

Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1961

Committee Proposal 96d

Const 1963, Art 6, § 23

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Overview of the Constitutional Convention Process

Provisions generally began as Committee Proposals and were then brought to the convention floor for first reading. The majority of debate on the substance of provisions occurred during the first and second readings. There were two third readings; the first on an article-by-article basis and the second reviewing the Constitution as a whole. Following the third readings the entire Constitution was voted on by the delegates. The delegates then created the Notice of Address to the People, summarizing the Constitution on a provision-by-provision basis, which was distributed so that the people could be informed when making their ratification votes.

The convention used ALL CAPS to denote added material and [brackets] to denote removed material.

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TABLE III—ARTICLES AND SECTIONS OF 1963 CONSTITUTION TO 1908 CONSTITUTION WITH COMMITTEE PROPOSAL REFERENCE

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* Created by the committee on style and drafting.

1963		1908		Committee Proposal	1963		1908		Committee Proposal	1963		1908		Committee Proposal
Preamble		Preamble		14	Art.	Sec.	Art.	Sec.		Art.	Sec.	Art.	Sec.	
Art.	Sec.	Art.	Sec.											
I	1	II	1	15-1	IV	24	V	21	121	VI	11	VII	8	93a
I	2	none		26	IV	25	V	22	105	VI	12	VII	9,23	93b
I	3	II	2	15-2	IV	26	V	21	121	VI	13	VII	10	93c
I	4	II	3	15-3	IV	27	V	22	105	VI	14	VII	11	93d
I	5	II	4	15-4	IV	28	V	23	104	VI	15	VII	13	94a
I	6	II	5	15-5	IV	29	V	21	121	VI	16	VII	14,23	94b
I	7	II	6	15-6	IV	30	V	22	105	VI	17	none		96a ¹
I	8	II	7	15-7	IV	31	none		41	VI	18	VII	12	96g
I	9	II	8	15-8	IV	32	X	6	46b	VI	19	VII	17	96a
I	10	II	9	15-9	IV	33	V	36	53	VI	20	VII	19	96b
I	11	II	10	15-10	IV	34	V	38	70	VI	21	VII	9	96c
I	12	II	11	15-11	IV	35	V	39	113	VI	22	none		96l
I	13	II	12	15-12	IV	36	V	40	24	VI	23	VII	20	96d
I	14	II	13	15-13	IV	37	none		108	VI	24	VII	23	96e
I	15	II	14	15-14	IV	38	XVI	5	123	VI	25	IX	6	96h
I	16	II	15	15-15	IV	39	XVI	5	122	VI	26	VII	15,16, 21	96i
I	17	II	16	15-16	IV	40	XVI	11	122	VI	27	VII	6,11	96n
I	18	II	17	15-17	IV	41	V	33	27	VI	28	none		95
I	19	II	18	15-18	IV	42	VIII	30	100	VI	29	VII	18	96o
I	20	II	19	15-19	IV	43	XII	9	87					
I	21	II	20	15-20	IV	44	V	27	5	VII	1	VIII	1	81a
I	22	II	21	15-21	IV	45	V	28	99	VII	2	none		89
I	23	none		15-1	IV	46	none		106	VII	3	VIII	2	81b
II	1	III	1,2,3	58a	IV	47	V	26	111	VII	4	VIII	3	81c
II	2	none		58b	IV	48	XVI	7	109	VII	5	VIII	4	81d
II	3	none		58c	IV	49	V	29	110	VII	6	VIII	5	81e
II	4	III	1,8	58d	IV	50	none		127	VII	7	VIII	7	81f
II	5	V	12	58e	IV	51	none		126	VII	8	VIII	8	81g
		VI	1		IV	52	none		125	VII	9	VIII	9	81h
		VII	2,9,14		IV	53	VI	1	78	VII	10	VIII	13	81j
		VIII	3,18							VII	11	VIII	12	81i
		XI	2,3,6, 7, 16							VII	12	VIII	14	81k
II	6	III	4	58f	V	1	VI	2	2	VII	13	none		81n
II	7	III	9	58h	V	2	none		71b	VII	14	VIII	15	81l
II	8	III	8	58g	V	3	none		71b	VII	15	none		85c
II	9(12*)	V	1	118b	V	4	none		71b	VII	16	VIII	26	86a
					V	5	none		71b	VII	17	VIII	16	82a
					V	6	none		71g	VII	18	VIII	17,18	82b,c
III	1	I	2	10	V	7	VI	10	71e	VII	19	VIII	19	82e
III	2	IV	1,2	21	V	8	VI	3	71d	VII	20	none		82d
III	3	VI	11,12	18	V	9	VI	1	71c	VII	21	VIII	20	83a
III	4	XV	1,2,3	19	V	10	IX	7	71g	VII	22	VIII	21	83b
III	5	none		128	V	11	IX	5	71f	VII	23	VIII	22	83c
III	6	X	14	101	V	12	VI	4	3	VII	24	VIII	23	83e
III	7	S	1	44a	V	13	VI	6	7	VII	25	VIII	25	83f
III	8	none		96k	V	14	VI	9	16	VII	26	VIII	25	83d
IV	1	V	1	118a	V	15	VI	7	8	VII	27	VIII	31	88a
IV	2	V	2	80a	V	16	VI	8	9	VII	28	VIII	31	88b
IV	3	V	3	80b	V	17	VI	5	4	VII	29	VIII	28	85a
IV	4	none		80c	V	18	none		46a	VII	30	VIII	29	85b
IV	5*	none			V	19	V	37	46c	VII	31	VIII	27	86b
IV	6	V	4	79	V	20	none		46d	VII	32	none		57
IV	7	V	5	32	V	21(13*)	VI	1	71a	VII	33	IX	8	42e
IV	8	V	6	112	V	22	VI	13	17	VII	34	none		84
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IV	10	V	7	115	V	24	none		77	VIII	1	XI	1	1
IV	11	V	25	33	V	25	VI	19	71b	VIII	2	XI	9	30
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IV	14	V	14	34	V	28	none		71h	VIII	5	XI	3,4,5, 7,8,16	98b
IV	15	none		102c	V	29	none		71i-71A					
IV	16	V	15	102a	VI	1	VII	1	90	VIII	6	none		98c
IV	17	none		102b	VI	2	VII	2,23	91a	VIII	7	none		98d
IV	18	V	16	114	VI	3	VII	2	91b	VIII	8	XI	15	13
IV	19	V	17	117	VI	4	VII	4	91c	VIII	9	XI	14	31
IV	20	V	18	103	VI	5	VII	5	91d					
IV	21	V	18	103	VI	6	VII	7	91e	IX	1	X	2	50
IV	22	V	19	35	VI	7	VII	6	91f	IX	2	X	9	54
IV	23	V	20	29	VI	8	none		92a	IX	3	X	3,4,7,8	51
					VI	9	none		92b	IX	4	none		51
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	Feb. 28, read first time; sections a, b, c, d considered; sections a, b, d amended, passed; section c amended, postponed by committee of the whole	1355-1372
	Mar. 1, section c considered, amended, passed; committee proposal as amended considered, amended, passed by committee of the whole	1374-1380
	Mar. 1, reported by committee of the whole with 6 amendments; 4 amendments concurred in; referred to style and drafting	1387-1393
	Apr. 6, reported by style and drafting (Report 55); placed on order of second reading	2191
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	Mar. 1, read first time; section a considered by committee of the whole	1380-1387, 1393-1404
	Mar. 2, section a considered, amended by committee of the whole	1405-1428
	Mar. 5, section a, b considered, passed; committee proposal as amended considered, passed by committee of the whole	1431-1440
	Mar. 5, reported by committee of the whole with 3 amendments; consideration postponed until Mar. 6	1452
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Mar. 8, sections e, f, g, h, i, j, k considered; sections e, h, i, j passed; sections f, g, k amended, passed by committee of the whole	1519-1551
Mar. 9, sections l, m offered; section l postponed; section m amended, adopted by committee of the whole	1554-1564
Mar. 13, section l considered, adopted; committee proposal as amended considered, passed by committee of the whole	1609-1611, 1621
Mar. 13, reported by committee of the whole with 8 amendments; amendments concurred in; referred to style and drafting	1622-1632
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97.

A proposal to amend article XI by adding a new section pertaining to the arts and recreation.	
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98.

A proposal pertaining to the educational institutions of the state. Replaces sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 16 of article XI.	
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Feb. 16, read first time; sections a, b considered; section a passed; section b amended by committee of the whole	1135-1145
Feb. 19, sections b, c, d considered; section b amended, passed; section c passed by committee of the whole	1147-1155, 1170-1173
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99.

A proposal to provide that the legislature may provide for a jury of less than 12 in civil cases. Amends article V, section 27.	
For text as offered and reasons	2288
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Apr. 11, read first time; considered, passed by committee of the whole	2288-2290
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Apr. 23, reported by style and drafting (Report 84); placed on order of second reading	2670
Apr. 30, read second time; passed; rereferred to style and drafting	2961

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For text as adopted	3336
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May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
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For text as adopted	3336
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Section 14. County clerks; duties, vacancies; prosecuting attorneys, vacancies. (Committee Proposal 93d)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3336
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Section 15. Probate courts; districts, jurisdiction. (Committee Proposal 94a)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3336
For text, and comments in address to the people	3387
Section 16. Probate judges; nomination, election, terms. (Committee Proposal 94b)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3336
For text, and comments in address to the people	3387
Section 17. Judicial salaries and fees. (Committee Proposal 96a)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3336
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Section 18. Salaries; uniformity, changes during term. Circuit judges, additional salary from county. (Committee Proposal 96g)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3336
For text, and comments in address to the people	3387
Section 19. Courts of record; seal, qualifications of judges. (Committee Proposal 96a)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3337
For text, and comments in address to the people	3387
Section 20. Removal of domicile of judge. (Committee Proposal 96b)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045

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May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3337
For text, and comments in address to the people	3388
Section 21. Ineligibility for other office. (Committee Proposal 96c)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3337
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Section 22. Candidacy of incumbent judges, affidavits. (Committee Proposal 96l)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3337
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Section 23. Judges of courts of record, filling of vacancies. (Committee Proposal 96d)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
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Section 24. Judges; designation of elected incumbents on ballot. (Committee Proposal 96e)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3337
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Section 25. Removal of judges from office. (Committee Proposal 96h)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
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Section 26. Circuit court commissioners and justices of the peace, abolition; courts of limited jurisdiction. Present statutory courts. (Committee Proposal 96i)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; amended; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
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Section 27. Power of appointment to public office. (Committee Proposal 96n)	
May 7, reported; placed on order of third reading	3045
May 8, read third time; passed	3125-3140
May 9, referred to committee on style and drafting	3210
May 11, reported; placed on order of third reading; considered read third time; passed	3213-3275
Aug. 1, considered; adopted	3291-3301
For text as adopted	3337
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Mr. Danhof, for the committee on judicial branch, introduced **Committee Proposal 90**, A proposal pertaining to the judicial branch. A substitute for section 1 of article VII; with the recommendation that it pass.

Robert J. Danhof, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 90 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of February 22.

Mr. Danhof, for the committee on judicial branch, introduced **Committee Proposal 91**, A proposal pertaining to the supreme court. A substitute for sections 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of article VII; with the recommendation that it pass.

Robert J. Danhof, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 91 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of February 22.

Mr. Danhof, for the committee on judicial branch, introduced **Committee Proposal 92**, A proposal pertaining to a court of appeals. Amends article VII; with the recommendation that it pass.

Robert J. Danhof, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 92 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of March 13.

Mr. Danhof, for the committee on judicial branch, introduced **Committee Proposal 93**, A proposal pertaining to the circuit court. A substitute for sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 of article VII; with the recommendation that it pass.

Robert J. Danhof, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 93 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of February 28.

Mr. Danhof, for the committee on judicial branch, introduced **Committee Proposal 94**, A proposal pertaining to the probate court. A substitute for sections 13 and 14 of article VII; with the recommendation that it pass.

Robert J. Danhof, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 94 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of March 1.

Mr. Danhof, for the committee on judicial branch, introduced **Committee Proposal 95**, A proposal pertaining to appeals from administrative tribunals. Adds a new section to article VII; with the recommendation that it pass.

Robert J. Danhof, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 95 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of March 5.

Mr. Danhof, for the committee on judicial branch, introduced **Committee Proposal 96**, A proposal pertaining to general and special provisions relative to the courts of the state. A substitute for sections 17, 19, 20 and 23 of article VII; with the recommendation that it pass.

Robert J. Danhof, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 96 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of March 6.

Mr. Bentley, for the committee on education, introduced **Committee Proposal 97**, A proposal to amend article XI by adding a new section pertaining to the arts and recreation; with the recommendation that it pass.

Alvin M. Bentley, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 97 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of February 22.

Mr. Bentley, for the committee on education, introduced **Committee Proposal 98**, A proposal pertaining to the educational

institutions of the state. Replaces sections 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 16 of article XI; with the recommendation that it pass.

Alvin M. Bentley, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 98 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of February 16.

Mr. Hoxie, for the committee on legislative powers, introduced **Committee Proposal 99**, A proposal to provide that the legislature may provide for a jury of less than 12 in civil cases. Amends article V, section 27; with the recommendation that it pass.

T. Jefferson Hoxie, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 99 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of April 11.

Mr. Hoxie, for the committee on legislative powers, introduced **Committee Proposal 100**, A proposal to provide that the legislature shall not authorize lotteries or the sale of lottery tickets. Retains article V, section 33; with the recommendation that it pass.

T. Jefferson Hoxie, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 100 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of April 11.

Mr. Hoxie, for the committee on legislative powers, introduced **Committee Proposal 101**, A proposal to provide that the state shall not engage in internal improvements except in certain specified areas and except that the legislature may empower local subdivisions to act in the area of internal improvements. Amends article X, section 14; with the recommendation that it pass.

T. Jefferson Hoxie, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 101 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of April 11.

Mr. Hoxie, for the committee on legislative powers, introduced **Committee Proposal 102**, A proposal to provide that each house of the legislature may choose its officers, determine its rules, judge qualifications of its members and other matters. Amends article V, section 15; with the recommendation that it pass.

T. Jefferson Hoxie, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 102 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of April 12.

Mr. Hoxie, for the committee on legislative powers, introduced **Committee Proposal 103**, A proposal to provide that sessions of the legislature be open and that a concurrent resolution is necessary for adjournment for more than 3 days. Amends article V, section 18; with the recommendation that it pass.

T. Jefferson Hoxie, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 103 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of April 11.

Mr. Hoxie, for the committee on legislative powers, introduced **Committee Proposal 104**, A proposal to provide for 3 readings of a bill before passage and for passage of bills by a majority of the members elected. Retains article V, section 23; with the recommendation that it pass.

T. Jefferson Hoxie, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 104 and the reasons submitted in support thereof, see below under date of April 11.

Mr. Hoxie, for the committee on legislative powers, introduced **Committee Proposal 105**, A proposal to provide that bills must

If we do, then we believe that the executive and the legislative branches should not exercise the powers of the judiciary.

Now, in the development of our society, the legislature will pass laws; and either it will create in some instances—in fact, in many instances—an agency to enforce those laws, or the executive will do it. Obviously the legislature can't handle all of these things itself. So these agencies are created to enforce the laws. And these agencies lay down rules and they make determinations. In doing so, it is inevitable that they make judicial or quasi judicial findings that affect private rights. Now, in the first sentence of section a we recognize that condition as it exists, and we say that when any of these administrative, legislative or executive agencies—that's what they are—make findings that are judicial or quasi judicial and affect private rights, that those decisions shall be subject to direct review by the courts as provided by law. We come to what I said earlier. I think we have to determine whether we are going to have a government of men or of law. Certainly no one should object to judicial rights being determined according to law.

Now we go to the second sentence. All that second sentence says is that the review that is to be exercised by the court, as a minimum, shall determine first whether the decision of that administrative tribunal is authorized by law. In other words, did it exceed the law? Did it get into a field it shouldn't have gotten into, that it wasn't authorized to get into? Certainly, if we are to have a government of law, we can't object to that. We can object to individuals running over our private rights, just on their own whim, caprice or because of the autocratic nature they have assumed. And the other thing that it says is this—and this is all it says—it says if it's such a decision that a hearing is required, then they've got to make their decision based on reliable, probative and substantial evidence on the whole record. Again we come back to the fact that if the legislative and the executive are going to exercise judicial functions, they've got to have those decisions they make supported by reliable evidence. And certainly that is not too much to expect. We don't have tyranny here. We are supposed to be governed by law.

I am glad that Dr. Nord brought up the matter of the bar exam because I happen to have a son who is going to take the next bar exam, and he happens to be one of Dr. Nord's pupils, or is taking his refresher course. So I am vitally interested in this. But let's take his analogy. Would the bar examining board's decision be reviewable? According to this, the only thing that the court can determine is, first, in the first part of that second sentence, did it have authority to do what it is doing? And, secondly, if a hearing is required, is it supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence? Well, I didn't know a hearing was required in a bar exam. I don't think his example is at all applicable. I think it is indicative of the type of thing we've gotten into in this, where we are losing sight of the real issue.

I think it is important, to preserve our way of life, that a proper check be made on the exercise of authority by these administrative agencies. And that proper check is simply that they act according to law; and if they make findings on hearings, that there be some evidence to back up those findings. I ask that you vote against this amendment.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I have listened to the entire debate without commenting on this, because I wanted to know what the committee thought and what those who studied the problem thought.

I am impressed, first of all, by the tremendous scope of the proposal that is being made. There is no question at all but that this is one of the most far ranging proposals for change which we are making in this entire constitution. There is also no question but what there have been abuses in this field, and this proposal is designed to correct those abuses. At the same time, I recognize—and I think others of us recognize—that we have people whose rights and interests need to be protected on both sides of the controversies that may be involved before these administrative tribunals.

