

Crowd vies for state board of ed seats



Barbara Roberts Mason, Democrat



Rolie Hopgood, Democrat



Dick DeVos, Republican



Lowell Perry, Republican

director of community relations for Michigan Bell, Detroit.

A former player, coach and scout for the Pittsburgh Steelers football team, Perry is also a former National Labor Relations Board attorney. A member of the Michigan Bar, a life member of the NAACP and a member of the Urban League, Perry also served as chairman of the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission in 1975-76.

Perry holds a bachelor's from the University of Michigan, and is a member of the U-M Football Hall of Honor. He received his law degree from Detroit College of Law.

Incumbents Hollie Hopgood and Barbara Roberts Mason, both Democrats, face GOP challengers Richard DeVos and Lowell Perry, as well as four third-party candidates, in this year's state board of education race.

Winners will receive an eight-year term. Voters will vote for two candidates, and will be able to split their ticket.

Here are thumbnail sketches of each candidate.

• Hopgood, a Taylor resident, has been a board member since 1986, is currently treasurer of the state board. He is an administrative assistant with the Michigan Federation of Teachers, Detroit. Prior to that, he taught art, social studies and physical education in the Taylor Schools for 19 years, serving as president of the teachers union local from 1977-81.

He is co-chairman of the state Democratic Party's education subcommittee and was elected "Boss of the Year" in 1989 by the American Business Women's Association, Star of Detroit chapter.

Hopgood holds a bachelor's in education from Western Michigan University and a master's in education leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

• Mason, a board member since 1974, is a Lansing resident. She served as board president in 1979-80.

and 1987-88, the only person to have served two terms in that capacity.

She is a consultant in the Michigan Education Association Office of Professional Development and Human Rights. Before that, she was a speech consultant in the Lansing Schools.

In 1987, she founded the Black Child and Family Institute, Lansing, to address concerns expressed in the state's "Black Child in Crisis" symposiums.

Mason holds a bachelor's in speech and audio pathology and a master's in educational psychology from Michigan State University and is working toward a doctorate in educational curriculum.

• DeVos is president and chief executive officer of The Windquest Group, Inc., a Grand Rapids-based investment company. Prior to that, he was international vice president

of Amway Corp. of Ada, Mich. He was co-chairman of the Michigan Republican party's 1990 Lake Michigan conference and on host committees for Michigan visits of President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle.

DeVos is also chairman of the Kent-Ottawa-Muskegon Foreign Trade Zone Board and a board member of the Mackinac Center, a market-oriented public policy research

center based in Midland. He is a national advisory committee member of the American Family Society.

• Perry, a Southfield resident, is

Term limitation petition sought

Oakland Citizens For Justice invites all private citizens, representatives of other citizen groups, and elected officials, to attend a meeting at 7:30 tonight, Thursday, at the Don Castro Bldg., 1225 Crescent Lake Road, in Waterford.

At this meeting the drafting of a term limitation petition will be finalized, and the start of a network to

distribute this petition for the 1992 elections will be established.

For those interested in re-obtaining their control over their elected officials then this meeting is for you. If you can not attend but wish to help then contact Bill Munro, president, at 623-1120, or David Johnson, secretary, at 674-2485.

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