Property tax break applies only to homesteads are due out in a couple of weeks. You have until March 1 to return it to the city or township in which the property is located. "Vacation homes and income property which you do not occupy as your principal residence may not be claimed," says the treasury notice.

Review ballot language before going to vote

Here is the official text you will see on the March 15 special election ballot:

PROPOSAL A

A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE STATE SALES TAX AND USE TAX RATES FROM 4 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT TO 6 PERCENT LIMIT ANNUAL INCREASES IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSIMENTS, EXEMPT SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGES FROM UNIFORM TAXATION REQUIRE THREE-FOURTHS VOTE OF LEGISLATURE TO EXCEED STATUTORILY ESTABLISHED SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGLE RATES

LAGLE RATES The proposed constitutional amendment would:

1. Limit annual assessment increase for each property parcel

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to 5 percent or inflation rate, whichever is less. When property is sold or transferred, adjust assessment to current value.

2. Increase the sales/use tax. Dedicate additional revenue to schools.

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3. Exempt school operating millages from uniform taxation requirement.

4. Require three-quarters vote of state Legislature to exceed school operating millage rates.

5. Activate laws raising addi-tional school revenues through taxation including partial resto-

taxation including partial restoration of property tax.

6. Nullify alternative laws raising school revenues through taxation including an increase in income tax, personal tax exemption increase and partial restoration of property taxes.

Should this proposal be adonted?

a northern Michl-gan summer home as well as one in town. Will the cut in property taxes affect both homes? Q. I have a northern Michl-

A. No, only "your principal legal residence," according to the state treasury department. Your principal residence will be taxed at six mills if Proposal A passesse March 15, and at 12 mills if it doesn't. All non-homestead property will be taxed at 4 mills. Q. How will the local treasurer know the difference?

A. The state treasury department will mail you a form in which you get to choose. Forms

Q. Suppose I claim both homes to get the six mill rate. How can they catch me? A. We have calls into Lansing to determine that. Meanwhile, if you do get caught in a false claim, you can be ordered to pay (1) the extra 12 or 18 mills, (2) interest at one percent above the current prime rate, and (3) a penalty at 5

OCC hosts masked ball The hospitality department of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus will present a Mardi Gras Masked Ball on Thursday, Fob. 10. The event is offered in association with the student Fench club, Cercle Prancial of OCC, and will take place on the third floor of Tirrell Hall (J Bullding). Masks will be available for purchase at the door.
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percent per month of the due tax to a maximum of 50 percent.

Q. We're empty nesters. We have just a small home in town where I work but a much larger lakefront home as my principal legal residence?

A. treasury says to use the one that is your "domicile" — that is, "your principal residence, the place you intend to returned you have only one domicile at a time."

Q. How much paperwik is there to fill out to get my property tax cut?

A. Very little. Your name(s) and dareas, social security number of he property.

Q. I live in a condo. Can I get he lower rate, too?

A. Yes. The treasury form says:

If you own and live in a unit in a multiple unit dwelling or in a multiple unit dwelling, give the

idence) occupies."

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Q. How do farmers fare in all of this?

A. Farmers always fare well. Not only the house but the entire farm gets the lower homestead tax rate. The city dweller who lives above his store gets a break only on the residential portion.

There are farmers, however, who have lakefront homes and commute to their farms the way a city person drives to work. We have no word on whether such agricultural property will be taxed as homestead.

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