

## 65th House District

**WILLIAM JOHN BEER**, Democrat, 75, Birmingham. Juris Doctor Degree, Wayne State University; State Circuit Judge, 22 years; Navy veteran; practicing attorney at present; married, 12 children.

1. a) Clearing the cluttered delay in state courts by doubling the number of trial judges. b) Eliminate entirely state income tax by constitutional amendment.

2. No! This legislative function should not be voided.

3. Yes! The will of the electorate to recall should be limited to election time.

**DONALD E. MORSE**, Democrat. No reply received.

**MICHAEL BOUCHARD**, Republican, 28, Birmingham. Bachelor's degree, Michigan State University, criminal justice; police officer, Bloomfield Township; Birmingham homeowner; eight years law enforcement experience; community activities; volunteer youth officer, Big Brother, Common Ground volunteer.

1. Over taxation: Easy solution to increased spending has been increased taxes. Effective solution — eliminate fraud, abuse, inefficient spending. Result — lower tax burden without reduction of necessary services. Business climate: must be made more attractive through case of regulation, tax burdens. Result — increase in business, revenue, decrease in unemployment.

2. Notwithstanding need for lower taxes, as written, proposal should not be adopted. Language excessively restrictive to effective administration. All changes, many not affecting individuals, require vote, regardless of impact. Language itself may prove ineffective — elimination of tax credits not covered. Less restrictive, more effective method needed, achieving same results.

3. In representative government, such as Michigan, elected officials must be held accountable for their actions as representatives. Those who vote must have recourse against those representatives who are not acting in the interest of the constituency. The present recall method allows for such recourse and therefore need not be changed.

**DENNIS M. FLESSLAND**, Republican, 30, Auburn Hills. Education: Michigan State University, BA with high honors, 1976; University of Illinois College of Law, Juris Doctor, 1978. Occupation: attorney, Bloomfield Hills. Background: Common Ground volunteer attorney, Oakland County Chamber of Commerce, Republican party regional director.

1. Michigan must create a competitive business climate by reducing taxes and reforming the tax, employment and worker's compensation systems. Ineffective or unduly burdensome regulations must be modified. Michigan's education system must be strengthened by improving its funding and implementing effective means of assuring that high standards are maintained.

2. The proposals requiring a referendum before new taxes are imposed will strip state government of its ability to make an effective or timely response to new challenges and emergencies.

Responsible and effective government can better be maintained by removing those officials who are not responsive to their constituents.

3. Michigan's present recall procedures provide an effective method of retaining citizen control over public officials between elections. The strict procedures required to hold a recall election will succeed only when there is great popular support. I do not support any changes in the recall procedure.

**JUDY E. GLEGER**, Republican, 41, Birmingham. Married, one child; Birmingham resident; juris doctor, B.A., A.S.; employed, executive director, French-American Chamber of Commerce; legislative experience at local, county and state level; "Who's Who in American Law," track record of community service.

1. Tax relief and economic development are Michigan's two primary issues. By providing favorable and enticing business climate for new industry to come into Michigan, we can broaden the tax base and at the same time offer tax reform, relief and rebate in the single business tax, workmen's and unemployment compensation.

2. "Voter's Choice" seeks to roll back taxes to December 1981 levels and require voters' approval of all future tax increases. In attempting to appeal to everyone, its drafters have created a legislative quagmire with little thought as to the governmental chaos it will cause and ballot box confusion.

3. No, present recall procedures contain sufficient fail-safes to protect public servants as well as the constituents they serve. The possibility of recall insures that elected officials will be responsive and responsible to voters.

**JOHN RUSSELL GNAU, III**, Republican, 28, Bloomfield Hills. Associated with Gnau, Carter, Jacobson, a government relations firm, for 2 1/2 years; Republican involvement on the local, state and national level; member of OCVB and 300 Club; four year veteran U.S. Navy; BS/BA — Lawrence Institute of Technology.

1. Taxes must be reduced to promote a pro-business climate by reforming such programs as the single business tax and worker's compensation. Social service expenditures must be cut by reducing unnecessary costs, such as administrative expenses, so that the necessary services may still be provided to qualified recipients.

2. I do not support the Voter's Choice tax rollback. It would change the relationship between voters and their elected representatives. Such a proposal goes against the representational system set up under the constitution. The voters elect the representatives — it is their job to represent the people in Lansing.

3. No, I fully support the right of people to recall their elected officials and the procedures outlined in the Michigan Constitution.

**JUDITH MILLER**, Republican, 47, Birmingham. B.A., Western Reserve University, political science; business owner; member, National Federation of Independent Business; 21 year resident of district; Birmingham city commissioner, 1981-present; Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council, board member 1980-81; League of Women Voters.

1. Taxes: reduce income tax levels. Reduce spending by a) eliminating duplicative and ineffective programs, b) requiring increased productivity in remaining programs, c) reducing paper work. Employment: restructure business tax system to provide a more in-

vorable business climate, b) provide private sector tax incentives for permanent jobs, c) participate in Jobs Training Partnership program.

2. No. Taxpayers are frustrated with legislative response to pleas for lower taxes. Voters Choice would give voters a more direct voice, but would create a new set of complications — e.g. Michigan employers' federal unemployment taxes could double; borrowing costs for

Michigan units of government expected to rise.

3. Yes. Recall is a legitimate tool in the democratic process. However, recent use in Michigan has had a negative influence on the political and economic climate of this state. It needs to be more limited in its use. It was never intended as a substitute for the normal election process.

## 66th House District

**WILFRED WEBB**, Democrat, 63, Hazel Park; A.B., Alma College, master's, Wayne State University; PhD, Wayne State University; presently state representative, formerly teacher and school administrator for 36 years.

1. Two of the major issues facing the state are: (1) the inadequate funding of education at all levels; and (2) the comparative poor economic climate in Michigan which contributes to unemployment.

Regarding item (1), I think we need a complete overhaul of the financing of K-12 education with less dependence on

2. I am very strongly opposed to the "voter's choice" tax rollback proposal as I hope most rational people would be. Even the advocates of lower taxes realize that to roll taxes back to the

1981 level would make it impossible to maintain any respectable level of vital state services. Many () . . .

3. I am reluctant to make it too difficult to remove untrustworthy public officials from office. However, it does seem that petitioners for recall should present some charges of wrongdoing.

**THEODORE J. WILK**, Democrat, Troy. Former three term legislator; served as county, state and national convention delegate; semi-retired certified physical therapist; presently employed at Hamilton Place.

1. No response.
2. No response.
3. No response.

**GREGORY G. GRUSE**, Republican, unopposed.

## 69th House District

**VICKI BARNETT**, Democrat, unopposed.

**WILBUR V. BROTHERTON**, incumbent, Republican. Reply not received in time for publication.

**ALFRED W. SMITH JR.**, Republican, 56, Northville. University of Michigan, ME, 1974; U-M (Rackham Graduate) MAIE, 1968; University of New York, BSIE, 1958; Ford engineer, 23 years; self-employed (consulting); teacher, economics, Henry Ford; WW II, Korea veteran.

1. a) Taxation: Tax reform for property owners by taxation of nonprofit

institutions, especially when they manage and own property that produces income. b) Crime: Punishment for the crime, especially premeditated murder, cold-blooded murder, police-fireman killers, rape and murder from the influence of a substance (alcohol, drugs) or other means.

2. Yes. Gives the citizenry the opportunity to make a choice for services in their community/state reflecting the yes or no consequences of their vote.

3. Yes. I believe in the recall process with amendments reflecting criminal acts only. A legislator's philosophy should not be cited unless he exercises his philosophy without prudence.