It is not only the question of the person whose property may

be taken by the decisions of these tribunals, but it is also a problem of seeing to it that the people who come before these tribunals with respect to workmen's compensation awards and other matters of that kind receive prompt action within reasonable time on the matters that they bring before these boards. Because it is true that they are in many cases people who cannot afford long protracted proceedings, and if they are carried through a long series of judicial reviews from one court to another there may be some serious problems for them that we have to be concerned about, too. I raised the question yesterday with regard to the introduction of the words "privileges and licenses." I understand that the change which we made in changing "erroneous" to "supported by" is a change which Mr. Cooper, who is one of the acknowledged authorities in the country, is doubtful about. Mr. Norris has spoken about the possibility of reconciling some of the language of this proposal with some of the problems which he sees.

I think we should pass the proposal; I intend to support the committee on this, but I think that in light of its importance, we can't just send it to style and drafting and then bring it back and act on it without further thought. I think it has to go to style and drafting, and in the meantime I think the committee should take another long look at it. I would like to know what Blythe Stason, for example, who is one of the great experts on administrative law in this state, thinks about it; and Mr. Cooper, as well; and some of the other people who know what the impact and import of this proposal would be. When we know that, then I think we may be in better position to determine what changes, if any, should be made, or whether it should be passed exactly as it is presented to us here.

I just want to record for the record my feeling that this is not the final look as far as I'm concerned, at least, and that all of us better take another long look at it before we make up our minds that this is the way it ought to be, finally, once and for all.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is on the amendment offered by Messrs. Krolkowski and Bledsoe to strike all of section a of Committee Proposal 95. Those in favor of the amendment will say aye. Those opposed will say no.

The amendment is not adopted.

DELEGATES: Division.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: A division is requested. Is the demand supported? It is supported. Those in favor of the Krolkowski-Bledsoe amendment will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and tally the vote.

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Messrs. Krolkowski and Bledsoe, the yeas are 37, the nays are 83.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The amendment is not adopted. Are there further amendments to Committee Proposal 95?

SECRETARY CHASE: There are none on file, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: If not, it will pass.

Committee Proposal 95, as amended, is passed. The secretary will read the next committee proposal.

SECRETARY CHASE: From the committee on judicial branch, by Mr. Danhof, chairman, **Committee Proposal 96**, A proposal pertaining to general and special provisions relative to the courts of the state. A substitute for sections 17, 19, 20 and 23 of article VII.

Following is Committee Proposal 96 as read by the secretary, and the reasons submitted in support thereof:

The committee recommends that the following be included in the constitution:

Sec. a. **THE SUPREME COURT, THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE CIRCUIT COURT, THE PROBATE COURT AND OTHER COURTS DESIGNATED BY THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE COURTS OF RECORD AND SHALL EACH HAVE A COMMON SEAL. EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED OTHERWISE BY THIS CONSTITUTION,**

Explanation—Matter within [] is stricken, matter in capitals is new.

JUSTICES AND JUDGES OF THE COURTS OF THIS STATE SHALL BE LAWYERS LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN THIS STATE AND SHALL NOT BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE AFTER REACHING THE AGE OF 70 YEARS. NO JUDGE OR JUSTICE OF ANY COURT IN THIS STATE SHALL BE PAID FROM THE FEES OF HIS OFFICE NOR SHALL THE AMOUNT OF HIS SALARY BE MEASURED BY THE FEES OR OTHER MONEYS RECEIVED NOR BY THE AMOUNT OF JUDICIAL ACTIVITY.

Sec. b. WHENEVER A JUDGE SHALL REMOVE HIS DOMICILE BEYOND THE LIMITS OF THE TERRITORY FROM WHICH HE WAS ELECTED, HE SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE VACATED HIS OFFICE.

Sec. c. A JUSTICE AND A JUDGE OF A COURT OF RECORD SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO BE NOMINATED FOR, OR ELECTED TO AN ELECTIVE OFFICE OTHER THAN A JUDICIAL OFFICE DURING THE PERIOD OF HIS SERVICE AS A JUDGE AND FOR 1 YEAR THEREAFTER.

Sec. d. WHEN A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF AN ELECTED JUDGE OF ANY COURT OF RECORD, IT SHALL BE FILLED AT A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION ACCORDING TO LAW. THE SUPREME COURT IS EMPOWERED TO AUTHORIZE PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED AS JUDGES AND HAVE VOLUNTARILY RETIRED, TO PERFORM JUDICIAL DUTIES FOR THE LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME FROM THE OCCURRENCE OF THE VACANCY UNTIL THE SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED.

Sec. e. THERE SHALL BE PRINTED UPON THE BALLOT UNDER THE NAME OF EACH ELECTED INCUMBENT JUSTICE OR JUDGE, WHO IS A CANDIDATE FOR NOMINATION OR ELECTION TO THE SAME OFFICE, THE DESIGNATION OF THAT OFFICE.

Sec. f. ANY JUSTICE OR JUDGE SERVING AT THE TIME THIS CONSTITUTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE MAY SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR REELECTION TO HIS PRESENT OFFICE REGARDLESS OF OTHER PROVISIONS IN THIS CONSTITUTION PERTAINING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE.

Sec. g. SALARIES OF JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT, OF THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, OF THE CIRCUIT JUDGES WITHIN THE COUNTY OR CIRCUIT, AND OF THE PROBATE JUDGES WITHIN A COUNTY OR DISTRICT, SHALL BE UNIFORM, AND MAY BE INCREASED BUT SHALL NOT BE DECREASED, DURING A TERM OF OFFICE EXCEPT AND ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF A GENERAL SALARY REDUCTION IN ALL OTHER BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT.

EACH OF THE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY PAYABLE MONTHLY. IN ADDITION TO THE SALARY PAID FROM THE STATE TREASURY, EACH CIRCUIT JUDGE MAY RECEIVE FROM ANY COUNTY IN WHICH HE REGULARLY HOLDS COURT SUCH ADDITIONAL SALARY AS MAY BE DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY. IN ANY COUNTY WHERE SUCH ADDITIONAL SALARY IS GRANTED, IT SHALL BE PAID AT THE SAME RATE TO ALL CIRCUIT JUDGES REGULARLY HOLDING COURT THEREIN.

Sec. h. FOR REASONABLE CAUSE, WHICH SHALL NOT BE SUFFICIENT GROUND FOR IMPEACHMENT, THE GOVERNOR SHALL REMOVE ANY JUDGE ON A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF 2/3 OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND THE CAUSE FOR WHICH SUCH REMOVAL IS REQUIRED SHALL BE STATED AT LENGTH IN SUCH RESOLUTION.

Sec. i. THE OFFICE OF CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER AND JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE, FOR A PERIOD OF NOT TO EXCEED 5 YEARS FROM THE DATE THIS CONSTITUTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE, ALL THEIR RESPECTIVE POWERS AND JURISDICTION UNTIL THE TIME WITHIN THIS PERIOD THAT THEY ARE ABOLISHED OR THEIR JURISDICTION AND POWERS ARE TRANSFERRED TO, OR INVESTED IN, OTHER COURTS THAT SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CONSTITUTION.

SPECIAL STATUTORY COURTS IN EXISTENCE AS OF THE TIME THIS CONSTITUTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE SHALL RETAIN THEIR POWERS AND JURISDICTION, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED BY LAW, UNTIL AND UNLESS THEY ARE ABOLISHED BY LAW.

Sec. j. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION REQUIRING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICES IN EXISTENCE, SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE NEXT ELECTION FOR SUCH OFFICES BY LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR ELECTIONS FOR TERMS OF VARYING LENGTH, NONE OF WHICH SHALL BE SHORTER THAN THE BASIC TERM PROVIDED HEREIN FOR THE OFFICE.

Sec. k. EACH BRANCH OF THE LEGISLATURE AS WELL AS THE GOVERNOR SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REQUEST THE OPINION OF THE SUPREME COURT UPON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF LAW AND UPON SOLEMN OCCASIONS.

Mr. Danhof, chairman of the committee on judicial branch, submits the following reasons in support of Committee Proposal 96:

Sec. a. Most of the content of this section is found in section 17 of article VII of the Constitution of 1908. The new court of appeals has been included as a court of record and the legislature is permitted to determine which of the lower courts will be so designated.

Two substantial additions have been made. One requires that all judges be lawyers. An exception is made in section f for those nonlawyers now serving as judges. In the case of justices of the peace, this exception cannot extend beyond 5 years. (See section i hereunder.)

The committee felt that a minimum requirement for judicial office should be a license to practice law. This doctrine has been recognized as to the supreme court and the circuit court through an amendment adopted by the people in 1955. We would apply it to all courts.

Abolition of the fee system would also be accomplished. The committee could find no support for paying a judge on the basis of the amount of litigation before him. Even the justices themselves would not wholeheartedly endorse what appears to the committee to be an indefensible method of payment.

Sec. b. The committee has in essence adopted the provisions of section 19 of article VII of the Constitution of 1908. Due, however, to the elimination of the justices of the peace from the proposed new article any reference to this office has been eliminated. In addition, the word "territory" has been substituted for the word "jurisdiction," inasmuch as the section refers to the physical moving of the judge from the territory from which he was elected.

Sec. c. Since 1850, circuit judges have been prohibited from holding other than a judicial office for their term and an additional year. We felt the principle of divorcing the judiciary from the political arena was valid. There seemed to be no reason to place the limitation on circuit judges alone. On the other hand, the committee felt that such a restriction should be tied to service on the bench, rather than the term to which he was elected.

Sec. d. This provision is a substitution for section 20 of article VII of the Constitution of 1908 and provides that vacancies in the office of an elected judge of any court

Explanation—Matter within [] is stricken, matter in capitals is new.

of record shall be filled by general or special election. This is a significant change and removes from the governor the power to appoint judges. The provision is included in order to maintain a philosophical consistency in the idea that this state should have an elected judiciary. The present system where the governor in case of a vacancy makes an appointment and there is then bestowed upon the appointee the incumbency designation, has had an overwhelming tendency in the past to insure the election of the appointee and thereby creating in effect an appointive judiciary. The proposal embodies the idea that the supreme court may fill the vacancy temporarily by utilizing the services of judges who have retired. This pool of judicial manpower will continue to grow and can be readily utilized as needed. It is recognized that perhaps certain legislation will be needed to amend the retirement program.

The committee on executive branch is unable to concur in this proposal.

Sec. e. This provision is the last paragraph of section 3 of article VII of the Constitution of 1908, with one significant change. There has been inserted in front of "incumbent" the word "elected". Hence it now provides that only judges or justices who have been elected will be eligible for the incumbency designation. This method is utilized to provide tenure for those judges who have previously qualified, gives stability to the judiciary of this state and is extremely vital in order to secure proper court administration when you have an elected judiciary. The majority of the committee were of the opinion that the incumbency designation is something which should be earned by previous election.

Sec. f. This is a "grandfather" clause to permit present nonlawyer judges to serve the remainder of their term and be eligible for reelection. As pointed out in the earlier comments, after a maximum of 5 years, this exception would no longer protect justices of the peace.

Sec. g. The provisions of this section are designed to assure uniform salaries for all judges within a certain district. It likewise removes the restriction of section 3 of article XVI which, as it now stands, prohibits the increase of salary of any supreme court justice during his term of office. We now have justices whose salaries vary as much as \$7,000.00 per year. The committee believes that this discrimination should be abolished. However, due to the requirement of staggered terms for circuit judges and probate judges it became evident that some other method should be devised if a salary reduction ever became necessary. Accordingly, the proposition was adopted that a salary reduction could be obtained for the judiciary only if general salary reduction were made in each of the other branches of the government. This would eliminate the danger of the judiciary being singled out for salary reduction.

Sec. h. This section is identical with the present provisions of article IX, section 6. The matter is simply transferred to the judicial article.

Sec. i. Having determined that the offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace should be abolished, the committee recognized the need to provide for a period of time for the legislature to accomplish an orderly transfer of the powers and duties of these offices to other judicial and nonjudicial offices where indicated. Five years did not seem to be an unreasonably long period of time in that the legislature may desire to reevaluate the entire system of courts of limited jurisdiction in the development of a modern lower court structure, better adapted to the needs of the people and the ends of justice.

Under the 1908 constitution, several statutory courts have been created. Among these are the recorder's court and common pleas court of Detroit, superior court of Grand Rapids, municipal courts throughout the state and the court of claims. These will continue in existence, unless action is taken by the legislature to abolish them or trans-

fer their duties elsewhere. No new power is vested in the legislature in this regard.

Sec. j. This provision is needed to allow the legislature to fulfill the constitutional requirement of staggered terms for both circuit and probate judges.

Sec. k. This is a new section and is recommended for the purpose of empowering the supreme court to furnish advisory opinions to the governor and each house of the legislature on important questions of law and solemn occasions. An example of this would be the 4 cent sales tax which was passed and, in a short time thereafter, was declared unconstitutional. By this provision it is felt that more effective governmental operation is made possible. This is a nonadversary proceeding. Similar language appears in the Constitution of the State of Massachusetts. The matter of advisory opinion was recommended to the committee on judicial branch by Mr. Justice Black. We feel the court will provide for notice and hearing in proper cases.

Following is minority report A to Committee Proposal 96 as offered and the reasons submitted in support thereof:

Messrs. Ford, Garvin, Bledsoe, Miss McGowan, Messrs. Ostrow, Krolkowski and Barthwell, a minority of the committee on judicial branch, submit the following minority report A to Committee Proposal 96:

A minority of the committee recommends that the following be included in the constitution:

Strike all of Section d and reinsert in lieu thereof the language of article VII, section 20 of the 1908 constitution, which language reads as follows:

When a vacancy occurs in the office of judge of any court of record, it shall be filled by appointment of the governor, and the person appointed shall hold the office until a successor is elected and qualified. When elected, such successor shall hold the office the residue of the unexpired term.

Messrs. Ford, Garvin, Bledsoe, Miss McGowan, Messrs. Ostrow, Krolkowski and Barthwell, a minority of the committee on judicial branch, submit the following reasons in support of the foregoing minority report A, which accompanied Committee Proposal 96:

The proponents of this minority report believe that the majority's recommended prohibition against the filling of vacancies by gubernatorial appointment would create a unique problem that could conceivably result in prolonged vacancies on the bench.

The majority proposes that pending the occurrence of an election to fill a judicial vacancy, the vacancy could be temporarily filled by retired former circuit judges. An examination of the number and location throughout the state of retired judges available for this service casts strong doubt on the practical value of this method to meet the problem.

It is apparent from many years of experience with the present system that judicial vacancies have been filled by the governors of this state on a careful and considerate basis. The vast majority of its judges, who have been appointed to fill a vacancy, have been elected and reelected many times over by the voters, demonstrating their confidence in the caliber of person the present system produces.

Following is minority report B to Committee Proposal 96 as offered and the reasons submitted in support thereof:

Messrs. Ford, Ostrow and Garvin, a minority of the committee on judicial branch, submit the following minority report B to Committee Proposal 96:

A minority of the committee recommends that the following be included in the constitution:

Sec. i. On page 3, of Committee Proposal 96:

1. Strike out all of lines 11 through 17, inclusive.

so far as objective is concerned. I should point out the distinction to you that the language in the committee report limits the office to which an incumbent judge of any court in Michigan is ineligible to an elective office other than a judicial office for the period of his service as a judge and for 1 year thereafter. That was considered fully by the committee, and it was felt that the possibility of abuse of an incumbent judge's position by his candidacy for another office would be for an elective office. It would be his campaigning for some office other than a judicial office that would be against the best public interest, so it was limited to elective office only. I would be glad to respond to any questions if there are any from any delegate.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Are there any amendments to section c? Mr. Hutchinson.

MR. HUTCHINSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Woolfenden a question. Perhaps he did cover this. I tried to listen to him, but I was interrupted here 2 or 3 times. Did you also point out this distinction, Mr. Woolfenden, between the proposal and the present provision, in that the present provision apparently would make a judge ineligible for anything but a judicial office for the entire term for which he was elected? For instance, if he had been elected for a 6 year term, then during that entire 6 years plus 1 year thereafter, he would not be eligible for other than a judicial office, whereas in your proposal, suppose he had been elected to a 6 year term. He could resign, presumably, at the end of a year, and then wait a year and then run for another office.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Woolfenden.

MR. WOOLFENDEN: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Hutchinson, I had not pointed that out, and I appreciate your having done so.

MR. HUTCHINSON: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Are there any amendments to section c? If not, section c—Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Woolfenden or any other member of the committee why this change was made. It seems quite clear, the purpose of providing that a judge should not run for a public office during the term for which he was elected or appointed or for 1 year thereafter. What was the reason for removing that qualification and making it possible for the person to advance politically much more rapidly through the means of serving on a court than is the case under the present constitution?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Woolfenden.

MR. WOOLFENDEN: Mr. Chairman and Mr. Wanger, taking the example that Mr. Hutchinson suggested where a judge, for whatever reasons appeal to him personally, resigned after 1 year of service on an 8 year elective term, the committee could see no reason why he should be debarred from consideration for other public office for a period of 8 years from his resignation. It seemed that was an unreasonable delay to debar his candidacy for any other office for the balance of the term, which would be 7 years plus 1 year thereafter, and we felt that one year after the period of his service was ample protection of the public interest.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: At least one effect, then, of the change which the committee proposes from the present constitution would be that it would make it easier for persons to use the judicial office as a political stepping stone than is presently the case; isn't that true?

MR. WOOLFENDEN: I would not agree that this is so, because I think that political popularity is a very volatile thing, and I think after a man had been off of the bench for a year, the fact that he had previously been a judge would not be particularly helpful to him in advancing a political candidacy.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: If there are no amendments to section c, section c will pass.

Section c is passed. The secretary will read section d.

SECRETARY CHASE: Section d:

[Section d was read by the secretary. For text, see above, page 1478.]

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. Chairman, for the committee report on this particular section, I would like to yield to the delegate from Ypsilanti, Mr. Lawrence.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, as is pointed out in the report of the committee on section d, this is a substantial change from the former provision. The former provision was in section 20 of article VII, and it provided:

When a vacancy occurs in the office of judge of any court of record, it shall be filled by appointment of the governor, and the person appointed shall hold the office until a successor is elected and qualified. When elected, such successor shall hold the office the residue of the unexpired term.

In other words, in effect, it provided for the filling of vacancies in the office of a judge of a court of record by appointment of the governor. That has been one of the criticisms that we have found have been leveled at the existing system. The fact that the present system allows the unrestricted appointment of the judge of a court of record, when it is to fill a vacancy, by the governor without any accountability to anyone has been the subject of much talk, debate and discussion.

The present provision, in effect, retains the philosophy of an elected judiciary. Actually, the former system provided, as far as filling vacancies is concerned, the appointment system, but the committee adopted this view that the elective system was what the people of the state wanted. The effect of it would be that when a vacancy occurs, it would be temporarily filled by an appointee of the supreme court that the supreme court would choose from the list or panel of retired judges throughout the state. This retired judge would serve, if it was necessary to have the vacancy filled, until an election is held. The election would be provided by law—in other words, by the legislature—as to when it would be held and so forth. Of course, the retired judge would not be eligible to be a candidate at that election. The election would be held, the vacancy would be filled, and the new judge then would take the bench.

Now, this applies to all courts of record throughout the state, and the feeling is that this would give the people the opportunity of making the initial selection of the judge as well as the selection or the retention of the judge at a later date. The second portion, having to do with the filling of the temporary vacancy, I have already touched on. I wonder if there is any question that any of the members have in mind.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Shackleton, the Chair believes, has a question, Mr. Lawrence. The Chair will recognize Mr. Shackleton.

MR. SHACKLETON: Mr. Chairman, a question of Mr. Lawrence, through the Chair, please.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: If the gentleman cares to answer.

MR. SHACKLETON: Would that mean that a judge who retired because of having reached compulsory retirement would be ineligible to be used? It says "voluntarily retired."

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: I don't know that I can answer that, Mr. Shackleton. It was my understanding that it was only to eliminate those who resigned, in the sense of not, say, filling out a term or before retirement age. But it was also my understanding that any retired judge, and I think that is what the word "voluntarily" means there, whether due to age—and it would be, of course, due to age if he didn't resign—or if he refused to run again, he wouldn't be voluntarily retired, so I think it would only apply to those judges who had reached retirement age. Is that your understanding, Mr. Danhof?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence yields to Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. Shackleton, the word "voluntarily" is correct as Mr. Lawrence uses it. We realize that maybe the

judge doesn't actually retire voluntarily when he is over 70 and his term expires. They say, "Well, we would want to go on." Perhaps you might have a compulsory voluntary. But as Mr. Lawrence pointed out, what we intended certainly was that judges who had reached retirement age, who had retired, were drawing their retirement pay, could be called back for temporary service during the time that the vacancy would occur. This would not be of a permanent nature.

We quite agree that legislation might be needed in the adjustment of the pension laws, and naturally they would only serve if they wanted to. We certainly aren't going to force anybody. There isn't even a requirement here that the supreme court has to take them. They may, in effect, decide not to do this, and if there is a vacancy, they would assign another judge from another circuit. There is nothing mandatory about it. It would simply provide that for the judges who have retired, if the call were made and if they were willing to serve a month or 2 months or 3 months to fill the vacancy, pending the election of the successor, that this judicial manpower could be utilized.

The word "voluntarily" was not meant in the sense that you have assumed here, and if there are other words that can be inserted, certainly we would welcome them. But we did not desire the judge who might have resigned for one reason or another or not completed the full time to retirement age. We only wanted judges that had completed their active service and were in a retired status.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Shackleton.

MR. SHACKLETON: If the word "voluntarily" were removed, wouldn't that take care of it?

MR. DANHOF: It might well be. This has been suggested to us, and it probably could be removed and "those who are retired" substituted, and they probably won't be retired until they get to 65 or 70 anyway to draw their pension.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Hatch? Mr. Hutchinson.

MR. HUTCHINSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask Mr. Lawrence what the situation would be in this hypothetical situation. Let us say the probate judge in a county dies. Now then, I take it that it would be up to the supreme court to fill the vacancy. But there are no retired probate judges or any living former probate judges in the county, nor are there any retired circuit judges in the county. I take it then that there would be no alternative to the supreme court moving in a retired judge from some other part of the state in order to serve as the probate judge of that county.

If that is a true assumption of the only solution to the problem, my query is whether the committee honestly thinks it would be good public policy to move into a county to act as its probate judge someone completely unfamiliar with the county, no roots in the county, no background in the county and so on in order to perform that. Is that better public policy than to provide, somehow or other, for the temporary appointment of at least a resident of the county to act as probate judge?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: Mr. Hutchinson, I don't know whether it is better, but it certainly wouldn't be a tragedy. I can speak from personal experience on that. When Judge Payne, who was a probate judge in Washtenaw county, died there was a period of well over a month—I think about 6 weeks—before his successor was appointed, Judge Conlin. During that time we had a rather anomalous situation. Part of the time the circuit judge acted as probate judge which, of course, the circuit judge can do. But we brought in Judge McAvinchey for several days at a time. We brought in other probate judges from outside the county. That can be done now. As a temporary proposition, if the workload is sufficient for a man full time, I think it is as important to have a man who is familiar with the practice, even though he lives outside the county, as it is to put a person unfamiliar with the practice—let's say a lawyer who has had no judicial experience—in there for that short period of time even though he lives in the county.

You notice that the committee report does not say that these judges have to have served in the same kind of a court. In

other words, as the committee proposal reads, if you had a vacancy in the supreme court and there were no retired supreme court justices available, it would not prevent the supreme court from appointing a former circuit or probate judge or of any court of record as a temporary proposition until the vacancy could be filled by an election by the people.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Hutchinson.

MR. HUTCHINSON: One further question of Mr. Lawrence. Assuming that we will be having elections not oftener than once every 2 years in the state, it could be that such an appointee could serve for almost 2 years; is that right?

MR. LAWRENCE: That would be true if the legislature so provided, but the last part of the first sentence says, "... it shall be filled at a general or special election according to law." So if the legislature so provided, it could provide for a special election.

MR. HUTCHINSON: Thank you, Mr. Lawrence.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Snyder, did you desire to direct a question to Mr. Lawrence?

MR. SNYDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Hutchinson has covered the bulk of the matters that I had proposed to inquire about. Again it appears to me that the logic advanced by the committee to support section d is in complete reversal of the logic that was used by the committee members when they presented section b. I just can't help but feel that if it is wrong for a judge to vacate his office because he moves in one instance, it is certainly just as wrong to appoint a judge who is not a resident of the circuit or district to fill a vacancy. I don't think that the logic advanced by the committee members in section b and the present section is consistent.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: Mr. Snyder, I understand your reasoning there, but remember that Judge Pugsley was sent to Wayne county when he was an active circuit judge in his own circuit for a period, I believe, of several months, was it not, Judge Pugsley? Two years, Judge Pugsley tells me. That has been the practice, when the situation demanded it, to be able to bring outside judges in. However, Judge Pugsley still retained his judgeship and probably served on occasion in his own community to take care of matters during that period.

There is a difference between that and having the judge pull up his roots and permanently leave the community in which he is elected to serve, and I think that that, Mr. Snyder, is really the basic thing behind it.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Everett, did you desire to participate in this discourse? The Chair recognizes Mr. Everett.

MR. EVERETT: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I think we may be losing sight of the main purpose of this whole proposal, which is to fill vacancies by election. Now, we recognize that there may be situations where, in order to have proper judicial administration pending that election, it may be necessary to call somebody in temporarily to fill the vacancy. But when you talk about the supreme court filling vacancies by appointment and so forth, what we are saying is that judicial vacancies should be filled by election; if the judicial business is so great that you can't wait for that time, then a temporary expedient is used by calling upon qualified men to fill this office temporarily until the election is held. But the tenor of the proposal is that instead of having an appointive system to fill vacancies in the judiciary, we now are saying that there must be an elective system as there is, for example, in the legislative branch, and that is the heart of the proposal, the use of retired judges simply not to permit all judicial business to come to an end while we are waiting for the election.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: I might say that if you read the second sentence of that paragraph, it could even apply to the situation where a retired judge could, if contacted by the supreme court, say: well, I can serve for 2 weeks or a week or 3 weeks—but if the vacancy continued beyond that, they could bring in another judge. In other words, it is merely the present system, as far as that is concerned, something we

have lived with, something that has met with our approval, that we have liked for years, and that is bringing outside judges in for special situations.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Pursuant to their minority report, Messrs. Ford, Garvin, Bledsoe, Miss McGowan, Messrs. Ostrow, Krolkowski and Barthwell have submitted an amendment which the secretary will read. Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Mr. Chairman, I understand that Mr. Lawrence was holding the floor for questions, and I had some questions I wanted to ask before we went into the minority report.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: You may proceed, Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Mr. Lawrence, for the benefit of all the delegation, could you tell us what the average retirement age of a supreme court, circuit and probate court judge is in the state of Michigan.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: Mr. Ford, I cannot answer that question. As I recall it, there has been some activity in that field recently, and I don't know just what the situation is now. It was 70 years, I believe, here awhile ago.

MR. FORD: That is the age at which they can retire, but did you make any inquiry at all in preparing this recommendation as to what the actual age of retirement is in the state of Michigan?

MR. LAWRENCE: I'm sorry, Mr. Ford, would you repeat that?

MR. FORD: Understanding that the present requirement is that a judge must retire at the end of the term in which he becomes 70 years of age, it is understandable that they don't all retire on their seventieth birthday. Did you make any inquiry of what the actual age of the judges retiring from our courts is?

MR. LAWRENCE: I did not. But we have, Mr. Leibrand informs me, 5 retired judges in this convention. Perhaps one of them would be able to answer Mr. Ford's question.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The Chair sees no one who desires to answer your question, Mr. Ford.

MR. LAWRENCE: Then I don't feel badly about not being able to do it either.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: You may proceed, Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: The second question. In investigating and preparing the material for this recommendation to us, did you make any determination of how many voluntarily retired circuit judges are now available and physically and otherwise able to serve from the supreme court, for example?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: No, I did not, Mr. Ford. You were on the committee and I believe you would recall as well as I would about that. I can't answer that.

MR. FORD: I never have advocated this so I didn't do this kind of research. I thought you would have—if you were going to advocate that we use these people—been able to tell us whether or not there are any available. Now, how about the probate judges? Do you have any idea how many of them are available?

MR. LAWRENCE: I don't see that it makes, Mr. Ford, any particular difference whether they are retired circuit, supreme or probate court judges. The supreme court can fill the vacancy from any of them.

MR. FORD: Is it fair then that you assume that the supreme court could take a retired probate judge and make him a supreme court judge?

MR. LAWRENCE: That is what the provision says, and it seems to be perfectly consistent with reason.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford, do you have further questions?

MR. FORD: Yes. Do you have any information on the number of retired circuit judges that are available?

MR. LAWRENCE: No, I do not. I know there are 5 in this convention.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The committee will be in better order, please. Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Since you have no idea now, did you make any attempt to determine how many might be available on an

actuarial basis or on the basis of experience in any period 5 or 10 years from now?

MR. LAWRENCE: No, except that I understand that because of this retirement provision which has been put in, the number will increase as time goes on; that is, assuming the atomic bomb doesn't fall or something like that, it should increase.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: That is all of the questions I have.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Downs, do you desire to propound a question to Mr. Lawrence with respect to the committee proposal?

MR. DOWNS: Yes, if I am in order, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: You are in order.

MR. DOWNS: Mr. Lawrence, I was going to ask about the hypothetical situation where there might not be a judge available, but I won't. Instead of that, I would like to raise the question that I believe those who have advocated the appointive system of judges have argued at some length; that that meant the people would have a chance to review the work of the judge temporarily filling that position, and be able then to vote for that person or against that person.

Am I correct that this system of filling the judicial vacancy by the retired person precludes the people from having the advantage of voting for or against the person as a result of his experience in this temporary position?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Lawrence.

MR. LAWRENCE: Well, I would say in part. And in part it would prevent the appointment of someone who they had no selection of to fill the vacancy, yes. Mr. Ford, I have been informed by our good delegate, Mr. Erickson, that there are 34 retired circuit judges in the state of Michigan.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The Chair takes it, Mr. Erickson, it was for that purpose that you sought recognition earlier?

MR. ERICKSON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Lest that statistic hang in the air, my question wasn't how many are retired. How many of them are retired and physically and otherwise able to fill these vacancies?

MR. LAWRENCE: I have not made any physical or mental examination to this end. (laughter)

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Erickson.

MR. ERICKSON: I believe, from my knowledge of many of these retired judges, many of them would like to have a proposition like this and many of them would like to get back on the bench for a short time.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is now upon the amendment offered by Mr. Ford and others pursuant to their minority report, which the secretary will read.

SECRETARY CHASE: The amendment reads as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 5, after "Sec. d.", by striking out the balance of the section and reinserting the language of article VII, section 20 of the 1908 constitution, which language reads as follows:

"When a vacancy occurs in the office of judge of any court of record, it shall be filled by appointment of the governor, and the person appointed shall hold the office until a successor is elected and qualified. When elected, such successor shall hold the office the residue of the unexpired term."

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is upon the amendment offered by Mr. Ford and others. Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: For those who are interested, you can find our explanation of the minority report in the journal in the lower left hand column of page 581. The effect of this amendment is to replace in the proposed constitution the language of present section 20 of article VII. It has just been read to you by the secretary. To read briefly from our reasons:

The proponents of this minority report believe that the majority's recommended prohibition against the filling of vacancies by gubernatorial appointment would create a unique problem that could conceivably result in prolonged vacancies on the bench.

The majority proposes that pending the occurrence of an election to fill a judicial vacancy, the vacancy could be

temporarily filled by retired former circuit judges. An examination of the number and location throughout the state of retired judges available for this service casts strong doubt on the practical value of this method to meet the problem.

I might indicate that in the county of Wayne, I am informed that we have only 2 retired circuit judges who are still residents of the county, and both of them are well past 80 years of age.

It is apparent from many years of experience with the present system that judicial vacancies have been filled by the governors of this state on a careful and considerate basis.

I want to emphasize this. I don't think that we have had anyone appear before the judiciary committee who has criticized the quality of the appointments made by any governor of this state. I am sure that there are members of this convention who are not at all happy about the large number of appointments that were made during the past 10 years, but this is an unusual circumstance, and we should bear in mind that during the early '50s there came into being a mandatory retirement provision with respect to circuit judges that resulted in a large number of circuit judges retiring in a more or less simultaneous manner. In other words, during a very short period of time we had an unusually large number of judges retiring simply because this act came into effect. Now, since it is now in effect, and since many younger men have been put on the bench, it is not likely that we will have the large supply or relatively large supply of retired circuit judges in the future that we have had during the past 8 or 10 years. Some of the problems that have arisen with respect to retirement would indicate that the general cause for retirement during the past 10 years has actually been this compulsory age factor which came into effect, I am informed by Judge Dehnke to the best of his recollection, about 1952.

It is apparent to us that from the many years of experience with the present system, judicial vacancies have been filled carefully and that men of very high quality have been selected. We feel that this has been borne out of the frequency with which the people have chosen, regardless of the political affiliation of the judge before his appointment, to return the judges to the bench when they next come up for election, and this is something that you can't cut down on party lines, because this has been true of both Democratic and Republican appointments, whether they were appointing Democrats or Republicans to the bench. In the vast majority of cases the judges that have been appointed have met the approval of the bar and met the approval of the people and have been returned to the bench when they went before the people for reelection.

Now, some people would indicate that there are a lot of reasons for this percentage of people being returned after appointment in the first instance. I think that Tom Downs put his finger on the fact that those who have been advocating an appointive system all along want a method of determining whether you are going to get a chance to vote just in a straight popularity contest or get a chance to vote for someone who has had a short time on the bench and has been exposed to the judiciary to some extent so that people have an opportunity to appraise him in context with the position they are trying to elect him to or trying to prevent him from being elected to. We feel that the present system provides this additional feature, a desirable feature, in the elective process. We feel that the present system has produced a good judiciary and that statistics indicating that a large number of our judges reached the bench in the first instance by gubernatorial appointment and are retained there is evidence of the fact that good selections are made and that they have inspired confidence, and that the people do have confidence in the kind of people that have been selected.

The language of the present section 20 of article VII of the 1908 constitution is essentially the same language that was contained in the previous constitution of this state, and by tradition the governor has had the power and the authority to

fill vacancies in courts of record when vacancies occur between elections until the next time that there was an election so that the people can ultimately make the selection. This tradition has served the state of Michigan very well over the years and, as I have indicated before, has produced a good judiciary. And I haven't yet heard a strong and compelling reason for abandoning it at this present time. No one has indicated to us the advantage to the judicial system of temporarily appointing people from outside of a county to come in perhaps a month or 2 months at a time and then someone else comes in for a month or 2 months, and you fill the vacancy for a year, a year and a half or 2 years by having a series of temporary appointments of nonresident judges who at great inconvenience to themselves come into a circuit and attempt to take care of the problem.

We feel that in the absence of some compelling reason for departing from this traditional method which has proven to be effective and worked to the best interests of the state of Michigan, we shouldn't abandon it for something that has nothing to recommend it except that it is different. This is truly a "change for the sake of change" proposal on the part of the majority of the committee, and there may be other reasons for wanting this in the constitution, but none of them have been stated on the floor thus far. I would like at this time to yield to one of my cosponsors on the minority report amendment, Mr. Harold Bledsoe.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford yields to Mr. Bledsoe.

MR. BLEDSOE: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I served on the judiciary committee when this question came up. I couldn't bring myself to any reason, nor with any suggestion made, in my judgment, to furnish any valid reason for bringing back the old judges. Frankly, when a judge has served his period to retirement, I think that it is almost like double jeopardy to resent him to the rigors of hard and laborious work and life and dedication that he undertakes when he has served 35 to 40 years on the bench. I think it is unkind.

Of course they will come back and serve. It is just like an old fire horse that some of you know about if you have lived that long. When you retire an old fire horse, when that bell rings, if you don't hold it in the stable, if you just open the door, he will follow the wagon to the fire. It has become habit. And they are men of fine responsibility and men of delicate sensitivity, and of course they are not going to decline to serve a public that they love and that they have served so many years. Bringing back old judges to serve does not offer anything advantageous to the public or to the electorate. What does it do? This is simply a device. That is all it is. It is a device to do away with the so called temporary appointive system. That is all that it does. The electorate or the public doesn't get any benefit from it as against what they get from the appointive system, because it is a temporary appointive system.

When this matter came up and was argued before the committee, we lawyers thought—I want you to get that—it was unfair to the competing candidate who might run against an appointive representative of the appointing authority and that the fellow who didn't get the appointment would suffer a certain disadvantage because, they went on to say, the majority of the lawyers, once they were appointed, seemed to get reelected by the public. So, really, the tears that were shed down in the committee among the 20 some lawyers indicated that we were in sympathy with a lawyer who didn't get the appointment and who, because he didn't get it, had run to a certain disadvantage. So in order to help that lawyer out for the race that he had to run, the idea was that they would start off at a better advantage.

Now, with that I agree. That was the argument down there. So in order to keep that out, we said "We will let them get to the mark and all start at the same time." Now, that reason that was discussed among us lawyers around the table, as against the idea of the temporary appointment, would give the lawyer who got the appointment, after he had met the qualifications that made his appointment imminent,

or temporarily, anyway, a chance to go through a period of trial and error. Now, who benefits from that? The public, not the lawyers. If the vacancy occurs for a period of a year or 2 years or less, we get a chance to see just what kind of judge that fellow is going to make. Who benefits from that? The public.

If it appears that he is going to be a good judge and that the appointing authority acted wisely in appointing him, if the public becomes so impressed after this period of trial and error, the public then has an investment in that appointment.

The lawyers begin to say around the courts—if you will pardon me for using this expression—“Gee, this fellow looks like he’s going to make it; a pretty decent guy.” The lawyers begin to speak about him, and immediately the rumor begins to get through the community. Who benefits from this? The public. And if he doesn’t get this type of recommendation during that trial and error period, the word gets out, “Let’s beat this guy. He isn’t right.” That gets down through the community too. And it isn’t every judge who is appointed that gets reelected. Who benefits from that? The public. You get a chance to try.

I hate to use this illustration because it isn’t a good comparison, but the bachelors spoke here about marriage the other day and said that you can never tell how a wife is going to work out until you actually marry her. I believe that was uttered here on the floor the other day. The same way with your judges. Let’s not stop the trial period of marriage for the judge for that interim appointment, because it is the public who benefits. I believe that that interim period for the temporary appointment made by the governor gives the public a chance to look the judicial prospect over and, as a matter of fact, it gives the public a chance to see just what type of administrator or public faith and public confidence the public may expect from him.

I therefore feel that the proposed change of bringing the elder judges back and then suddenly putting in untried lawyers without any judicial experience or an opportunity to see what they might do temporarily during that interim period is certainly a benefit that the public ought to have if it were available to them, and if we don’t do that, we are denying the public the benefit of the trial and error period where they will have an opportunity to see what kind of men they are going to elect for anywhere from 6 to 8 years. That is exactly what we are giving up when we bring back the older judge and setting men on the bench to be elected for the full term without having any opportunity of a trial and error period.

I am against the committee report that would recommend doing away with this procedure. I say that change for change’s sake is unworthy in so important a thing as electing your judiciary.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The Chair would state, looking about our sparsely settled chamber, that over the course of the last 2 weeks, he has empirically evolved what may come to be known as Van Dusen’s law to the effect that in any unlocked chamber, the size of the audience tends to vary inversely with the length of the preceding speech. (laughter) Mr. Higgs.

MR. FORD. Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: I don’t want to foreclose Mr. Higgs, but I yielded to Mr. Bledsoe.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The Chair is in error. You retain the floor, Mr. Ford. Do you have further presentation?

MR. FORD: There are other sponsors, and I would like to yield to them if they would like to add to it. Mr. Ostrow, I believe, is next.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ostrow.

MR. OSTROW: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the committee, I will only take one minute to point this out. The present system has worked well over the last 50 years. You look back over the quality and caliber of the judges that we have had for the last 50 years, and it has been a good workable system. Now, if you look at the possibilities for the next

50 years, if we obtain the same caliber and quality of judges that we have in the past, the people of the state of Michigan should be well satisfied. From my own viewpoint, the present system justifies itself if for no other reason than it enables a man like Raymond Starr to be appointed to the Michigan supreme court bench. I am sure there will be others like him appointed.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford, have you further presentation?

MR. FORD: I would like to yield to Mr. Garvin.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford yields to Mr. Garvin.

MR. GARVIN: Mr. Chairman and delegates, much has been said here, even since we have been on the judiciary committee, about the various persons throughout the United States, particularly Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, New York, New Jersey and representatives from the judicature society appearing before this body, and there is one thing that you have to keep remembering: that regardless of the proposals of the committee, regardless of who proposes amendments, nobody has had complaints against the judiciary of the state of Michigan.

Now, it is nice to change to be changing—it is a great thing. That is the very reason we are here, I believe some think, to change the constitution, each and every word. In fact, in the judiciary, we took out the whole article and started from the beginning. This, regardless of the fact that it is admitted that we have a good judiciary in the state of Michigan.

The “why” of it is hard to say. When you go over the committee report reasons given by Mr. Lawrence, you can’t find a reason. If you will look at your reasons for the committee proposal, you can’t find a good reason excepting the governor appoints them. Is that a good reason to make a change? I submit that it is not, because the record over the past 50 years says that it is not. The record over the past 50 years practically, by proof, shows that article VII, section 20 has worked well and shall continue to work well.

You know, there is one thing we forget about when we are talking about just everybody running for a judicial office. You are faced with a situation of unknown persons, of name candidates, of popularity contests to go on the judiciary—perhaps someone who has been practicing law maybe 4 or 5 years; perhaps someone who has not practiced law at all; perhaps someone whose judicial temperament has not been tested or investigated by the governor or his aides or by whomever might be assigned that job.

I submit to you that the best way that you can get a good judge after proper investigation is by appointment by the governor, just as it has been. For the 40 years or 35 years prior to this convention, there hasn’t been too much criticism about the way judges were appointed, and they got a good judicial system then.

I won’t read it for you unless somebody requests it, but in the December Fortune magazine there is a very detailed study of courts throughout the United States. I was rather proud when I read that the other states are following the examples of Michigan, New Jersey and California. Only 3 states were mentioned as having the type of judiciary which is honored and respected throughout the United States. I submit to you that the constitution as it stands now has given us an unblemished judiciary. And just remember that appointees do get defeated. I have witnessed it myself and you, too, have witnessed it. They can be defeated.

It is not strictly an appointive system. It is an appointive system after there has been sufficient investigation of the proposed appointee, and then if the people don’t like him, they can still defeat him. I submit let’s not change to be changing. Let’s take this good judiciary of the state of Michigan that has been mentioned over and over again without any complaints against it. I am against the committee proposal and I am for the minority report amendment.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford, the Chair believes you still retain the floor.

MR. FORD: Also sponsoring the minority report is Miss McGowan. I would like to yield to her if she has anything to add.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Miss McGowan passes, Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Mr. Barthwell.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Barthwell passes.

MR. FORD: That concludes the presentation by the sponsors of the minority report.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The Chair will recognize Mr. Higgs. Mr. Higgs being absent from the chamber, the Chair will recognize Judge Leibbrand.

MR. LEIBRAND: Mr. Chairman, delegates, I am not fully prepared to answer the oratory with which I have been recently bombarded on this question, but I do feel perhaps that I have a few answers. And I rise in support of the committee report and in opposition to the minority amendment.

For 112 years the state of Michigan has indicated its preference for the elective system of judges. I think that the preliminary votes that have been taken in this convention show beyond question that that preference for electing judges continues down to this moment. But if you are going to have an elective system, whatever system you have, as a matter of fact, should be a fair system, and I believe the people want it to be a fair system.

Now, I don't know that these opinions were expressed in the minority report or in the reasons for the suggested change, but they are reasons for my action in supporting the majority report. I feel that the present system which the minority, Mr. Ford and his associates, want to retain has worked in an unfair way. In the first place, a gubernatorial appointee to any judicial office is invariably a candidate to succeed himself at the next election. And I don't know what the experience of others may have been, but my experience has been that that appointee spends most of his time between the appointment and the next election in campaigning for himself rather than in the performance of his judicial duties. In other words, it puts the appointee in the position where he conducts his campaign at public expense while his opponents have to dig down into their own pockets. Another thing it does—and I believe that this violates the principles of fairness—I feel that when there are any candidates for public office, whatever those offices may be, those candidates should be on an equal basis. They should start from scratch. If you are going to have an elective system, let the people decide upon those candidates who do start from scratch. Now, the appointee, by virtue of the very fact that he is an appointee, has an advantage over his opposition. The very fact of incumbency gives the incumbent that advantage. And then you add to that what we have had in the past and which I presume it is the intention of my fellow committeeman Ford and his associates to return. We have had in the past the matter of the incumbency designation being granted to the appointee.

Now, my recollection is that before our committee there appeared the no less respected witness than Justice George Edwards, who gave the conservative estimate that the incumbency label that went along with an appointee gave an initial advantage to the appointee of about 25 per cent in the forthcoming election, and if it gave the appointee an advantage of 25 per cent, it gave the opposition a disadvantage of 25 per cent. And, delegates of this convention, I don't feel that in any fair American contest it is fair to start one of the contenders off with hobbles of 25 per cent around his ankles.

Now, let's take something else. Let's take the matter of time. The appointee may have—and usually does have—whether that appointee be circuit judge or supreme court justice or probate judge, months and maybe time running over and above a year or more in which to campaign. Under the convention system, as it has applied to the supreme court, the nominee of the opposing party, if the judicial election is in November, has 66 days in which to organize his campaign, to raise his money, to get into 83 counties of this state. And if the election to fill the vacancy happens to come in the April election, the nominee of the opposite party has 37 days, while

his opponent, the appointee, has been out beating the bushes for months and months and months and months. That, again I say to the delegates here, is not a fair election. It is a loaded election.

I think the majority proposal here providing for interim appointments, if they so desire, by the supreme court is a big step in inaugurating a truly elective system of judicial officers in Michigan. Now, it isn't mandatory. The supreme court, at least so far as circuit courts and probate courts are concerned, may still, through their court administrator, assign judges from other districts to take care of this vacancy. This is only a stopgap system to assure that the basic principles of fairness and honesty in the election of judicial officers are preserved and perpetuated and increased and enhanced in Michigan. Delegates, I strongly oppose the minority report amendment.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Tubbs.

MR. TUBBS: Mr. Chairman, perhaps this would be in the nature of a personal report or a personal privilege communication. The papers have carried the story that in the judicial committee, when they came to a vote on an appointive system of supreme court justices, I stood alone, and I wonder where all these people who are now so strenuously arguing the merits of the appointive system were back then.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Krolkowski.

MR. KROLIKOWSKI: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I think that the weakness of the majority report lies in the fact that it fails to center responsibility. No problems arise when an appointee performs nobly while in office. What happens, however, if the appointed judge is guilty of gross misconduct while in office? Whom do we blame? Do we blame justice A, B, C, D, E or through I? Or can we look more properly to the governor who appointed him?

Secondly, once we have ascertained what justice or group of justices made this gross error, must we wait 8 or 10 years to properly make them account for this error, or can we more readily look to the governor who is required to face the public every 2 or 4 years? I believe that the failure to center responsibility is the weakness of the majority position.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Garry Brown.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I would like to address a couple of questions to Mr. Ford, if I may.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: If the gentleman cares to answer.

MR. G. E. BROWN: First of all, Mr. Ford, I would like to ask if you consider this to be an elective system with appointment to fill vacancies in connection with section e of the committee proposal which is coming up.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: I think it is just as elective as any other office that is filled either by the governor or the board of supervisors, the supreme court or anybody else. All you are doing is begging the question, Mr. Brown, when you say is it more elective if the governor appoints him than if the supreme court appoints him.

MR. G. E. BROWN: I expected a yes or no answer but I—

MR. FORD: You can't get a yes or no answer to a question like that.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, a further question to Mr. Ford. How many members of the present supreme court were elected to that office, Mr. Ford?

MR. FORD: They have all been elected except Mr. Otis Smith, as I understand it.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Originally to the office.

MR. FORD: You mean how many were appointed in the first instance?

MR. G. E. BROWN: Yes, sir.

MR. FORD: I think Mr. Kelly ran originally. I don't know how Mr. Dethmers got there the first time. Mr. Hutchinson said Mr. Dethmers was appointed in the first instance. I guess 3 of the Democrats and 2 of the Republicans were appointed in the first instance.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, a further question of Mr. Ford. Do you agree with the suggestion that was made by Judge Leibrand to the effect that the incumbency label amounts to maybe a 25 per cent advantage in running at a future date or after an appointive term?

MR. FORD: I didn't want to interrupt Judge Leibrand while he was trying to becloud this section by arguing the next one that comes up in Committee Proposal 96, but I don't think that that question or Judge Leibrand's comments in that regard are germane to the section we are here discussing.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. Ford, I would —

MR. FORD: I will answer that and debate it with you, Garry, when we get to the section that covers the question of incumbency designation.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. I am trying to stick to the present amendment that is under consideration here, but I think it is essential that we consider what happens when we apply a proposal such as this for the filling of vacancies.

MR. FORD: If you look at Committee Proposal 96, section e, you will see that the committee covers the question of the incumbency designation very clearly and distinctly as a separate proposition from the one here presented.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Brown?

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. Ford, I was particularly interested in the tying of these 2 together due to the fact that I checked with the secretary and I don't see that you have an amendment on file to do away with section e to provide for elimination of the incumbency label.

MR. FORD: We will worry about section e when we get to it, Mr. Brown.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Brown, the Chair will have to ask you to confine your questions to the section under discussion.

MR. G. E. BROWN: One further question, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Ford, do you believe that the amendment which you propose lends itself more to an independent judiciary or less to an independent judiciary, and more to a partisan affiliation of the judiciary or less to it?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: I think that the proposal is consistent with a system that has produced an independent and a very good judiciary for Michigan.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Brown.

MR. G. E. BROWN: I assume then that your answer is that the present amendment does lend itself more to an independent judiciary. Is that your answer?

MR. FORD: I think the present amendment is superior in all respects to the committee proposal. (laughter)

MR. G. E. BROWN: You prefer not to answer then; is that correct?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Brown, the Chair would appreciate it if you would conduct your cross examination through the Chair. (laughter)

MR. G. E. BROWN: I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Binkowski.

MR. BINKOWSKI: I also was going to ask a question of Judge Leibrand, but I don't intend to cross examine the judge.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Judge Leibrand.

MR. BINKOWSKI: Perhaps this again should be saved for section e, but, Judge Leibrand, would you favor the complete elimination of any designation regardless of whether it is at the appointment or subsequent elections? It seems to me this way we would really have a competitive system.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Judge Leibrand.

MR. LEIBRAND: I am not too set on the question, but I believe that I would go along with a designation after a judge has once won election in his own right. I would not favor it when such honors as he has attained have been forced upon him or given to him by others.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Binkowski. The Chair will note, as he did in the case of the colloquy between Messrs. Brown and Ford —

MR. BINKOWSKI: I have no further questions of Judge Leibrand, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Judge. The only point that I would like to make is that it seems to me that this particular advantage of 25 per cent is probably increased to 50 per cent at later dates as long as he has the incumbency designation, so I don't know if that is a particularly valid argument. As a young attorney, I certainly would be interested in this designation aspect, though.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The Chair will ask the delegates to confine their discussion, if possible, to the question immediately at hand, which is the amendment offered by Mr. Ford and others. Dr. Nord.

MR. NORD: Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak in favor of the minority report and the amendment. First of all, I would like to discuss the comment made by one of the members of the convention who said that the present system works in an unfair way. If it works in an unfair way, I would oppose it. Therefore, it is an important thing to discuss. But I note in looking up the legislative history of this particular provision that it is not a new thing. I had the idea when the statement was made that it must be a new thing that had just been tried out and has not been very good, has worked in an unfair way. But in looking up the complete legislative history, I find that this is not a new thing. As far as I can make out, it was adopted in the 1850 constitution. Now, if I am correct about that, we have had it for about 110 years. We have had an entire constitutional convention in the meantime and a great many constitutional amendments in the meantime, and therefore it occurs to me if it had been actually unfair, somewhere along the line something would have been noticed about it during that period. And I will not ask any specific delegate a question, but I will ask this rhetorical question: if this system is unfair, when did it start to become unfair?

Now, the reason I ask that question is that I have examined a number of subjects in connection with the convention, and I found out that there have been many systems in effect for long periods of time, whether they had to do with the judicial or the executive or the legislature, that have been in effect for a long time, maybe 100 or 150 years such as this one, 100 years, and they have always been considered to be great. One constitutional convention after another has accepted them. Never has there been any thought of an amendment in any of these cases. They have worked great. But at some stage of the game, all of a sudden we hear from the Republicans — and I will say that that is the case — that the system is, all of a sudden, unfair. It is not working right. Not only that; we should turn it around and make it work in the opposite direction.

