

Propositions C&D

Banking state money, teen drinks

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles on the 11 Nov. 7 Michigan ballot proposals. It was prepared by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters, Troy.

PROPOSITION C

The issue: Should the state constitution be amended to allow the deposit of state funds in savings and loan associations and in credit unions?

The constitution now provides that state money must be deposited only in banks organized under the national or state banking laws. The joint resolution would amend Article IX (Finance and Taxation), sec. 20, to allow the deposit of state funds in savings and loan associations and credit unions as well as in state and national banks.

PROPOSITION D

The issue: Should the legal drinking age be raised to 21?

In 1972 the Michigan Legislature passed a comprehensive Age of Majority Law which granted 18-

year-olds the full rights and responsibilities of adults, including the right to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages. Prior to that time, the age of majority was 21.

In view of growing problems of drinking in the schools and alleged increases in alcohol-related traffic accidents involving young people between the ages of 18 and 20, various bills were introduced to raise the legal drinking age. On April 4, Gov. Milliken signed SB 31 (DeSana) into law as PA 94 of 1975 with immediate effect amending the liquor law to make 19 the legal drinking age in Michigan.

Dissatisfied with the proposal to raise the drinking age only to 19, a group of citizens has initiated a petition drive to amend the state constitution (a constitutional revision petition) by raising the legal drinking age to 21. The group, "Coalition for 21," contends that those 18-20 years of age lack the maturity to handle the responsibilities of being able to purchase and consume alcohol.

Opponents argue that legal adults with all the other rights and responsibilities of adults ought not to have their rights diminished in any area solely on the basis of age.

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Tax changes still stumping

If you missed the fray between tax reformers Robert Tisch and Richard Headlee at the Detroit Economic Club, you'll still have a chance to catch some of the verbal arguments and fireworks. Representatives of the tax cut and tax limitation drives will go head-to-head tonight at Schoolcraft College.

Shiawassee County Drain Commissioner Tisch, who is stumping metropolitan Detroit, and Tom Borton, Wayne County chairman for Taxpayers United for Tax Limitation, will square off at SC at 7 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Theater.

The meeting is one in a series of five public forums at Schoolcraft examining the election ballot proposals.

Others taking part in tonight's forum include: Wayne County Commissioner Mary Dumas (R-Livonia), school district lobbyist Gerald R. Dunn, W.H. Nickel, vice-president for business and finance at Oakland Community College; Charles F. Sturtz, vice-president for business and finance at Wayne State University; State Rep. Robert Law (R-Livonia) and a representative of the Michigan Education Association.

Lawsuit nets near record

If you've been thinking about starting your own business, attorney Robert R. Thompson can show you how in seminar sponsored by the Henry Ford Community College Center for New Directions.

The seminar is entitled "How to start your own business - and make money!"

The non-credit seminar will be held on the HFCC campus on Friday evening and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7.

The Friday evening session will cover what it takes to be successful in a small business, how to face the risks of an unincorporated business and how to prepare the business plan for growth.

Saturday's session will cover how to form and operate a small corporation as a preferred legal entity. Thompson will also discuss banks and venture capital sources.

The \$95 fee covers all workshop materials, including a copy of Thompson's book, "How to Start Your Own Business and Make Money," and lunch on Saturday.

For further information, contact the HFCC Center for New Directions at 271-2750, ext. 346.

Brodhead backs veto of works bill

Congressman William Brodhead (D-Detroit) will be riding herd for President Jimmy Carter. Brodhead, whose district includes Redford, Farmington and Farmington Hills, was appointed to a 20-man House task force to drum up support to sustain Carter's veto of the Water Development Appropriation Act.

Dinner marks friendship

A seven-course Chinese dinner and a talk by Hugh Deane, editor of "New China," is planned by the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association of Detroit at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the Community Center at 1400 Oak Park Boulevard, Oak Park. The dinner will be cooked under supervision of Chinese-born members of the group. Tickets, available at the door, will be \$2. Deane first visited China as an exchange student in 1936 and later was part of the association's delegation that toured the oriental land.

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