# Tax petition drives organized, here's how to join.

Three groups are organizing peti-tion drives to put tax questions on the 1992 Michigan ballot.

One would cut property taxes and raise the sales tax rate 2.5 percent to 6.5; percent. The other pair would limit property assessment growth to 2 percent a year and limit the tenures of U.S. congressmen and state legislators.

Meanwhile, the state Legislature has put a proposal on the 1992 ballot to limit property assessment growth at 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

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proposal to cut assessments 20 percent over two years. The state Board
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Legislature and voters. TU chair
Richard Headlee of Farmington

Hills said the next step is the state Court of Appeals.

Here is a rundown of the new peti-tion drives.

SALES TAX SHIFT

Committee name: Fair Share School Financing Committee, 304 S. State, Ann Arbor 48104. Principals: George W. Sallade, Democrat of Ann Arbor, former state representative; Roy Smith, Re-publican of Ypsilanti, former reprepublican of Ypsilanti, former repre-sentative, now Washtenaw County commissioner, Fred Veigel, Interna-tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. IBEW paid for the peti-tions.

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Proposal: Amend state constitu-tion to increase sales tax rate by 2.5 percent; require state to refund 85 percent of property taxes on home-steads and resident farms (up to \$10,000 per home, \$12,000 per resi-dent farm; give a 100 percent re-fund of school operating taxes for

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persons 62 or older, provide propor-tional refunds for renters. Unaffected: Circuit breaker re-bates of 100 percent for persons over 65 would continue, no break for com-mercial, industrial, personal and mining property. "Our news release made a big htt," said Feigel, IBEW's assistant business manager in Ypsilanti. "We

got many calls from southwestern Michigan, farmers around Grand Rapids and the Upper Penlosula." Impact. \$2 billion in new state revenue under the sales Las increase would be earmarked for property tax reduction. How to join: Coll George Sal-inde (pronounced Sal-a-day) at 662-1218 or Roy Smith at 334-8347.

TERMS, ASSESSMENTS
Committees working together:
Committee to Limit Politicians
Terms, Committee to Lower and
Limit Taxes, headquartered locally
at 3309 Rochester Road, Royal Oak

at 3309 Rochester Road, Royal Oak 48073.
Principals: Dick Jacobs, of Taxpayers Association of Michigan, Holiand; Tim Purdy and Tish Berkey in Royal Oak, Mike Pray in Sagliawarea: Affilhated groups are the Oak land County Taxpayers Association, Clitzens for a Better Northville, and Justice Pro Se of Dearborn A former Libertarian andidate, Jacobs said the Libertarian Party has not taken a position yet.
Term limitation proposal: three terms for state representative, two terms for state senator, two terms for each executive office branch (governor, leutenant governor, seeretary of state, attorney general; three terms during a 12-year period for U.S. representative, two terms

In 24-year period for U.S. senator.

Impact: "Fed up with career politicians? Port citizens "bage" inflinite charge," according to the literature "bage" already already and control as such "all state constitutional amendment." In a cumbent congressmen, in particular are sure to oppose this on the ground Michiganians could never accumulate chairs. Tax proposal. No new taxes or inforceases without voter approval, a 20 percent property tax relund from the state, no assessment increases beyond 2 percent; inheritance tax prohibited.

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Impact: Property taxes would grow slower than inflation. Unlike the Headlee and Gow. John Engler proposals, local units would not be reimbursed for their \$1.5 billion loss of revenue.

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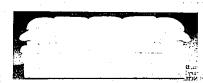
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