Now, when these charges are made that a system which has been in effect for a long time should be replaced because it is unfair, I think we have a right to know exactly when it became unfair, what it was that changed that made it unfair. The only unfairness that has been pointed out that I know of by a delegate was that that the contestants don't start from scratch. It seems to me I don't really give a damn whether the contestants start from scratch or not. I didn't think this was a horse race. I apologize for that word "scratch" or whatever the word was I said. (laughter) I don't care whether the contestants start from scratch because this is not a horse race. It isn't correct to take the view that we should get those 2 candidates on the mark and start them going at the same time and that that is the way we should elect our judges — who can run the fastest is the best judge. For example, we do not put handicaps on them. The first thing we do — and we have done it today — is to say they must be lawyers. There is a handicap. And we had a lot of trouble with this. Some say they shouldn't be lawyers. There is an unfair advantage to lawyers. But we also said when we adopted that provision — to the extent that we did — that that is not the only qualification for being a judge, and all of us have agreed that is one qualification. Maybe there are others. Everyone thinks there are others. And maybe somebody might consider what those other qualifications are and weigh them in connection with a certain person.

Now, that is what happens when there is an appointive system. And I say perfectly frankly that our system is basically an appointive system, that it is basically that. I don't think we should kid around. That is basically what it is. Most of the judges originally get on the bench by appointment. I would have no objection if every one of them got on by appointment. I think it would be better, in fact, than to have a horse race starting from scratch. I would like to make sure that they are lawyers and that somebody has looked them over to find out if they are a little bit more than just lawyers. Now, that somebody under the present system is the governor. The governor is elected by all the people. He is not responsive just to 1 or 2 or 3 or a committee of 6; he is responsive to all the people. If somebody has to screen him, the system that we have had for 100 years, as I say, has said, let it be a man who is representative of all of the people. Let it be the man who is governor. Now, that is a system that we had in the past. And we have had the system in addition that the term for which he can select is a short term because it is a vacancy only, and therefore in the end there will be advice and consent of the people. I will recall to you that one of the delegates to the convention said he was in favor of appointment by the governor provided there was advice and consent of the people, and I suggested at that time the way to have advice and consent of the people is to have a short term appointment followed by an election. Now that is exactly what you really do have. You have it. And you have had it for 110 years.

Someone else raised the question, where were we all when the appointive systems were discussed. How come all of a sudden we are in favor of appointments, and before this, when the appointive systems came up on the floor or wherever it was, we were against it. Now, I can't speak for everybody, but I will call to your attention that I did take the floor over and over again and stated that I did favor an appointive system. I didn't say that was the only way, and I don't think it is the only way, but it is a fair system. It is fair provided there is advice and consent of the people; in other words, provided there is a short term, such as an unexpired term, and then there is advice and consent of the people. Therefore, it seems to me that the system that we have has worked for a long time, and it appears to me that if somebody says that it is now unfair, it is their duty to state when it became unfair and what it is that is unfair about it.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Marshall.

MR. MARSHALL: Well, Mr. Chairman, I had originally intended to speak on this question, but I think we have reached a point, after listening to all the lawyers, that I will now not speak on the question and wait until later. It just reminds me, though, of a statement that someone made here the other day about lawyers; that most of them start out life giving \$500 worth of advice for \$5, and they end up giving \$5 worth for \$500, and I think we have about reached that point, and maybe we can vote pretty soon.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: We may vote, Mr. Marshall, after we have heard from Messrs. Downs, McAllister, Perras and Wanger—the Chair hopes. (laughter) Mr. Downs.

MR. DOWNS: With that introduction from my good friend, Delegate Marshall, I hesitate to speak as long as I had planned to. (laughter) I think, very briefly, it has been pointed out by Delegates Ostrow, Garvin and others that our present system has worked. It has worked not only for 50 years, but back from 1850. And being one who usually is in the role of advocating change, I say that the burden is on those who advocate change, and I think the burden is 3 fold: first, to show what is wrong with the status quo; second, to show a preferable method; and third, to show there is a reasonable chance that the cure is not worse than the disease. I charge that none of those statements has been made to advocate a change from what we now have.

I think it is no accident that our Michigan judiciary, regardless of what person is in the office of governor, has been distinguished for integrity. I think nobody here has shown that any court has been superior to our Michigan

courts, not only in integrity but in the administration of justice, whether it is the juvenile court of Wayne county or the time lag of circuit court hearings; the record is one that is enviable. Therefore, I would urge us to be very cautious in making a change.

I do agree with our distinguished circuit court Judge Leibrand that the appointive system—and we have a combination of appointive and elective—does give the individual who is appointed an advantage. But more important than that is the effect on the public at large, and the public does have a chance to review what the person has done, and does have a chance to see that he hasn't too much of an advantage because running against him is not just his record but a live candidate who has been nominated in one way or another to run against that position. I think the actual result has been one that we should be proud of in our judicial system, and I do not think that those who advocate change have supported their burden of proof of showing the need for that change. I therefore urge support of the minority report amendment.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. McAllister.

MR. McALLISTER: Mr. Chairman and fellow delegates, I have heard quite a few speaking here in behalf of the minority report amendment. It seems that I have heard the majority of those same gentlemen talk against the appointment of state officials. I am not in favor of the appointing of judges by committees, but in this instance I have changed my view because the committee of the whole in the entire community where the judge is to be elected will vote on the selection of their judge. And in conclusion I read a statement from the Declaration of Principles released by the Democratic delegates on February 17, which reads as follows:

... that the people should elect those who exercise a judicial power in this state. Each judge on the supreme court should be elected by all the people of the state voting on a statewide basis.

So I say that on the viewpoint expressed by the Democratic delegates in their statement of principles, we should reject the minority report amendment.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Perras. Mr. Perras passes. Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I want to say briefly that the implications which have been raised that a purpose behind the majority report is one of a partisan nature is without foundation in fact. It has been said we have had the present system such as is advocated by the minority report amendment for filling vacancies for over 100 years, that nothing has changed, and that, therefore, there must be some partisan consideration if we want to change the system. That is incorrect. I think it is well known that the very important consideration of the incumbency label on the ballot did not appear on the political scene in Michigan until about 20 or 25 years ago.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Faxon.

MR. FAXON: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I want to get this issue straightened out, at least in my own mind, as to what this is and what this isn't. This isn't a question of an incumbency designation, nor is this the question of the election of the judges, and I think both of these issues have been raised to becloud the real thing here which is being dealt with, which is, namely, the filling of vacancies. Now, I don't know how anybody could possibly advance the idea that this position is arrived at as a result of some party considerations now. I don't know how anybody could arrive at this same position in 1908 or in 1850. And in supporting this report, I do so with the full realization that I am advocating a conservative position—a basically nineteenth century conservative position that the person who shall fill vacancies shall be the person who is elected by the people of the state.

Now, we have not as yet made the determination as to how the supreme court shall be composed, but we have had a long tradition not just in the state of Michigan but in all the states in this country. We have had a tradition that goes back to the colonial days that the governor fills the vacancies that are left. We have already acknowledged this position with regard to the filling of vacancies that may occur in the

educational boards. We have already acknowledged that the governor shall fill these vacancies. I fail to see where this represents any great departure from that tradition which we have already advocated.

I urge the delegates here once again to adhere to the conservative principles which many of them profess and to recognize and realize that this position is not a partisan position; it is one which the Republican party took a very strong position on in 1908. It is a position which has worked in Michigan for a longer period of time than anything else. It is a position which has overall served to the best interests of the state. It is not a position which is arrived at all of a sudden. It is one which we ought to look at and give very careful consideration to. I urge the support of this traditional position.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Madar.

MR. MADAR: Mr. Chairman, fellow delegates, I wasn't going to get up at all on this particular question until I heard partisan politics brought into this. (laughter) I know, I would laugh too, and you have a right to laugh. But it has been brought up and considerably, as you know.

You know, it is rather strange that one of the things that you have been talking about isn't even up there on the wall, and that is this incumbency designation. It isn't so many years ago that the Republican party—the bar association, which was predominantly Republican—and don't tell me it wasn't so because I was a member of your party for 34 long years. And you also got the newspapers to go along with you, and you sold a gullible public—

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Madar, the Chair trusts you will return to the subject in due course.

MR. MADAR: I am through with that particular portion of it, so now I will go back to this particular amendment. Frankly, I think that you younger attorneys who I have overheard speak out in the corridor have been led down the wrong path. You are now showing very little faith in the candidate whom you have for governor, and you are afraid you won't get an appointment.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, perhaps we can try to consider this thing and get all of the points wrapped up and get a vote on it. First of all, let's consider that if you believe in a philosophy of an elected judiciary, then section d is consistent with that particular philosophy. If you wish to elect judges, then let's be able to elect all of the judges. We have no control on the appointment. We have had no control over the appointments. And if the judge is to serve a particular area, then best we have a special election, as we do to fill the office of representative or state senator or any other office that becomes vacant. This, in effect, would eliminate the old cliché that a judge in this state is a lawyer who happened to know a governor, and in that, the essence of this particular proposal lies.

And I will agree that in section e we have been consistent. A majority of the committee has limited the incumbency designation to an elected incumbent justice or judge, and we submit that we have been consistent in this regard. Now, it seems that the minority is willing to request a screening when it comes to filling a vacancy, but there is no screening when we are adding additional judges. When judges retire at the end of their term and someone must be picked in their place, we hear no advocacy of screening or of going over the particular candidate to make sure that the best man is found. And I, too, do not personally favor an appointed judiciary. The essence of this particular proposal, as Mr. Everett has said, is the filling of vacancy by election. The use of retired judges on a temporary basis is basically of a secondary nature. I might state that I have the statistics, and they were obtained from the judges retirement office. Mr. Erickson was high. There are approximately 21 right now. They range in age from 70 to the considerable age of 85 or 90, but the bulk of them are in the middle 70s as are the retired judges in this particular convention.

Mr. Wanger pointed out that in 1850 and 1908, we did not have nonpartisan elections and we did not have any type of designation upon the ballot, so when they ran upon a party,

there was a particular way in which the particular candidates running to fill a vacancy could be selected. I submit to you that in essence what we are talking about right now is the probate court and the circuit court, since we have not yet determined our supreme court—and if there is any change in that, we will probably have to come back here and amend this section to make it conform, if that is needed.

I submit to you that if you believe in an elected judiciary and not one that is half elected and half appointive—and there is no appointive system which operates in this country that has the unrestricted control that we have here in Michigan where there is simply a selection by one man—then I submit that this proposal is a valid consideration, one that is good; and that if it is good to elect your judges in the beginning, then it is good that the vacancy in that particular office likewise be filled by the election of the people in the circuit or the district or the county which may be involved. Therefore, I would urge the defeat of the amendment and the acceptance of the majority report.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is upon the amendment offered by Mr. Ford and others pursuant to their minority report. Does any delegate desire to hear the amendment read again? If not, those in favor of the amendment will say aye. Those opposed will say no.

The amendment is not adopted.

DELEGATES: Division.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: A division is requested. Is the demand supported? It is supported. Those in favor of the amendment offered by Mr. Ford and others pursuant to their minority report will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and tally the vote.

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Ford on behalf of the minority, the yeas are 38; the nays are 78.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The amendment is not adopted. Are there further amendments to section d?

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Wanger offers the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 8, after "retired" by inserting "or others"; and in line 10, after "qualified" by changing the period to a semicolon and inserting "but no such appointee shall be eligible to be a candidate for election to any public office for 4 years after his incumbency."

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is on the amendment offered by Mr. Wanger to section d of Committee Proposal 96. The Chair will recognize Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, while not changing the basic intent of the committee report, in my opinion, this does fill a need which the committee report does not provide for.

The chairman of the committee has just pointed out that there are about 20 or 21 retired judges available to fill vacancies. Let us remember that this section applies to vacancies not only on the supreme court in Lansing but in any court of record in the entire state.

The seats of these courts where the temporary appointees would have to preside daily may be from Monroe county in the southern part of the state all the way to the Keweenaw peninsula. It may be possible that no retired judge will be available to sit daily in the particular district in which the vacancy occurs. Therefore, my first change would be to add the words "or others" after the word "retired" so that the sentence would read:

The supreme court is empowered to authorize persons who have served as judges and have voluntarily retired, or others, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified.

Therefore, the court could appoint and recognize a distinguished senior member of the bar to fill the vacancy in the alternative to a retired judge. The last sentence which I have added is to guarantee that such appointee will not be able to use this appointment as a stepping stone to future political activity.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is on the amendment offered by Mr. Wanger, on which the Chair will recognize Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Very briefly, I would like to ask Mr. Wanger if he honestly believes that any lawyer worth his salt would be willing to comply with the Canons of Ethics of our profession and of the judiciary, giving up entirely his practice of law to serve for a period of 6 months or perhaps a year with no hope of continuing in that office.

MR. WANGER: Absolutely. I think the answer is yes. There would be many particularly distinguished—

MR. FORD: I said any lawyer worth his salt. By that I meant somebody with a law practice that would have to make a substantial sacrifice to take the job in the first place.

MR. WANGER: Yes, I think very definitely. I think some lawyers would view it as an honor to fill such an appointment.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Bledsoe.

MR. BLEDSOE: I am opposed to the Wanger amendment because it follows in the same line of argument that Judge Leibbrand stated when the same issues came up in our committee. It appears that the lawyers want to run this thing to suit themselves. They don't seem to have any thought of what this thing means to the public, and I think we ought to think of that. I am therefore opposed to it.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is on the amendment offered by Mr. Wanger to section d of Committee Proposal 96. Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, partially for the reasons advanced by Mr. Ford, also for the fact that most of these vacancies will be of a very short duration, probably as long a vacancy as we have in the elective office of some representative or senator, I think that this present proposal would be too restrictive and go too far. I therefore would oppose the amendment offered by Mr. Wanger.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Mahinske.

MR. MAHINSKE: I think we have primarily 2 distinct thoughts here. I wonder if we could divide the question.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Mahinske requests the question be divided. It will be divided. Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: This is the first time that I have heard objection made to a proposition on the basis that it would be too restrictive and at the same time go too far. The amendment quite clearly, in my opinion, Mr. Chairman, should not be divided, because to divide it would entirely separate my intent in presenting it in the first place.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: That may be the case, Mr. Wanger, but under the rules any delegate is entitled to have the question divided if the 2 portions comprehend separate propositions, which, in the opinion of the Chair, is the case.

MR. WANGER: I agree that they may so comprehend, and I would like to ask the Chair then if we are considering adding the words "or others" only at this time?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The first question to be put will be the insertion of the words "or others" after "retired" in line 8.

MR. WANGER: I want to make the posture of this situation very clear. If you will all look at the amendment, I urge you to vote yes upon both of these, but in no event to vote yes on number 1 and then no on number 2.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is on the amendment offered by Mr. Wanger. Mr. Perras.

MR. PERRAS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask a question of Delegate Wanger.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: If the gentleman cares to answer, Mr. Perras.

MR. PERRAS: What is your reason for wanting to stop a man who has been appointed to this judgeship from running for 4 years after? What is your reasoning for that?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: My reason for that is that I think there is always a temptation when vacancies in this type of office are to be filled to fill them with an eye to the political future of

the appointee. I think this is particularly bad when it would apply to the judiciary, who should be, as far as possible, independent from such considerations. It is clear, of course, that no retired judge is going to consider himself to have a political future. It is also, however, clear that there may be cases when it is impossible to find a retired judge who is available for the vacancy. I think, therefore, that the addition of this language would make it possible for the supreme court to appoint a distinguished senior member of the bar when he would be available rather than a retired circuit judge, and that this would be all to the good, because it would make it possible to fill a vacancy until the next election, which vacancy might otherwise have to remain without being filled if the amendment was not adopted.

MR. PERRAS: Another question, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Perras.

MR. PERRAS: Then, in other words, you feel that, as you told Delegate Ford, a person taking this appointive position should do it strictly for the honor that is in it?

MR. WANGER: No, not strictly for the honor that is in it.

MR. PERRAS: What if a person was appointed who never did have any aspirations to get into politics, but after he was in it—got his feet in the trough—he liked it? (laughter)

MR. WANGER: Well, in that case, that is exactly what I am trying to prevent, you see, by adding the second line.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Hatch.

MR. HATCH: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if it would be in order to move that the committee consider the second portion of the amendment first.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: It would be in order, Mr. Hatch.

MR. HATCH: I so move.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Hatch moves that the second portion of the amendment be considered first. Those in favor of the motion made by Mr. Hatch will say aye. Those opposed will say no.

The motion prevails. The question is upon the second portion of Mr. Wanger's amendment, which the secretary will read.

SECRETARY CHASE: The amendment reads:

1. Amend page 1, line 10, after "qualified" by changing the period to a semicolon and inserting "but no such appointee shall be eligible to be a candidate for election to any public office for 4 years after his incumbency."

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is on Mr. Wanger's amendment as so put. Mr. Mahinske.

MR. MAHINSKE: I would like to direct a question to Mr. Wanger through the Chair—

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: If the gentleman cares to answer.

MR. MAHINSKE: —and ask him to define what he means by "any public office."

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: Mr. Chairman, I do not recollect the context in which I used that term, and if Mr. Mahinske would refresh my recollection, I might be able to answer him.

MR. MAHINSKE: In your amendment on the wall up there in front of you.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: "But no such appointee shall be eligible to be a candidate for election to any public office."

MR. WANGER: I think the term speaks for itself.

MR. MAHINSKE: Well, I think it may be saying a little more than you intend it to say, then.

MR. WANGER: In what respect?

MR. MAHINSKE: Do you consider "any public office" any elected position?

MR. WANGER: Yes.

MR. MAHINSKE: Would this include precinct delegate?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: I do not know legally whether it includes precinct delegate or not, but if it does include precinct delegate, that would not affect my support of my amendment in any way.

MR. MAHINSKE: Then your intent would be that this person should not for 4 years run for any office, on your own

interpretation here, from precinct delegate up to possibly—I am assuming you are talking about state offices—governor of the state.

MR. WANGER: Yes, I think that is correct.

MR. MAHINSKE: And could include congressman or U. S. senator.

MR. WANGER: Yes, indeed.

MR. MAHINSKE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN VANDUSEN: The question is on the second portion of Mr. Wanger's amendment. Those in favor will say aye. Those opposed will say no.

The amendment is not adopted.

MR. WANGER: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VANDUSEN: Mr. Wanger.

MR. WANGER: I withdraw the first half of my amendment. (laughter)

CHAIRMAN VANDUSEN: The balance of Mr. Wanger's amendment is withdrawn.

