# **Bullard says:**

## Residency not an issue in 15th State Senate race

A win for Willis Bullard in the special 15th State Senate Dis-trict election would resolve any question about his residency. Both the location he currently claims as home, his father-in-

law's house on Wixom Road in Milford Township, and the lake-front property in Highland Township where his wife lives lie within the boundaries of the 15th Senate district.

The Highland home is located outside the boundaries of his

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current state representative's district, but he said he moving back there is "an option" if he wins the Senate seat. Still, Bullard insists his residency within his current State House district is not in question. He said his claim to residency at his father-in-law's house meets "all constitutional and legal requirements to be a resident," and there have been court cases which have defined what constitutes residency. Bullard receives his mail there. He is registered to vote there. That is the address he uses for his driver's license. "That is where I lay my head most of the time," he said. Like most legislatore, Bullard accasionally spends the night in Lansing, but he argues most

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would consider that to be bus-ness travel.

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Bullard's residence was ques-tioned last July by a Milford Times article based in part on comments made by Milford Vil-lage Council member and bar owner James Crane. Crane said that while his establishment was located next to an apartment on Summit Street, which Bullard had earlier claimed as his home, Crane never saw the lawmaker or the lawmaker's car, and he

would consider that to be business travel.

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"Whiles" a system are sussessed in Highland.

The state constitution requires legislators to live in the districts they represent.

Bullard said this week he had moved out of Summit Street apartment before Crane moved his bar into the neighborhood, because I didn't want to live next to the Red Doggie Saloon. He said that regardless of zoning or planning, a family had lived

in the Summit Street apartment prior to his taking up residence there.

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Asked why he hadn't sold the Highland home and bought another one inside his district, builard answered, 'because it is lakefront property and was appreciating in value.'

Regardless, the final judgment on the issue reats with voters. Bullard said he has conducted olection polls that indicate local voters consider him to be a resident of his district currently, that voters believe that he does live in Milford, and his constituents don't much care about the issue anyway.

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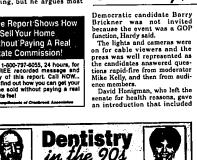
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bling, Bullard said he was generally opposed, but did favor putting the issue on the ballot for 'the people to have a say.'
Dobb said she would not oppose expanding casino gambling in the state, but is concerned that because Indian tribes are not subject to the same laws as others, there could be an unfair advantage. She also would like money from gambling proceeds set aside to help those who are addicted to it.

Sever said gambling has gained a foothold and could be hard to shake later if its effects later.

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i John Kennedy about the role of
the elected public servant.
Honigman, who will be replaced
by the June 4 general election
winner, said public servants
should strive to serve as did former Novi City Councilman Tim
Pope, who died one year ago to
the day of the forum.

"All of us honor this man to
the extent that we dedicate ourselves," Honigman said.
On the issue of abortion, cach
candidate had a distinct view.
Dobb, the 39th District representative for the past five years,
said she is the only pro-choice
candidate on the GOP ballot.

"It's a matter of determining
what happens to their (women's)
own bodies," she said.

Bullard, the 38th District representative for the past 14 years,
said he is endorsed by pro-life,
has veted against tax-funded
abortions, has veted for a bill
requiring parentel consent for a
minor to have an abortion and
has also worked to ensure that
taxpayers aren't footing the bill
for abortions under another
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for abortions under another name.
Sever said he is against abor-tions except in cases where the woman's life is in danger, or in cases of rape or incest.

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gained a foothold and could be hard to shake later if its effects later.

"I'm concerned about the creep factor," asid the 11-year Farmington Hills city councilman. "I'm opposed."

Builard said he opposed assisted suicides, Dobb anid she sees them as an individual right and Sever asid he opposes them, but wants that issue oat the issue of the right to die by being taken off life support in a hospital to be kept separate.

The primary is today, Polls in Farmington and Farmington and Farmington thills are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The precincts, which have changed since the last general election, are the same as those for the March Republican Presidential Preference Primary, For further information, call 474-5500 in Farmington or 474-6115 in Farmington Hills. Web, from page 1A

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