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*M&S* Everytime the Michigan governor signs any legislation requiring local units of government to spend local funds to comply with state law, this is a violation of the public trust.

As one of the original drafters of the Headlee Amendment Michigan Constitution 1963, as amended, Art. IX, S29 of the Headlee Amendment requires (among other things) that if the state or a state agency mandates anything the state must pay its own way.

The very purpose of Michigan Constitution 1963 as amended by Headlee was to stop the state or a state agency from shifting the burden of taxation onto the backs of local units of government. The local units don't want to speak out simply because the state might cut revenue sharing or reduce required payments to local units of government.

For 30 years the voter approved Headlee Amendment to our Constitution 1963 has been ignored by numerous governors and state legislators, please see <http://council.legislature.mi.gov/lcsm.html>.

What is a citizen to do when the entire legislature and Office of the Governor even though they took an oath of office to uphold our Constitution refuse to acknowledge it --- go to court --- what about Art. IX, S32?