MR. MAHINSKE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman. This was offered initially as one amendment. It was divided. I don't feel that it is 2 amendments. It is the property of the committee at this time.

CHAIRMAN VANDUSEN: The Chair will consult the secretary. (laughter) The secretary advises that the withdrawal of the amendment is in order, Mr. Mahinske, and it is withdrawn. Are there further amendments to section d?

SECRETARY CHASE: None on file, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VANDUSEN: If not, it will pass.

Section d is passed. Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. Chairman, section d having passed, I would move the committee do now rise.

CHAIRMAN VANDUSEN: Mr. Danhof moves the committee do now rise. Those in favor of the motion will say aye. Those opposed will say no.

The motion prevails. The committee will rise.

[Whereupon, the committee of the whole having risen, President Nisbet resumed the Chair.]

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Van Dusen

MR. VANDUSEN: Mr. President, the committee of the whole has had under consideration one proposal, of which the secretary will give a detailed report.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. President, the committee of the whole has had under consideration **Committee Proposal 96, A** proposal pertaining to general and special provisions relative to the courts of the state; considered several amendments thereto, and has come to no final resolution thereon. This completes the report of the committee of the whole, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Kelsey.

MR. KELSEY: Mr. President, if I am in order, I would at this time like to move to reconsider amendment 3 to Committee Proposal 94.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Kelsey, may we announce one request before you make that motion? Thank you.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mrs. Hatcher had previously filed with the secretary a request to be excused from the balance of this afternoon's session.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The request will be granted. Now, Mr. Kelsey, your motion, please.

MR. KELSEY: Mr. President, I move that we reconsider amendment 3 to Committee Proposal 94 which was taken up yesterday.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Kelsey that reconsideration be given. Mr. Chase.

SECRETARY CHASE: Reconsider the vote by which amendment 3 from the committee of the whole to Committee Proposal 94 was agreed to on yesterday.

[The amendment was again read by the secretary. For text, see above, page 1452.]

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Kelsey. Mr. Marshall.

MR. KELSEY: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Kelsey.

MR. KELSEY: At this time I would like to change my name to Wanger and withdraw my motion. (laughter)

PRESIDENT NISBET: The motion is withdrawn. Mr. Marshall.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. President, I would just like to make a parliamentary inquiry. I am not too sharp on parliamentary procedure and we have gotten some rather sharp rulings the last couple of days here on 1 or 2 occasions rather arbitrarily. If an amendment is offered and someone moves that the question be divided, that does not make it 2 amendments. Then you commence to vote on the amendment. Is it permissive—and what rule governs it—to permit the withdrawal of it after you have taken a vote on one portion of it after it has been divided? Now, I could be completely and totally in error, but in my limited experience with parliamentary procedure, I don't recall any rule that permits that.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Chase, do you want to answer the question, or do you want to tell me and I will answer it? (laughter) I think it would be clearer if Mr. Chase answers the question.

SECRETARY CHASE: Frankly, Mr. Marshall, I can't say that I can put my finger on the particular authority for this. It would seem to the secretary, however, that since the amendment that was offered was in 2 separate parts and was merely presented as a composite amendment and under the rule a request was made that the amendment be divided, that by that process it became, in effect, 2 amendments. Also under our rules, the offerer of any amendment, before it is voted upon, has the right to withdraw it.

MR. MARSHALL: All right. But it had been voted upon though. That is the point. May I read rule 46?

After a motion has been stated by the president or read by the secretary, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the convention, but may be withdrawn at any time before being amended or put to a vote.

And my point that I raise—and again I am not trying to make too big an issue but I want to get this straight because it can happen again—the question was divided and a vote was taken. Therefore I think, Mr. President and Mr. Secretary, that it was illegal to permit Mr. Wanger to withdraw the other one after you had taken the vote.

SECRETARY CHASE: Well, the point of the matter is that it was not a motion to divide; it was a right to divide under the rule. That having been done, in the opinion of the secretary—

MR. MARSHALL: I won't take anymore time of the convention. I will discuss it with you. I won't invite you outside, like I did Mr. Van Dusen, to discuss it, because some people get the wrong impression when I do that. (laughter) I will talk to you in your office and see if we can't come to an understanding.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Thank you, Mr. Marshall.

Announcements.

SECRETARY CHASE: The meeting of the committee on administration which was scheduled tomorrow is canceled.

We have the following requests for leave of absence: Mr. DeVries called and asked to be excused from tomorrow's session; Father Dade requests leave from the session of Monday and Tuesday morning, March 13; Mr. Stamm asks to be excused from the tomorrow morning session; Mr. Durst requests to be excused from the session of tomorrow, Thursday; Mr. Bonisteel requests to be excused from Thursday's session to attend a meeting previously scheduled; Mr. McCauley asks to be excused from the session of Friday and Monday to attend meetings of the board of supervisors and to fulfill a speaking engagement; Mr. Yeager wishes to be excused from the session of next Monday; and Mr. Suzore wishes to be excused from the session of tomorrow.

Success is failure turned inside out
 The silver tint of the cloud of doubt.
 And you may never tell how close you are
 It may be nearer when it seems afar.
 So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit
 It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit. (applause)

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Faxon.

MR. FAXON: Mr. President, may I have consent to offer the motion which I indicated I was going to offer today but was unable to this morning? I would ask the secretary to read it.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Faxon offers the following motion: I move that following the conclusion of the proposals on the judicial branch, we move next to the report of the committee on legislative organization, and then to the executive branch, and then to the regular schedule.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, a point of order. Is Mr. Faxon's motion not out of order at this point? We had passed the order of motions and resolutions on the calendar this morning.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Van Dusen, your point is well taken. Mr. Faxon did ask yesterday for this privilege. He was not here this morning when the order of business came up. With unanimous consent Mr. Faxon can make his motion. Is there unanimous consent?

A DELEGATE: No. I object.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: On the advice of our parliamentarian, I move that we return to the order of motions and resolutions.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Ford, the Chair is informed that it will be necessary for you to move that the rules be suspended to return to the order of motions and resolutions. Is that your motion?

MR. FORD: Yes. Thank you for the correction.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The motion by Mr. Ford is that the rules be suspended and we return to the order of motions and resolutions. Those in favor of that motion will say aye. Opposed will say no.

The Chair is in doubt. Those in favor of that motion will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and tally the vote.

SECRETARY CHASE: On the motion to suspend the rules, the yeas are 62; the nays are 66.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Two-thirds of the delegates not having voted in favor, the rules are not suspended. The Chair recognizes Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, I move that the convention resolve itself into committee of the whole for the purpose of considering matters on the general orders calendar.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Van Dusen. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, no. The motion prevails. Mr. Van Dusen.

[Whereupon, Mr. Van Dusen assumed the Chair to preside as chairman of the committee of the whole.]

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The committee will be in order. When the committee rose this morning we had under consideration **Committee Proposal 96**. We had disposed of all of the sections of that proposal as presented by the committee, and had disposed of several amendments to the body of the proposal. Are there any further amendments to the body of the proposal?

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Ford, in accordance with the minority report of Messrs. Ford, Barthwell, Bledsoe and Garvin—

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: In view of the action previously taken by the committee, unless one of the cosponsors of the minority report to the committee amendment to Committee Proposal 96

objects, I would like to withdraw our minority report and motion at this time.

For the minority report to the committee amendment, see above, page 1554.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Ford withdraws his minority report amendment. Does Mr. Barthwell concur?

MR. BARTHWELL: Yes.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Bledsoe?

MR. BLEDSOE: I concur.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Mr. Garvin?

MR. GARVIN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: With the consent of his cosponsors, the amendment is withdrawn by Mr. Ford. Are there further amendments to the body of Committee Proposal 96?

SECRETARY CHASE: There are none on file, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: If not, the proposal will pass. Committee Proposal 96, as amended, is passed. The secretary will read the first exclusion report.

SECRETARY CHASE: From the committee on judicial branch, by Mr. Danhof, chairman, **Exclusion Report 2042**, A report recommending the exclusion of article VII, sections 15, 16 and 21.

Following is Exclusion Report 2042 as read by the secretary, and the reasons submitted in support thereof:

The committee on judicial branch recommends that article VII, sections 15, 16 and 21 of the present constitution be excluded from the new constitution.

Mr. Danhof, chairman of the committee on judicial branch, submits the following reasons in support of Exclusion Report 2042:

The committee has determined that the constitutional status of justices of the peace and circuit court commissioners make the inclusion of these sections no longer necessary. The reasons for the committee's determination are more fully set forth in connection with Committee Proposals 90 and 96.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The question is on the exclusion report. Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this eliminates the references to the justices of the peace, their jurisdiction, and the circuit court commissioners. In view of the action previously taken by this convention regarding those officers and the provisions made for them, this exclusion report would seem to be in order, and I urge acceptance.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Are there any amendments to the exclusion report? Mr. Downs.

MR. DOWNS: A parliamentary inquiry. Would you please read again the sections that are excluded?

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: The secretary will read.

SECRETARY CHASE: As they are printed in the exclusion report, sections 15, 16 and 21 of article VII.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Are there any amendments to the exclusion report? Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I would like to support the committee on judicial branch, and urge a yes vote. I want to point out one word of caution, however, and that is that you should bear in mind in voting for the exclusion report—and I'm going to vote for it, and hope you do, too—that you are taking the last reference to a guarantee of a local court at the township level out of the constitution, and this should be borne in mind when we reach the other sections.

CHAIRMAN VAN DUSEN: Are there any amendments to the exclusion report? Mr. Mahinske.

MR. MAHINSKE: Is this divisible?

MR. PERRAS: Are we voting now for the DeVries amendment?

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: We are simply voting now on a division here. The Chair is in doubt as to whether the previous question was ordered. All those in favor of the previous question will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and tally the total.

SECRETARY CHASE: On the vote on ordering the previous question, the yeas are 83; the nays are 37.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The previous question is ordered.

For what purpose does the gentleman rise, Mr. Ford?

MR. FORD: A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: What is the inquiry?

MR. FORD: I think this is the appropriate time to make the inquiry, because I had no feelings one way or another on that vote, but I have had them on similar votes. That is to the parliamentary propriety of a person getting up and speaking for or against a proposition, making a lengthy exposition of his views, and then finishing his speech by a motion to move the previous question. Is that sort of a tactic in order?

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair would say that the tactic is in order, although sometimes, in some circumstances, some delegates might think it wasn't very ethical. But it is in order.

The yeas and nays have been ordered. The question is upon the amendment offered by Mr. Shackleton and others, which the secretary will again read, so that everyone will understand what it is.

SECRETARY CHASE: The amendment offered by Messrs. Shackleton, DeVries, Sterrett and Seyferth:

[The amendment was again read by the secretary. For text, see above, page 1624.]

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: All those in favor of the amendment offered by Mr. Shackleton and others will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas—41

Blandford	Haskill	Richards, J. B.
Brown, G. E.	Hoxie	Richards, L. W.
Conklin, Mrs.	Kirk, S.	Sablich
Cushman, Mrs.	Knirk, B.	Seyferth
Dell	Koeze, Mrs.	Shackleton
DeVries	Leibrand	Shanahan
Doty, Donald	Leppien	Stamm
Faxon	Lundgren	Suzore
Finch	McAllister	Thomson
Goebel	Perlich	Tubbs
Gover	Perras	Turner
Gust	Plank	Wood
Habermehl	Radka	Yeager
Hannah, J. A.	Rajkovich	

Nays—85

Allen	Farnsworth	McLogan
Andrus, Miss	Figy	Millard
Anspach	Follo	Murphy
Austin	Ford	Nord
Baginski	Gadola	Norris
Balcer	Garvin	Ostrow
Barthwell	Greene	Page
Batchelor	Hanna, W. F.	Prettie
Beaman	Hart, Miss	Pugsley
Bentley	Hatch	Romney
Bledsoe	Hatcher, Mrs.	Rood
Bonisteel	Higgs	Rush
Boothby	Hodges	Shaffer
Brake	Hood	Sharpe
Brown, T. S.	Howes	Sleder
Buback	Iverson	Sptler
Butler, Mrs.	Judd, Mrs.	Stafseth

Oudlip	Karn
Danhof	King
Davis	Krolkowski
Dehnke	Kuhn
Donnelly, Miss	Lawrence
Doty, Dean	Lesinski
Douglas	Mahinske
Downs	Marshall
Durst	Martin
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	McCauley
Erickson	McGowan, Miss
Everett	

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Tweedie
Upton
Van Dusen
Walker
Wanger
Wilkowski
Woolfenden
Young

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment to strike out all of section e, the yeas are 41; the nays are 85.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The amendment is not adopted.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Ford offers the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 5, after "Sec. d.", by striking out the balance of the section and reinserting the language of article VII, section 20 of the 1908 constitution, which language reads as follows, "When a vacancy occurs in the office of judge of any court of record, it shall be filled by appointment of the governor, and the person appointed shall hold the office until a successor is elected and qualified. When elected, such successor shall hold the office the residue of the unexpired term."

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: On the amendment, the Chair recognizes Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: We have debated this matter at great length in committee of the whole. It is not a new subject to the members of this convention. It is one of the few places that I feel that there is an overriding political consideration that nobody is willing to face, and I think that we are here demonstrating—and we have demonstrated it in the action taken by the committee of the whole—what was said by a political scientist last Monday night on television in reporting on the activities of this convention, that too many of us are making our decisions and attempting to write a constitution with our own views and our own posture in the political picture of the state of Michigan at the present time guiding our actions. No one on the judicial committee wants to admit it, and no one in this convention thus far has admitted it, but I am constantly compelled to the idea that if we had not had some 80 appointments to the bench in the last 12 years made by one political party as a result of having the governor, that we wouldn't be tampering with this section of the constitution. Now, we haven't had a Democratic governor of the state for very many years, and when compared with the total history of this state, a very small part of the life of the constitution and its predecessors from which this language was originally taken has been under this party.

It's my firm belief, and I state this as an individual delegate to the convention—I speak for no one but myself, and I hope that if I'm wrong my friends that I have made here amongst the Republican party will, after searching their consciences, attempt to convince me without too much force that this action in removing the power of the governor to appoint to fill vacancies is not politically motivated. There are a lot of reasons advanced for it, and there are a lot of people who advance the theory that the substitute that we have here—by asking retired judges if they are available to serve in these vacancies, or by leaving the vacancies empty—will serve the purpose. It has even been suggested that we might call special elections. I wonder if you folks realize what you are imposing on a county the size of Wayne county when you ask to call a special election to fill a vacancy for one judge on our bench down there. I also wonder if you realize what you are doing to us with our terribly overcrowded court docket when you ask us to wait as much as 2 years with a vacancy or perhaps more than one vacancy on that bench. There have been 11 judicial vacancies, I am informed, just in the short time that the present governor has occupied that seat. And I wonder if you honestly believe that at that rate of replacement we have a supply of people to fill these vacancies in the manner that the committee has proposed.

I don't suppose that anyone's vote is going to be changed by this approach to this matter, but I feel that I have exercised about as much restraint as I could in this regard in the committee and on this floor. As far as I'm concerned, this change in the constitution is motivated by pure politics and by pure reaction to a condition that has existed for a number of years as a result of the vote of the people of the state of Michigan, and I can't view it in any other light.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair recognizes Mr. Nord.

MR. NORD: Mr. President, I support the statement just made by Mr. Ford, and I support the amendment offered. The question was raised by Mr. Ford whether this is in fact a political question. We naturally are reluctant to admit in any case that we are motivated by political ideas rather than considering the best interests of the state.

I suggest that this is a political question and has been handled as a political question, and in proof of that assertion I will state to you that there can't be any question about it, because 2 Detroit newspapers have said so. This is rather miraculous. One of them blasted the Democrats for being political about this, and the other one blasted the Republicans for being political about it. Therefore, I'm quite certain that everyone around here is being political on this subject. I don't believe both papers could be right as to which party is wrong, but it is a political question, I'm quite certain of that.

We had the horse race theory before us a few minutes ago, and we were able to consider that and turn it down. Now we have the out in pasture theory of judges — judges who are out to pasture should be brought back into useful activities in society. It seems to me that's a rather backward approach to the problem. The problem isn't what to do with retired judges. The problem is how to get good judges in office.

One further statement to show why I state on the floor that this is a political question. I have stated to many people around the state—and I state to the delegates here—that there is a certain tendency among Republicans, and I want you to know that I think so, to cure problems after the disease has run its course. After you have seen something you don't like, and the situation possibly is about to reverse, you still, as they say, fight the last war. But, what's worse than that, you have a system here which has been in effect for 100 years. We have heard no complaints during that 100 year period from either Democrats or Republicans that the system was a bad system. It wasn't a bad system so long as nearly every judge in the state was a Republican judge. That is what seems to be the consensus. Neither side was opposed to it. But when the Democrats began to get into the act, and a certain number of judges became Democrats, the Republicans became horrified at the thought: how can a system be any good if Democrats can participate in it? That seems to be the thought. Therefore, you are changing the rules.

Now, I don't say that the rule you are changing to is a horrible system. I simply call to your attention that this is one of a number of changes you are making just for the same reason. You have a system that goes for 100 years or 150 years, whatever branch of government it is. You never make any complaints. Neither does the other party. But as soon as the system begins to work equitably, so that there is a chance for the public to kick one party out and put the other one in, and keep on doing that, then you begin to think some other system—any other system in fact—must be better.

You have to face up to the fact that you're going to be charged with that when you make changes of that type—changes which are the result only of the fact that the Democrats are participating in the act. I therefore charge that this change is not warranted, it is not necessary, and that it is politically motivated, and we should support the amendment.

MR. WANGER: Point of order.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: What is the point, Mr. Wanger?

MR. WANGER: The point of order is that the 2 previous speakers upon occasion in their remarks have reflected upon

the motives of other delegates in the convention. Now, they may talk about matters being political issues, but when they speak of the motivations of other delegates they attack those delegates in their representative capacity.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Well, the Chair has not heard any delegate referred to, Mr. Wanger. The Chair next recognizes Mr. Gust.

