

State, County, Local Proposals Face Voters On Nov. 7 Ballot

An Observer Roundup

The tremors won't be felt the next day, but results of the ballot proposals on the Nov. 7 ballot will have a long-range effect on Michigan residents.

November's ballot is loaded with serious questions ranging from the time residents will begin their work day in the summer to how they will finance local schools.

Coupled with the proposal to reduce the property tax for school financing is a proposal to lift the State Constitution's ban on a graduated income tax.

Voters will decide whether to remove the 1846 abortion law, which permits an abortion only to save the mother's life.

Also among the statewide issues is one to provide additional benefits to Vietnam veterans.

Residents of Wayne County will vote on two millage questions.

Farmington voters will decide whether to float a bond issue for an ice arena, and Southfield voters will be asked to make three changes in their charter.

All Michigan voters will face the following issues on the November ballot:

PROPOSAL A would change Michigan to daylight saving time from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in October each year, putting Michigan in line with most other states in the country.

Michigan residents would get up an hour earlier during the summer and thus have an extra hour of sunlight in the evenings, if it passes.

PROPOSAL B would

2 Highways Will Get Repairs

Repair work on sections of I-96 and I-696, damaged by "blow-ups" during the hot days of early summer, should be completed by September 1973 under a contract awarded by the State Highway Commission to John Carlo, Inc., Warren.

The contract calls for concrete paving repairs on I-96 from the Oakland-Livingston county line east to I-96 spur (Grand River Avenue) and on I-696 from I-96 east 5.7 miles to Middle Belt Road in Wixom, Novi, Farmington and Quakertown.

Repairs will be made both with pre-cast concrete slabs and quick hardening concrete poured in place. Carlo was lowest of three bidders at \$214,967.

The commission also awarded T.A. Forsberg, Inc., Okemos, the contract for deepening the Francis Drain from Ten Mile Road northeast to I-96 in Novi, work to be completed by June, 1973. Forsberg was lowest of ten bidders at \$39,997.

overturn Michigan's abortion law to permit abortions in certain conditions.

The proposed law would allow a physician to perform an abortion at the request of the patient, if "the period of gestation has not exceeded 20 weeks and if the procedure is performed in a licensed hospital or other facility approved by the Department of Public Health."

Proponents say the law would give the mother the right to decide if she wants and can afford to have the child and it would do away with the illegal, back alley abortions. Also they say it would cut down the cost of an abortion, making it more readily available to lower income women.

It does not provide for the father having a voice in the decision.

In addition to the morality arguments, opponents say that the law will not do away with illegal abortions, costs of abortions won't be cut and the leniency of the law will cause an influx of women from across the country.

PROPOSAL C to amend the constitution would "limit property taxes for school, county and township purposes and to provide that the Legislature shall establish a state tax program for support of schools."

If passed, it will eliminate the property tax for general school operation purposes; limit the property tax to a maximum of 26 mills for county, township and school purposes; require the Legislature to establish a tax program to finance public school education; and require the Legislature to provide for distribution of supplemental funds based on local need and for specific purposes.

This proposal got on the ballot after a petition drive conducted by the Michigan Education Assn. It is supported by Gov. William Milliken.

The property tax would be replaced with an income tax and voters will have the chance to provide for a graduated income tax in a companion proposal.

PROPOSAL D would lift the constitutional ban on a graduated income tax. It doesn't provide for replacement of the property taxes with an graduated income tax but states it "would enable the Legislature to impose a flat rate or a graduated state income tax and to enact laws to permit local units to levy a flat rate or graduated income tax."

PROPOSAL E would benefit veterans. It would allow the state to borrow \$266 million for tuition payments and bonuses to veterans discharged after Jan. 1, 1961.

Veterans would be given a \$500 bonus, and veterans serving in non-combat areas would receive \$15 for each month of service to a maximum of \$360.

The state would pay for the proposed bond issue with money in the general fund. Proponents say that the bond issue would not require an increase in taxes and would follow the same procedure as in the past for World War II and Korean War veterans.

Michigan residents voted a three cents tax on cigarettes in 1949 and an additional two cents in 1952 to cover bonuses to veterans.

The last payment on the bond issue for Korean veterans was June of 1971 and the five cent tax now goes into the general fund. It would

Marygrove To Benefit

DETROIT

Marygrove College will benefit from an evening of entertainment and humor at the Fisher Theater Sunday evening, Nov. 12. Following a pre-show warm-up for special supporters, Glen Campbell and Jonathan Winters will be featured.

Tickets are going at 10 for \$1,000 to major benefactors and five for \$500 to benefactors. They will receive program recognition, a pre-show cocktail party and reserved seating. Interested persons may contact J.M. Harlan, 24000 Telegraph Road, Southfield, 48075.

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