

State Senate candidates

15th Senate district

JACK FAXON, Democrat, redistricted incumbent, 46, Southfield. Education: BS, MS, education, WSU; MA, history, University of Michigan. Occupation: state senator, 1978-82. Qualifications: Constitutional Convention delegate, state representative, 1964-78; Senate president pro tempore; chairman, Senate Education Committee; chairmen, Joint Legislative Committee on Arts.

1. Depressed economy, including unemployment and insufficient aid for all levels of education. Diversification of industrial-economic base and emphasis on state-federal funding for job retraining vocational education programs utilizing resources within state's high schools, community colleges and universities.

2. Legislature has passed laws providing business tax relief, investing public pension money in job-creating enterprises, creating urban land assembly fund to attract new industry, and offering high-technology research and development funds. Must now go further, including more business tax relief.

3. Increase the sales tax and shift education's increased funding needs to the Faxon Cost of Doing Business Formula for education. Return 100 percent of new tax revenue to local governments, the school aid fund, and essential public services like transportation.

JOHN ANDERSON, Republican, 31, Farmington Hills. Education: B.A., U-M, 1974; juris doctor, Detroit College of Law, 1980. Occupation: Attorney, law firm headquartered in Oakland County. Qualifications: Former business executive, world-wide manufacturing firm; executive board member, Industrial Michigan, association devoted to encouraging business development in Michigan.

1. Michigan must create jobs through business development with legislative incentives to attract new business and retain business already here. Costly government programs that discourage business development must also be eliminated or changed. Additionally, government must be forced to permanently cut spending.

2. Michigan must: Provide tax credits for new research and development and tax credits for increases in export sales to attract high technology job providers; allow workers compensation and un-

employment compensation costs to be tax-deductible to encourage small businesses; provide tax abatement and financing assistance.

3. The single business tax must be amended or repealed to encourage a pro-growth climate. Property taxes must be strictly limited. Personal taxes must be cut.

GORDON N. BEERBOWER, Libertarian, 39, Novi. Education: Garden City HS; classes, Schoolcraft, Washburn CC. Occupation: Auto worker, General Motors. Qualifications: Vietnam veteran, sergeant, USMC; member, "We the People Act," Postnet; member, HAIT, Washington, D.C., an organization of Americans for Legal Reform.

1. Most problems in Michigan are caused by our

The questions asked:

Michigan's 38 state senators serve four-year terms. They must be registered voters and residents of the district they represent. Salary is \$31,000 plus expenses of \$6,200.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer the following questions in 45 words or less:

1. Describe two of the major problems facing the state and your proposals for solutions.
2. List any incentives you feel state government should offer to private industry to encourage location in Michigan.
3. What changes, if any, would you propose in Michigan's taxation system? Why?

lawyer-dominated state Legislature. There should be a part-time legislature. We should abolish state pensions for all elected judges and all elected members of state government. These persons should be limited to two terms in office.

2. Our state government should abolish all income taxes for business and the individual. There should be a flat-rate tax on all income for corporations, with no deductions or tax credits of any kind.

3. I am against any state or federal tax which attempts to coerce a person into giving up any of their constitutional rights. An example is when a person files a state or federal tax return, he is waiving his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Commissioner candidates

21st county district

ALEXANDER C. PERINOFF, Democrat, incumbent, Southfield. Education: Graduate, Detroit Northeastern High School; prelaw at U-D and DIT; graduated Detroit College of Law, LL.B.; JD. Occupation: Attorney. Qualifications: Last 20 years have served as county supervisor and county commissioner; former associate municipal judge and Southfield councilman.

1. Only by remaining in and working with SEMTA can Oakland County be able to have public transportation; the cost to our county in having our own countywide transportation is more than we could ever afford. Oakland County should contribute \$1 million toward road maintenance.

2. a) Law enforcement. b) Youth employment. c) Health.

3. Most commissioners have abandoned their responsibilities as legislators and policy makers because of their failure to exercise their independent judgment in favor of strict adherence to party allegiance to county executive's positions, with result that county executive has seized same; no balance of power left, only concentration of power in executive.

LEW BARNETT, Republican, Southfield. Education: Post-graduate courses in advanced technology. Occupation: Mechanical engineering consultant. Qualifications: Business management experience; married, father of two children; donated services to Salvation Army; Oakland County resident for over 30 years.

1. By adequate allocation of funds to maintain Oakland County roads in good repair; and by conducting a needs assessment to determine the degree of public transportation required for Oakland County residents.

2. a) Crime prevention — to provide a safe and secure envi-

ronment. b) Computerization of departmental management — to cut waste and improve organizational management. c) Envi-

The questions asked:

Oakland County has a 37-member Board of Commissioners which functions much like a state legislature or city council. The board acts on proposals of the executive; can override an executive veto by two-thirds vote; passes the general government budget; and makes appointments to such boards as the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, the Road Commission and others.

Elections are partisan. Term of office is two years. Current salary is \$14,881.

Candidates were asked to summarize their biographies in 35 words or less and to answer three questions in 50 words or less:

1. How do you feel the county can best serve the transportation needs of the residents in the areas of road maintenance and public transportation?

2. What are your priorities for allocating available county funds?

3. How do you view the balance of power between the Oakland County executive, the County Board of Commissioners and the county departments?

ronmental control — to protect our natural resources and establish safeguards for compliance with existing regulations. d) Education — to encourage pilot programs for school improvement.

3. Positive elements of accountability and the freedom to exercise designated authority within each branch of the government must be achieved. The "balance of power" philosophy is meritorious only if the goals and objectives of each branch of government are clearly defined and if there is cooperation through effective dialogue.

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