

RESOLUTION 2002-29
OPPOSING STATE BALLOT PROPOSALS 3 AND 4

WHEREAS, two proposals have been placed on the November 2002 ballot to amend Michigan's constitution; and

WHEREAS, the two proposals would require: (1) mandatory binding arbitration for state employees, and (2) shift tobacco settlement revenues to a myriad of private interests; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners strongly believes that the passage of a binding arbitration proposal for state employees, known as Proposal 3, would lead to a similar requirement being placed on county government, thereby not only increasing labor costs substantially, but undermining long-standing relations and good faith efforts between the counties and their union employees; and

WHEREAS, the shift of tobacco settlement revenues, known as Proposal 4, not only has a mandatory inflation factor requiring expenditures for the proposed distribution to be increased every year, it also has no oversight requirement for the expenditure of these state funds; and

WHEREAS, these two proposals, together and individually, would place significant pressure on state resources and due to the mandatory increases contained in the proposals would reduce the flexibility the legislature has in appropriating funds to other critical services; and

WHEREAS, the loss of flexibility the legislature has could require cuts in funding for much needed services at the local level, where all of Michigan's citizens receive the majority of their government services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners are hereby opposed to Proposals 3 and 4 due to the devastating impacts outlined above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Michigan and the Michigan Legislature.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held October 29, 2002 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk