

5 Major Issues On State Ballot

By a Staff Writer

LANSING — Five major issues to wipe out pollution of the Water. Wooderland, kill or save Daylight Saving Time and make three changes in the 1963 constitution will face voters Nov. 5.

The \$335 million bond issue to attack water pollution is a key proposal on the ballot.

Four others would:

- Bond the state for \$100 million to improve and expand state parks and recreational facilities with the cost to be paid from the general fund.

- Allow the state and local governments to impose a graduated income tax instead of the present flat-rate levies.

- Exempt the state from Daylight Saving Time which has been observed during 1968.

- Permit legislators to run for and be elected to other state of-

fices during their terms as representatives or senators.

THE WATER pollution bond issue, backed now by Gov. Romney, is patterned after a New York program and was launched here under a joint legislative committee in 1965.

It has been hailed in New York and forecast in Michigan to be the salvation of sport and commercial fishing and a boon to other water recreational pursuits.

"The three major challenges facing Michigan in the protection and management of its abundant natural resources are pollution control...recreational facilities in and around our major urban centers and furtherance of the recreational potential of the Great Lakes," said Governor Romney in his state-of-the-state message this year.

To get the issue placed on the ballot by a two-thirds vote of both chambers of the Legislature, the \$100 million bond issue for recreational improvements was placed on the ballot.

This, its backers claim, will improve and expand state parks, provide more public fishing sites and make Michigan the leading summer vacation state in the nation.

Democrats in the Legislature held out for a ransom before voting for Romney's flat rate income tax last year. They insisted that the graduated scale go before the voters this year.

The Republican flat rate is based on a percentage rather than a proportion. In the graduated tax, those whose incomes are higher would pay more.

A quirk in the drafting of the bill also applied the graduated

option to cities and other governments levying an income tax, such as Detroit, Highland Park and Flint.

PERSONALITIES crept into Proposal No. 5, which would allow any legislator to run for another state office during his term in Lansing.

Senator Robert Richardson (R-Saginaw) found himself legally blocked from running for a judicial post while a member of the

Legislature. The impact of the issue will affect a large number.

Other legislators have run for Congress while serving in Lansing and before the legal rulings were issued 14 years ago, legislators could be members of local school boards and other offices.

The 1963 constitution barred lawmakers from other positions. The ruling against Richardson issued by Attorney General Frank J. Kelley extended the curb to candidates.



BOND ISSUE — State bond issue of \$100 million on the Nov. 5 ballot would create more scenes like this, families enjoying the leisurely pace of a camping vacation. Michigan now has seven million acres of public forest land, 17,330 camp sites in 350 state parks and recreation areas, state and national forest campgrounds, and county, township and city parks.

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