

'Irresponsible,' say opponents**State troopers alone on B**By Suzie Rollins Singer
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The State Police Troopers union says it would like to ask the Michigan Legislature to increase trooper staffing to the level of April 1980, but politically it can't.

Instead, the union is asking voters to approve Proposal B, a constitutional amendment that would give state police constitutional status and fix the staffing level at no less than 2,257.

Proposal B, however, has little support from other police agencies. Opponents denounce it as unfair to the constitution for a purely legislative function. They charge the troopers' union with seeking to protect its own jobs.

RICHARD PUTNEY, executive director of the 1,500-member troopers association, said integrity stands in the way of approaching state legislators.

"We would have no problem asking legislators to introduce a bill on the staffing, and we'd be able to give them some PAC (Political Action Campaign) funds at re-election time," said Putney.

"But we'd also run into the 'Uncle Harry' syndrome. The 'Uncle Harry' syndrome is when a man is arrested for drunk driving and we get a call from a politician asking us to drive his Uncle Harry, who is in jail, home."

"We don't want to get involved in this type of thing. It presents an integrity problem," he said.

PROPOSAL B would add 114 more state troopers to the payroll — restoring the April 1980 level. Reductions would be permitted only when a census indicates a population decrease.

"We have never had a population decline in the state yet," Putney said. "And if we did in between censuses, there's always enough crime to go around."

Opponents of Proposal B contend that it will cost the state \$4 million to reinstate the positions lost to attrition during the past two years.

But Putney said the figure is more like \$2.9 million. "We're not asking for that much. And besides, the troopers never said anything about increases to public education. We contend that the department will get the money," he added.

GUS HARRISON, chairman of the Concerned Taxpayers for Law Enforcement, an organized group fighting the proposal, said:

"We believe this proposal represents both an improper use of the Michigan constitution for the special benefit of its proponents as well as an irresponsible attempt to guarantee employment for 2,257 state employees."

Their own department also denounced the troopers union for unauthorized use of the State Police seal on union bumper stickers.

Organizations opposed to the proposal include the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Deputy Sheriffs' Association of Michigan, the Michigan Sheriffs' Association and the Police Officers' Association of Michigan.

PUTNEY SAID a constitutional amendment is the only way to assure troopers and taxpayers that their streets will be safe.

"After 80 troopers were laid off in 1980, we took 5 percent pay cuts to get them rehired. We don't get holiday or overtime pay," he said.

But the other 114 positions — due to attrition — remain open.

"We have 33 percent less troopers on Detroit's freeways this year than in 1977. Ninety percent of the lab work we do is from police agencies. It takes six to eight weeks for them to get fingerprints processed, and that's a reflection on all police departments," Putney said.

Aside from 400,000 signatures garnered on petitions, they lack organized efforts promoting Proposal B.

Troopers' salaries range from \$17,000 to \$23,000.

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