

Beer battling retirement

4 seeking judgeship; 4 running unopposed

Four candidates have filed for Judge William J. Beer's seat on the Oakland County Circuit Court. Beer, 71, is fighting a state law ordering judges over 70 to retire. He's seeking a Michigan Supreme Court order placing him on the Aug. 5 and Nov. 4 election ballots. Last month, the State Court of Appeals rejected Beer's request. Beer, a circuit court judge for 20 years, has said if the state high court bars him from seeking another term, he'll return to private law practice.

CANDIDATES FOR THE six-year circuit court term include:
 • 51st District Court Judge Robert C. Anderson, of Waterford Township, who made an unsuccessful circuit court try in 1976.
 • James F. McCarthy, Pontiac,

an assistant Oakland County prosecutor.
 • Attorney Michael S. Freud, who practices in Southfield and resides in Keego Harbor.
 • West Bloomfield attorney Richard J. Amberg.
 Both Freud and Amberg are in private practice. Amberg sued Oakland County several years ago regarding conditions in the county jail.

FOUR INCUMBENT circuit judges are unopposed in re-election bids.
 They include Chief Circuit Judge John N. O'Brien, Berkley; Judge Richard D. Kuhn, of Independence Township; and Judge Frederick C. Ziem, of Waterford Township. Ziem, 64, a circuit judge since 1950, is eligible for one



JUDGE WILLIAM J. BEER

last six-year term under the state mandatory retirement law. Judge George LaPlata, of West Bloomfield, is unopposed for a four-year term on the 6th Circuit bench. He was appointed to the Oakland circuit court last fall by Gov. William Milliken to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Bernard L. Kaufman. LaPlata will complete the six-year term. Kaufman was originally elected to in 1978.

Lower drinking age petition drive nearing deadline at halfway mark

With three weeks to go before the filing deadline, a petition campaign to lower the legal drinking age in Michigan to 19 has half of its goal of 350,000 signatures.

To qualify as a referendum on the Nov. 4 ballot, the petition campaign needs 280,000 signatures from registered voters. If the referendum qualifies, voters would be asked to drop the legal drinking age from 21.

Two years ago, voters raised the drinking age from 18.

"WE'RE IN pretty fair shape," said William McMaster, whose Troy public relations firm was hired by campaign organizers, including the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association and the state Bowling Proprietors Association. McMaster said \$95,000 has been raised for the campaign, which began in March. He said the bulk of the money has come from "independent and small businessmen throughout the state."

The licensed beverage association has been circulating petitions through its member tavern owners. In addition, said McMaster, "we've been concentrating to some degree on college campuses."

Despite the voter sanctioned in-

crease in the drinking age two years ago, McMaster said lower age proponents think once their referendum is on the ballot, "it will pass."

HE CITED the presidential contest on the fall ballot, which will likely mean a higher voter turn-out than in 1978 and "no decrease" in drinking among 19-21-year-olds as a result of the 21-year-old legal age.

"What has changed is where they drink," said McMaster, adding that the car has become a popular spot for young drinkers.

The 18-year-old drinking law passed with 57 percent of the vote in Novem-

ber, 1978. It was opposed by voters in Washtenaw and Ingham counties, home of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, respectively, but won with 58 percent of the vote in the tri-county metropolitan Detroit area.

Even though campus communities have been targeted for petition signatures, McMaster says the referendum, if it qualifies, "doesn't necessarily require a heavy vote on the part of young people."

The filing deadline for signatures is July 7.

Computer space sold to HFCC

Oakland Community College will sell some of its excess computer capacity to Henry Ford Community College next school year.

OCC trustees gave the one-year contract unanimous approval, but not before asking hard questions for the better part of an hour June 5.

"It will be mutually beneficial," said Controller Anthony Jarson. "The computer will handle their on-line registration, transcripts and student records."

"This arrangement doesn't tax the

capacity of our computer. It will mean some revenue for the college to offset our costs."

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