MR. GUST: I just want to make 2 or 3 very short points. One, I would like to say—and I think this has been pointed out in previous debate—that there is a great deal of feeling among the delegates here, and I think among some delegates of the minority party, that perhaps the appointive discretion which now lies in the governor has been abused at some times in the recent past. Two, and probably more important, it makes in effect an appointive judicial system out of what we intended to be an elective judicial system. And 3, for the record, so there won't be any misunderstanding, I confess, Mr. Ford, that I am motivated about 95 per cent politically in my opinions here.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair recognizes Mr. Walker.

MR. WALKER: I, too, must agree with Mr. Gust. It is a rare occasion, I'm afraid. But in view of Mr. Ford's and Mr. Wanger's statements that none of the delegates will admit political motivation, I must say in this connection and in the last record roll call vote that I was partially motivated in changing my yes vote to a no vote by looking up on the board and seeing what my esteemed senatorial delegate had done. He voted no right along with me, and I had to change to agree with him. And I believe, whether you would want to call this politics or not, brother George is right sometimes.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair recognizes Mr. Tubbs.

MR. TUBBS: Mr. President, Mr. Ford didn't have to ask me to be in his corner on this one. He knew that I am the only member of the judicial committee who has been for the appointive system from the beginning, and I'm still sticking to it.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Farnsworth.

MR. FARNSWORTH: Mr. President, members of the convention, I only want to clear up a couple of impressions that might have been left by Delegate Ford when he said, "Are you going to leave Wayne county with vacancies for a couple of years or so?" No one here, Mr. Ford, would leave you with a vacancy. Section d, which you are trying to replace, very definitely states that the appointment will be made immediately from a retired judge to fill that vacancy. The second impression which your talk might have left was when you said, "Are you going to require us to have special elections?" It clearly states in section d that it can be a general or special election. I just wanted to clear up those impressions.

Now, section d is part of a package that this convention has formulated to insure for all time henceforth our judges will be elected, and as just part of that package, we should not under any consideration delete it. I urge you to vote no on the Ford amendment.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Marshall.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. President and fellow delegates, I rise to speak on behalf of the Ford amendment, and to speak against the majority report. At the outset, it seems to me, unless I have read the majority proposal incorrectly, that there seems to be a conflict between section a of Committee Proposal 96 and section d of Committee Proposal 96. Section a provides that a judge shall not be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years. In Wayne county we only have at the present time, unless I am incorrect—and I don't believe that I am—2 retired judges, both past 80 years of age.

I think we should examine also just when did this particular problem that we are discussing here today arise? Now, for 100 years or more the present system has been in effect and has been working. All of us know that there has been no great hue and cry for any change in this system until recent years. Unfortunately, I feel that we are living here or debating this

topic with the ghost of G. Mennen Williams because he was popular enough to be elected governor of this state for 12 years, and as such made more judicial appointments than any other governor in the history of the state of Michigan. I would also caution you and advise that it's too late—too late—to run against G. Mennen Williams now by enacting this proposal.

I would have to agree partially with what my good friend Rocky Gust had to say about being politically motivated. I would also have to concede to you that some of my remarks are politically motivated, and I think they are pertinent and to the point. To adopt a system where you are going to call back a retired judge who has completed his career and his service to his state and to the people of the state and to place this additional burden upon him in my considered and humble opinion is sheer nonsense. And I'm sure that any industrialist will agree, who has been charged with the responsibility of running a manufacturing plant, that he would not want to call back a retired worker who had reached the age of 70, 74 or 75 and whose reflexes were not as good as they were when he was of a younger age and place him on a piece of highly technical automated equipment, where one slip or one lapse of memory could cost him literally thousands of dollars. And I agree with that. I think that when a worker has reached retirement age he has served his employer and is entitled to retirement. I believe the same is likewise true of a judge. And it seems to me that one of the big problems that you have—those of you in the majority who are living with this ghost that has been referred to in this convention—is that you are afflicted with "judgitis." And "judgitis" is that you happened to have had a governor of the opposite party for 12 years who made more appointments to the judicial spots. Now, I ask the question before I close: what is wrong in having a judge appointed to the bench, having him serve in the full glare of the public eye, where all of his judicial decisions are open to public review, and then have the people make the choice of whether they want him to continue to serve as a judge? Let them give the consent and advice.

We have a situation in Wayne county, for example, where under the proposal that you are adopting, where every Tom, Dick and Harry could run for supreme court justice—and I agree it would be hard to get the required number of signatures on a petition, but it could be done—and you could conceivably elect name candidates. Now, the situation that happens in Wayne county would not be as apt to happen on the state level, but it could in some of the lower courts. But we have a bartender who makes a practice or hobby out of running name candidates, and many of the times they are successful.

As I stated in the beginning, this is your decision to make—those of you in the majority. I would hope, however, that you bear in mind that when a judge retires, it means just that. He deserves his years of retirement. He deserves to live out the rest of his life in retirement and enjoy it. And no judge is going to refuse to come back and serve if he is asked to do so, even though his better judgment might tell him not to.

In closing, this will have to rest with you and your conscience. But do not let your affliction with the ghost of a former governor and your affliction with "judgitis" cloud your thinking in this issue. As I say, it rests with your conscience. And remember that no ear can hear or tongue can tell the tortures of that inward hell.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mrs. Judd.

MRS. JUDD: Mr. President, members of the convention, it seems to me that on this subject of selection of judges we kind of find a reverse English. As Mr. Gust pointed out, the 1908 constitution provides in name an elective system, but in fact an appointive system, the way it has worked out.

I favored every proposal that came up for an appointive system—the ABA plan, and the federal plan, and all the various modifications thereof—all of them being efforts to keep the appointive system, but to improve it and strengthen it. Now the tables seem to be turned. Those who opposed all of the various appointive plans up to this one are now very heatedly for appointment. And I and many of my fellow Republicans who were for appointment are now trying to be

consistent with what we look upon as a bipartisan compromise and make the system truly elective. Now, I for one am going to try to stick by this compromise, and vote against this amendment.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Binkowski.

MR. BINKOWSKI: Mr. President and ladies and gentlemen of the convention, so that I shall not be accused of indulging in personalities, in the first instance all I'm going to do is read an editorial from the Detroit News which was printed March 9, 1962. It's entitled Judgeship Stupidity:

Republicans who voted to strike from any new constitution the governor's authority to fill judicial vacancies displayed a keener interest in petty politics than in the quality of Michigan justice. We hail the one Republican delegate, Robert S. Tubbs, who had the courage to oppose such blindness.

The Republican plan is to let the supreme court appoint a temporary judge who could not run to succeed himself in the election. It is clearly another involvement of the high court in politics. Voters, without any previous measure of the candidates, would have to choose judges from herds of job hungry nominees.

The record shows that in the absence of any qualified screening system for judicial candidates, those launched in careers on the bench by governors' appointments measure up well. Political primaries often are won by popular names rather than merit. A governor must base a judicial appointment on merit or hear from the voters.

The system which permits governors, in the absence of a true merit plan, to appoint judges applies equally to Republican and Democratic governors. The citizenry now will be saying that Republicans feel inadequate to winning at the polls the right to name judges so they want to destroy the system.

One way for the Republicans to overcome that feeling of inferiority would be to accomplish something for Michigan, like a judicial system based on merit appointment, and then lick the opposition on their record.

The point which has not been made, and the point that I would like to make about this present provision, is that regardless of the intention of the delegates, the result is that this present provision, if enacted and if adopted by the people in the new constitution, would result in discrimination against the minority groups, particularly those in Wayne county. It's unfortunate that many of you here are not familiar with the situation, particularly as it exists in Wayne county. And regardless of whether we talk about democracy and we talk about the elimination of prejudice and bigotry, we know that it exists. In spite of the fact, for example, that the negroes have had qualified attorneys for the last 50 years, there has been no negro elected in the first instance to the circuit court in Wayne county. I submit that if the governor is not given the right to appoint, with the subsequent designation on the ballot, that this situation will continue to occur in Wayne county.

Now, this situation as it pertains to negroes pertains not only to them. It pertains to other minority groups, such as the Poles, the Lebanese and the Greeks. This system of appointment by the governor has been a method which has given the governor the opportunity to appoint qualified individuals in particular minority groups who have been unsuccessful in attempting to serve the people on the bench. And I submit to you, again, that regardless of the intention, the result will be the same. This will result in discrimination against minority groups.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Higgs.

MR. HIGGS: Mr. President and delegates, while I do not take the credit for this particular proposal, I do feel I have some responsibility in this connection, inasmuch as Delegate Stan Everett and myself introduced a delegate proposal along this particular line.

I am deeply disturbed by many of the things that have been said here, many of the clichés that have been thrown out of a political nature. I believe that the overriding political con-

sideration that one delegate charged no one was willing to face, either in the committee or on the floor, and failed to face himself, is a consideration we did face. And that is the simple fact that where appointments to the judiciary are available to a governor or a president, as the case may be, or any other political incumbent, the tendency is to make the appointments entirely from persons of his own political party, and load the bench, so to speak, with partisans of his own political faith. Now, this isn't a ghost from the past. This is experience from the present. And if this were of a selfish political motivation today, I think I would be on the other side of the fence. I think that there is certainly a good possibility that the tables will be turned in Michigan.

But this was not our motivation. We have nothing to gain, either the committee or this convention, politically, by adopting the committee proposal and defeating this present amendment. We have nothing to gain because we will truly let the people make the decision as to the incumbent. No one who has spoke charging politics or political motivation has faced that issue, but I think the committee did; and I urge you to support the original committee proposal.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair recognizes Mr. Iverson.

MR. IVERSON: I move the previous question, Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Iverson moves the previous question. Is the demand supported? The demand is supported. Mr. Faxon.

MR. FAXON: I would like to move to limit debate to 15 minutes, so that those people who have not yet had a chance to speak may have a chance to do so.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is upon the motion made by Mr. Faxon that debate upon this amendment be limited to 15 minutes. All those in favor of limiting debate will say aye. Opposed will say no.

The motion does not prevail. The question reverts to the motion by Mr. Iverson for the previous question. The demand has been supported. The question now is: shall the main question be put? All those in favor will say aye. Opposed will say no.

The previous question is ordered. All those in favor of the—Mr. Ford, for what purpose does the gentleman rise?

MR. FORD: Mr. President, I request a roll call vote.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Ford demands the yeas and nays upon his amendment. Is the demand supported? The demand is supported, and the yeas and nays are ordered. For what purpose does the lady rise, Mrs. Hatcher?

MRS. HATCHER: Mr. President, I would like to have the secretary read the amendment again.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The secretary will read the amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Ford has offered the following amendment:

[The amendment was again read by the secretary. For text, see above, page 1626.]

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is upon the amendment offered by Mr. Ford, upon which the yeas and nays have been ordered. And the previous question has been ordered. For what purpose does the gentleman rise, Mr. Marshall?

MR. MARSHALL: I thought Mr. Ford demanded the yeas and nays on ordering the previous question.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: No, he ordered them on his amendment. All those in favor of the amendment offered by Mr. Ford will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas — 39

Austin	Faxon	McGowan, Miss
Baginski	Follo	Murphy

Balcer	Ford	Nord
Barthwell	Garvin	Ostrow
Binkowski	Greene	Perlich
Bledsoe	Hart, Miss	Sablich
Brown, T. S.	Hatcher, Mrs.	Snyder
Buback	Hodges	Stopezynski
Cushman, Mrs.	Hood	Suzore
Dade	Krolikowski	Tubbs
Douglas	Lesinski	Walker
Downs	Marshall	Wilkowski
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	McCauley	Young

Nays — 86

Allen	Goebel	Powell
Andrus, Miss	Gover	Prettie
Anspach	Gust	Pugsley
Batchelor	Habermehl	Radka
Beaman	Hanna, W. F.	Rajkovich
Bentley	Hannah, J. A.	Richards, J. B.
Blandford	Haskill	Richards, L. W.
Bonisteel	Hatch	Romney
Boothby	Higgs	Rood
Brake	Howes	Rush
Brown, G. E.	Hoxie	Seyferth
Butler, Mrs.	Iverson	Shackleton
Conklin, Mrs.	Judd, Mrs.	Shaffer
Cudlip	Karn	Shanahan
Danhof	King	Sharpe
Davis	Kirk, S.	Sleder
Dehnke	Koeze, Mrs.	Spitler
Dell	Kuhn	Stafseth
DeVries	Lawrence	Staiger
Donnelly, Miss	Leibbrand	Stamm
Doty, Dean	Leppien	Stevens
Doty, Donald	Lundgren	Turner
Durst	Martin	Upton
Erickson	McAllister	Van Dusen
Everett	McLogan	Wanger
Farnsworth	Millard	Wood
Figy	Page	Woolfenden
Finch	Perras	Yeager
Gadola	Plank	

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Ford, the yeas are 39; the nays are 86.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The amendment is not adopted.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Ford offers the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 13, after "each" by striking out "elected"; so that section e will read:

There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each incumbent justice or judge, who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office, the designation of that office.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is upon the amendment offered by Mr. Ford. The Chair recognizes the delegate from Wayne, Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Mr. President and members of the convention, at first glance it might appear that this amendment has no effect, in view of the fact that we had the vote that just took place. However, we don't know yet when the constitution will become effective, if ever. And in the event that this constitution is approved by the people, there will undoubtedly be at that time a number of judges—perhaps only one—who reached the bench by appointment.

As was stated here the other day, when you ask a man to take the bench in a court of record in this state, you ask him to lay aside all of his connection with the practice of law. And you do this whether you appoint him or whether you elect him. The difference is that when you appoint him you never appoint him for more than 2 years. He has to run for election sometime within the ensuing 2 years. So he must make a choice of whether or not to accept this appointment in the first instance on the basis of what he thinks his chances of being elected are. And if he doesn't feel pretty strongly that he has an opportunity to win the election to the office after being appointed, he certainly, if he is a lawyer of the caliber that we would like to see on our bench, he is not going to give up his

words, it is my understanding that every one of the provisions are implemented by statute, and I don't see how the statutes would be affected at all in the event that this convention recommended the deletion of the office of circuit court commissioner. It seems to me the legislature would have to do something very positive about it, in a very positive way. I think that this point is rather important on this question.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is upon the amendment offered by Mr. Mahinske, on which the yeas and nays have been demanded. All those in favor of the amendment will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas — 28

Baginski	Garvin	McAllister
Balcer	Greene	McCauley
Binkowski	Hatcher, Mrs.	Murphy
Boothby	Hodges	Ostrow
Buback	Hood	Pellow
Dade	Krolkowski	Perlich
Doty, Donald	Kuhn	Snyder
Erickson	Mahinske	Walker
Follo	Marshall	Wilkowski
Ford		

Nays — 89

Andrus, Miss	Finch	Pugsley
Anspach	Gadola	Radka
Austin	Goebel	Rajkovich
Batchelor	Gover	Richards, J. B.
Beaman	Hart, Miss	Richards, L. W.
Bentley	Haskill	Romney
Blandford	Hatch	Rood
Bledsoe	Higgs	Rush
Bonisteel	Howes	Sablich
Brake	Hoxie	Seyferth
Brown, G. E.	Iverson	Shackleton
Butler, Mrs.	Judd, Mrs.	Shaffer
Conklin, Mrs.	Karn	Sleder
Cudlip	King	Spitler
Cushman, Mrs.	Kirk, S.	Stafseth
Danhof	Knirk, B.	Staiger
Davis	Koeze, Mrs.	Stamm
Dehnke	Lawrence	Stevens
Dell	Leibbrand	Stopczynski
DeVries	Leppien	Suzore
Donnelly, Miss	Lesinski	Thomson
Doty, Dean	Martin	Tubbs
Downs	McGowan, Miss	Turner
Durst	Millard	Upton
Elliott, A. G.	Nord	Van Dusen
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	Page	Wood
Everett	Perras	Woolfenden
Farnsworth	Plank	Yeager
Faxon	Powell	Young
Figy	Prettie	

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Mahinske, the yeas are 28; the nays are 89.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The amendment is not adopted.

SECRETARY CHASE: That is the last amendment on the desk, Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: **Committee Proposal 96**, as amended, is referred to the committee on style and drafting.

Following is Committee Proposal 96 as amended and referred to the committee on style and drafting:

The committee recommends that the following be included in the constitution:

Sec. a. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and other courts designated as such by the legislature shall be courts of record and shall each have a common seal. Except as authorized otherwise by this constitution, justices and judges of the courts of record of this state shall be lawyers licensed to

practice law in this state and no person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years. No judge or justice of any court in this state shall be paid from the fees of his office nor shall the amount of his salary be measured by the fees or other moneys received nor by the amount of judicial activity.

Sec. b. Whenever a judge shall remove his domicile beyond the limits of the territory from which he was elected, he shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

Sec. c. A justice and a judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for, or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service as a judge and for 1 year thereafter.

Sec. d. When a vacancy occurs in the office of an elected judge of any court of record, it shall be filled at a general or special election according to law. The supreme court is empowered to authorize persons who have served as judges and have voluntarily retired, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. e. There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each elected incumbent justice or judge, who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office, the designation of that office.

Sec. f. Any judge of probate serving at the time this constitution becomes effective may serve the remainder of the term and be eligible for reelection to his present office regardless of other provisions in this constitution requiring him to be licensed to practice law in this state.

Sec. g. Salaries of justices of the supreme court, of the judges of the court of appeals, of the circuit judges within the county or circuit, and of the probate judges within a county or district, shall be uniform, and may be increased but shall not be decreased, during a term of office except and only to the extent of a general salary reduction in all other branches of government.

Each of the judges of the circuit courts shall receive an annual salary as provided by law. In addition to the salary paid from the state treasury, each circuit judge may receive from any county in which he regularly holds court such additional salary as may be determined from time to time by the board of supervisors of the county. In any county where such additional salary is granted, it shall be paid at the same rate to all circuit judges regularly holding court therein.

