authorized for all District Library purposes authorized by law; therefore, the District Library has determined to request from voters of the District Library District a new additional millage of 0.70 mill, subject to applicable Headlee rollbacks, for a period of five (5) years, beginning with the 2026 levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that it is in the best interests of the District Library District that such millage be voted on at an election to be held in the District Library District at the election scheduled for November 3, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Library Board of the Hancock Area District Library that:

1. The Hancock Area District Library certifies the proposition shown on attached Exhibit A shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the District Library District of the Hancock Area District Library, County of Houghton, State of Michigan, at an election to be held on November 3, 2026.

2. The Secretary of the Library Board of the District Library ("Secretary") is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution with the Houghton County Clerk ("County Clerk") and the Hancock Public Schools School District Election Coordinator (School District Election Coordinator).

3. The Secretary is directed to request that the County Clerk (or School District Election Coordinator) publish notice of the close of registration in the manner required by law.

The District Library Establishment Act requires that the notice of close of registration contain the ballot language of the proposal attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

4. The Secretary is directed to request the County Clerk (or School District Election Coordinator) to publish notice of the election in the manner required by law.

5. The Secretary shall work with the County Clerk (or School District Election Coordinator) to have prepared and printed, as provided by law, separate ballots for submitting said proposition, which ballots shall be in substantially the same form shown on Exhibit A or said proposition shall be stated as separate propositions on the voting machines.

6. The President of the Library Board is authorized to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed ballot language or notices authorized by this Resolution if changes are requested by (1) the County Clerk (or School District Election Coordinator) or other person or entity authorized by law or (2) or are typographical or non-substantive in nature and said changes comply with the Michigan Election Law and are consistent with the law governing district libraries.

7. The Treasurer of the Library Board of the District Library is directed to pay, to the extent required by law, the costs of conducting the election required by this Resolution and by law.

8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are rescinded.

AYES: Dekker, Gill, Woodbeck, Warstler, Shilling

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF HOUGHTON)

I, the Secretary of the Board of the Hancock Area District Library, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of the Hancock Area District Library, County of Houghton, State of Michigan, at a meeting held on August 10, 2026, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Open Meetings Act.



Dean Woodbeck
Hancock Area District Library

EXHIBIT A

Hancock Area District Library

Library Millage Proposal

Shall the Hancock Area District Library, County of Houghton, Michigan, be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 0.70 mill (\$0.70 per each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property within the Hancock Area District Library district for a period of five (5) years, 2026 through 2030, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all district library purposes authorized by law? The estimate of the revenue the Hancock Area District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Hancock Area District Library in the first year (2026) is approximately \$200,000. By law, a portion of the revenue from the millage may be subject to capture by the Houghton County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Yes ☐

No ☐