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STATE REP, JAN DOLAN, R. Farmington Illis, sees "good and bad aspects of term limitations. It will get rid of some of bad legislators. But they also force lawmakers of step back into the real world... and live under the laws they have promulgated."

She is concerned, however, that term limitations may also discourage some otherwise compent people from going into polities."

Judy Riedlinger, a Bloomfield Township resident who is also Republican chairwoman of the 18th Congressional District, also sees term limitations as a double-edged sword.

"There are some elected officials who are doing a great job, and you don't necessarily want to get rid of the firm," she said. "But people are frustrated. And they may have to put up with that in order to get rid of the people who aren't doing their job."

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Wolf, R-Farmington Hills, has mixed feelings about term limitations, especially those proposed Monday. "I see the benefits, but I don't want to turn government over to the bureaucracy—the lobbyists and administrators who seem to run things now.

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"I guess I am for term limitation, but I'm not sure about this proposal," he continued. "It seems a bit drastic."

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RAYMOND B. DUGAN, a Troy businessman, insists term limitation is a method that enables voters to "clean the scum out of government. Dugan, who helped mobilise the Oakland County Tarapayers Association behind the petition drive, said term limitations are the only way to keep law career politicians from "losing sight of the reason they were elected in the first place."
But term limitations is, in fact, a thinly-welled attempt by ultra conservatives to subvert the political system, according to Donald Tucker, a lawyer from Birningham who is also chalrman of the Oakland County Democratic Party.

"We already have term limitation," be said. "It's periodic elections that enable voters to throw somehody out of office, either in the primary or in the general election.

"Term limitations (as proposed by

petitions filed Monday) is an attempt by right-wing Republicans to make holding office the hobby of the idle rich," he said. "I think term limita-

tions stink."
Tucker's Republican counterpart,
James M. Alexander, also a Birmingham attorney, declined to comment on term limitations. "As a
member of the state Board of Canvassers (which will validate or disallow the petitions) I really can't comment.

"BUT I AM looking forward to certifying the petitions," he said.
Arrisste D. Evans, Democratic vice chairwoman of the 17th Congressional District, said she personally hasn't given much thought to the impact of term limitation.

"I knew it was in the works, but I haven't thought it through," ahe said.
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Term limitations could affect the number of middle and low income residents who seek public office, said Evans, a Southfield resident. "Not many companies will grant leaves of absence so employees can hold public office." lic office."

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Tucker was more emphatic.

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office out of reach for the average
person. The average person can't
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four, six or eight years."

Marvin Mettzer, a Birmingham
Democrat who is vice chairman of
the 18th Congressional District, sald
term limitations are a "waste of
tuman resources."

They force elected officials to step
down just as they are starting to get
good at their jobs, he sald.





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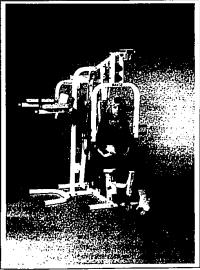
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