Sec. h. For reasonable cause, which shall not be sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution of 2/3 of the members elected to each house of the legislature; and the cause for which such removal is required shall be stated at length in such resolution.

Sec. i. The office of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace shall continue to have, for a period of not to exceed 5 years from the date this constitution becomes effective, all their respective powers and jurisdiction until the time within this period that they are abolished or their jurisdiction and powers are transferred to, or invested in, other courts that shall be established in accordance with this constitution.

Special statutory courts in existence as of the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until and unless they are abolished by law.

Sec. j. The provisions of this constitution requiring the establishment of staggered terms of offices in existence, shall be implemented at the next election for such offices by legislation providing for elections for terms of varying length, none of which shall be shorter than the basic term provided herein for the office.

Sec. k. Each branch of the legislature as well as the governor shall have the authority to request the opinion of the supreme court upon important questions of law upon solemn occasions, in connection with legislation after it shall have been enacted into law but before its effective

date. Such opinions shall relate only to questions of constitutionality.

Sec. l. Any elected judge of a circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is then the incumbent, by filing a declaration of intention at such time and in such office as shall be provided by law.

Sec. m. Within 5 years from the date this constitution becomes effective, and subject to the limitations contained in Committee Proposal 90 and section a of Committee Proposal 96, the legislature shall establish statutory courts of limited jurisdiction inferior to the circuit court with a definition of their powers and jurisdiction, the location and number of such courts, the qualifications of the judges who shall preside therein, the method of their election and tenure of office and the amount of their salary and by what governmental units the same shall be paid.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. President, the committee of the whole has also had under consideration **Exclusion Report 2042**, A report recommending the exclusion of article VII, sections 15, 16 and 21. It reports this back to the convention without amendment and with the recommendation that it be adopted.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is upon adopting the exclusion report. All those in favor will say aye. Opposed will say no.

Exclusion Report 2042 is adopted and referred to the committee on style and drafting.

For Exclusion Report 2042 as referred to the committee on style and drafting, see above, page 1621.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. President, the committee of the whole has also had under consideration **Exclusion Report 2043**, A report recommending the exclusion of article VII, sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20 and 23. It reports this back to the convention without amendment, and with the recommendation that it be adopted.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is upon adopting the exclusion report. All those in favor will say aye. Opposed will say no.

Exclusion Report 2043 is adopted and is referred to the committee on style and drafting.

For Exclusion Report 2043 as referred to the committee on style and drafting, see above, page 1622.

SECRETARY CHASE: This completes the report of the committee of the whole, Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. King.

MR. KING: Mr. President, it seems to me there's one thing that we still have left to handle under the judicial section. Now that Delegates Farnsworth and Hubbs have been duly installed as honorary barristers, I should like to nominate that long suffering Delegate Barthwell to this same rank of honorary barrister. I should also like to move at this time that we bestow upon the 20 lawyers who served on the judicial committee — and I had a hard time finding a suitable rank, but I looked through an old Naval Journal, and the ancient and distinguished naval rank of pharmacist's mate second class seems appropriate. (laughter)

MR. NORD: Point of order, Mr. President. Are motions in order at this time, Mr. President?

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Motions as such are not in order, Mr. Nord.

MR. NORD: Then I gather that Mr. King's motion is not in order, am I correct?

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair didn't accept it as a motion. The Chair took it as a rhetorical motion. Mrs. Butler.

MRS. BUTLER: I rise to a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: What is the point?

MRS. BUTLER: I would like to speak on the disrespect for our retired judges shown this afternoon.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The lady may proceed, without objection.

MRS. BUTLER: I feel, with the political overtones this afternoon, that I really should start out by saying that I demand equal time. But I am appalled at the disrespect for our retired judges. We have here in the convention a number of brilliant retired judges, and I don't like to hear them spoken of as out to pasture, and other terms. For the people who so glibly talk about jealousy because of the 6 terms of Governor Williams and the insulting jackpot of the latest political maneuver of another Democratic governor, I would say that we are jealous, that's all right. But as far as the political overtones in wanting retired judges to serve, I would like to ask, what would you do with Eleanor Roosevelt? (laughter)

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair recognizes the lady from Wayne, Miss McGowan.

MISS MCGOWAN: Mr. President, I rise to ask permission to speak.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Miss McGowan asks unanimous consent to make a statement. Is there objection? The Chair hears no objection. You may proceed.

MISS MCGOWAN: Mr. President and fellow delegates, my statement deals with a fellow delegate — a fellow lawyer — whose party affiliation differs from my party affiliation. To use a trite expression, life has been good to me, and it has been my privilege, as I am sure it has been your privilege, to meet persons of integrity, impartiality, professional competence, humility and Christian charity. Of the persons I have had the honor of knowing who fall in this category, it is my opinion that Mr. Robert Danhof, the chairman of the committee on judicial branch of this constitutional convention, takes his place high among these top echelon individuals. I feel that I would be remiss if I did not reflect upon the truth at this time.

You entrusted Mr. Danhof with a high honor and privilege — the chairmanship of the committee on judicial branch. I feel sure he can give an excellent accounting of his stewardship. He brought to the committee on judicial branch superior legal knowledge, professional competence and skill; yet, he exhibited complete understanding for each member of the committee and for every person who appeared before the committee. He exerted an incalculable influence for good. He not only has a great intellect, but a great heart. Mr. Danhof, a member of the majority party serving as chairman of the committee on judicial branch, was completely unbiased, and sought to and did utilize the abilities and talents of each member of his committee with the thought in mind of the greatest good for the greatest number, and that thought alone. He conducted the committee meetings and deliberations so as to encourage each member of the committee to search for judicial truth and judicial truth alone in order that we could recommend to the convention a judicial system which we felt could adequately and efficiently serve and protect all of the people of the state of Michigan. Searching for judicial truth with 20 lawyers and one nonlawyer at times became laborious; yet Mr. Danhof never lost his sense of humor or balance or love for his brother.

As you know, Mr. Danhof is a young man. I was tremendously encouraged, inspired, and impressed by the marked respect he showed for all of the members of his committee and especially the respect he showed to the members of the committee who had lived longer than he and achieved greater experience. It is heart warming to reflect upon the respect he showed to and for the retired circuit judges who are members of the committee — Judge Mosier, Judge Pugsley and Judge Leibbrand.

I could go on acclaiming his excellence. In closing I would just like to say to you, thank you for giving us Mr. Danhof as chairman of the committee on judicial branch. He served well. We would wish for Mr. Danhof fair winds and smooth sailing. We would pray that almighty God would love him and grant him an even greater increase of the virtues of wisdom, justice, prudence and understanding. Thank you. (applause)

ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH DAY

Friday, April 6, 1962, 9 o'clock a.m.

PROCEEDINGS

PRESIDENT NISBET: The convention will please come to order.

Our invocation this morning is to be given by one of our own delegates, Mr. Julius Sleder.

MR. SLEDER: Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee this day for the opportunity Thou hast given us of being able to serve as a delegate to this constitutional convention. We thank Thee for the opportunity Thou hast brought before us; the opportunity of knowing and associating with dedicated men and women, dedicated to a better life, a better state and a better government for all. We ask Thy guidance to fully explore these opportunities. We ask Thy guidance to develop these opportunities. We ask Thy guidance for the fulfillment of these opportunities. We also ask Thee to guide and direct each of us, and we pray that we may be more considerate and more tolerant of each other as we proceed to debate the issues, that our end result will be acceptable, not only to the people of Michigan, but also in the sight of Thee. Amen.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The roll call will be taken by the secretary. Those present, please vote aye. Have you all recorded your attendance? If so, the secretary will lock the machine.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. President, a quorum of the convention is present.

Prior to today's session, the secretary received the following requests for leave: Mr. J. A. Hannah, temporarily from this morning's session; Messrs. T. S. Brown and Krolkowski, from today's session; and Mr. Baginski, indefinitely, because of illness.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Without objection, the requests are granted.

SECRETARY CHASE: Absent with leave: Messrs. Baginski, Barthwell, T. S. Brown, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Conklin, Messrs. DeVries, J. A. Hannah, Heideman, Krolkowski, Millard, Mosier, Norris, Ostrow, Rajkovich, L. W. Richards, Sablich, Stamm, Stevens and Tweedie.

Absent without leave: Messrs. G. E. Brown and Wilkowski.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Without objection, the delegates are excused.

[During the proceedings, the following delegates entered the chamber and took their seats: Mr. Wilkowski, Mrs. Conklin, Mr. G. E. Brown and Mr. J. A. Hannah.]

Reports of standing committees.

SECRETARY CHASE: The committee on style and drafting, by Mr. Cudlip, chairman, submits Report 52 of that committee, reporting back to the convention **Committee Proposal 90**, A proposal pertaining to the judicial branch;

with the recommendation that the style and form be approved.

William B. Cudlip, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 90 as reported by the committee on style and drafting, see below under date of April 23.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Referred to the order of second reading of proposals.

SECRETARY CHASE: The committee on style and drafting, by Mr. Cudlip, chairman, submits Report 53 of that committee, reporting back to the convention **Committee Proposal 91**, A proposal pertaining to the supreme court;

with the recommendation that the style and form be approved.

William B. Cudlip, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 91 as reported by the committee on style and drafting, see below under date of April 24.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Referred to the order of second reading of proposals.

SECRETARY CHASE: The committee on style and drafting, by Mr. Cudlip, chairman, submits Report 54 of that committee, reporting back to the convention **Committee Proposal 92**, A proposal pertaining to a court of appeals;

with the recommendation that the style and form be approved.

William B. Cudlip, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 92 as reported by the committee on style and drafting, see below under date of April 23.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Referred to the order of second reading of proposals.

SECRETARY CHASE: The committee on style and drafting, by Mr. Cudlip, chairman, submits Report 55 of that committee, reporting back to the convention **Committee Proposal 93**, A proposal pertaining to the circuit court;

with the recommendation that the style and form be approved.

William B. Cudlip, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 93 as reported by the committee on style and drafting, see below under date of April 23.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Referred to the order of second reading of proposals.

SECRETARY CHASE: The committee on style and drafting, by Mr. Cudlip, chairman, submits Report 56 of that committee, reporting back to the convention **Committee Proposal 94**, A proposal pertaining to the probate court;

with the recommendation that the style and form be approved.

William B. Cudlip, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 94 as reported by the committee on style and drafting, see below under date of April 23.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Referred to the order of second reading of proposals.

SECRETARY CHASE: The committee on style and drafting, by Mr. Cudlip, chairman, submits Report 57 of that committee, reporting back to the convention **Committee Proposal 95**, A proposal pertaining to appeals from administrative tribunals;

with the recommendation that the style and form be approved.

William B. Cudlip, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 95 as reported by the committee on style and drafting, see below under date of April 23.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Referred to the order of second reading of proposals.

SECRETARY CHASE: The committee on style and drafting, by Mr. Cudlip, chairman, submits Report 58 of that committee, reporting back to the convention **Committee Proposal 96**, A proposal pertaining to general and special provisions relative to the courts of the state;

with the recommendation that the style and form be approved.

William B. Cudlip, chairman.

For Committee Proposal 96 as reported by the committee on style and drafting, see below under date of April 23.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Referred to the order of second reading of proposals.

Communications.

SECRETARY CHASE: None.

broad tax base? The tax base not keeping up with the increase in the school population?

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Brake.

MR. BRAKE: In recent years, the primary school money has been distributed simply as a part of the general school aid, in effect, while it is paid to the districts on a school census basis. It is a deductible item when you compute your state aid. And therefore, for all practical purposes, it is simply a part of state aid as distributed.

MR. FORD: Thank you, Mr. Brake.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Those in favor of the Mahinske amendment will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas—51

Andrus, Miss	Follo	Perlich
Anspach	Ford	Perras
Austin	Garvin	Pollock
Balcer	Hart, Miss	Pugsley
Barthwell	Heideman	Rajkovich
Binkowski	Higgs	Richards, L. W.
Bledsoe	Hodges	Rush
Bonisteel	Hoxie	Sablich
Bradley	Kelsey	Snyder
Brown, T. S.	Kuhn	Spitler
Buback	Lesinski	Sterrett
Butler, Mrs.	Liberato	Stopczynski
Cushman, Mrs.	Madar	Wilkowski
Donnelly, Miss	Mahinske	Wood
Downs	Marshall	Woolfenden
Erickson	McAllister	Young
Faxon	Ostrow	Youngblood

Nays—71

Allen	Gover	Powell
Baginski	Habermehl	Prettie
Batchelor	Hanna, W. F.	Radka
Beaman	Haskill	Richards, J. B.
Bentley	Hatch	Romney
Blandford	Howes	Rood
Brake	Hubbs	Seyferth
Brown, G. E.	Iverson	Shackleton
Conklin, Mrs.	Judd, Mrs.	Shaffer
Cudlip	Karn	Shanahan
Danhof	Kirk, S.	Sharpe
Dehnke	Knirk, B.	Sleder
Dell	Koeze, Mrs.	Stafseth
DeVries	Lawrence	Staiger
Doty, Dean	Leibrand	Stamm
Doty, Donald	Leppien	Stevens
Durst	Martin	Thomson
Elliott, A. G.	McCauley	Turner
Everett	McLogan	Tweedie
Farnsworth	Millard	Upton
Figy	Mosier	Van Dusen
Finch	Nisbet	Wanger
Gadola	Page	White
Goebel	Plank	

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Mahinske and others, the yeas are 51; the nays are 71.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The amendment is not adopted. The question now is on the adoption of Committee Proposal 52 as amended. Will you please clear the board. Mr. Stevens.

MR. STEVENS: Mr. President and delegates, to come back to this situation so ably explained by Dr. Hannah on Thursday, it is very important that the state have this money for the school aid fund. If this does not pass, there is no question but what the legislature will be requested by many local communities to try to get this tax base back to them for local use, and it will certainly help to destroy the whole concept of equalization in education in Michigan whereby small communities out in the state and otherwise are able to share the state money on a basis of school membership.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Time is up. The question is on the proposal. Those in favor will vote aye. Those opposed will

vote nay. This is on Committee Proposal 52, passage of Committee Proposal 52 as amended. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas—86

Allen	Howes	Prettie
Andrus, Miss	Hoxie	Pugsley
Anspach	Hubbs	Radka
Bentley	Iverson	Rajkovich
Binkowski	Judd, Mrs.	Richards, J. B.
Blandford	Karn	Richards, L. W.
Bledsoe	Kelsey	Rood
Bonisteel	Koeze, Mrs.	Rush
Boothby	Kuhn	Sablich
Bradley	Lawrence	Shackleton
Butler, Mrs.	Leibrand	Shaffer
Conklin, Mrs.	Leppien	Sharpe
Dehnke	Lesinski	Snyder
Dell	Liberato	Spitler
Donnelly, Miss	Mahinske	Stafseth
Doty, Dean	McAllister	Stamm
Downs	McCauley	Sterrett
Erickson	McGowan, Miss	Stevens
Faxon	McLogan	Thomson
Figy	Millard	Turner
Finch	Mosier	Tweedie
Follo	Nisbet	Upton
Ford	Ostrow	Walker
Goebel	Page	Wanger
Gust	Perlich	White
Habermehl	Perras	Wilkowski
Haskill	Plank	Wood
Heideman	Pollock	Woolfenden
Higgs	Powell	

Nays—40

Austin	Doty, Donald	Kirk, S.
Baginski	Durst	Madar
Balcer	Elliott, A. G.	Marshall
Barthwell	Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	Martin
Batchelor	Everett	Romney
Beaman	Farnsworth	Seyferth
Brake	Gadola	Shanahan
Brown, G. E.	Garvin	Sleder
Brown, T. S.	Gover	Staiger
Buback	Hanna, W. F.	Stopczynski
Cudlip	Hart, Miss	Van Dusen
Cushman, Mrs.	Hatch	Young
Danhof	Hodges	Youngblood
DeVries		

SECRETARY CHASE: On the passage of Committee Proposal 52 as amended, the yeas are 86; the nays are 40.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Committee Proposal 52, as amended, is passed and referred to the committee on style and drafting.

Following is Committee Proposal 52 as amended and rereferred to the committee on style and drafting:

Sec. a. The legislature shall provide for the assessment by the state of the property of those businesses whose property is now assessed by the state, and of other property as designated by the legislature, and for the levy and collection of taxes thereon. Property assessed by the state shall be assessed at the same proportion of its true cash value as the legislature shall specify for property subject to general ad valorem taxation. The rate of taxation on such property shall be the average rate levied upon other property in this state under the general ad valorem tax law, or, if the legislature provides, the rate of tax applicable to the property of each business enterprise assessed by the state shall be the average rate of ad valorem taxation levied upon other property in all counties in which any of such property is situated.

SECRETARY CHASE: Item 6 on the calendar is Committee Proposal 96, A proposal pertaining to general and special

provisions relative to the courts of the state. A substitute for sections 17, 19, 20 and 23 of article VII.

Following is Committee Proposal 96 as reported by the committee on style and drafting and read by the secretary. (For text as referred to said committee, see above, page 1632):

Sec. a. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and other courts designated as such by the legislature shall be courts of record and shall each have a common seal. Except as [authorized] otherwise AUTHORIZED by this constitution, justices and judges of the courts of record of this state shall be [lawyers] licensed to practice law in this state and no person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years.

SEC. A¹. No judge or justice of any court [in] OF this state shall be paid from the fees of his office nor shall the amount of his salary be measured by [the] fees, [or] other moneys received [nor] OR by the amount of judicial activity OF HIS OFFICE.

Sec. b. Whenever a judge [shall remove] REMOVES his domicile beyond the limits of the territory from which he was elected, he shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

Sec. c. [A] ANY justice [and a] OR judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for[,] or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service as a judge and for [1] ONE year thereafter.

Sec. d. [When] A vacancy [occurs] in the ELECTIVE office of [an elected] A judge of any court of record [, it] shall be filled at a general or special election according to law. The supreme court [is empowered to] MAY authorize persons who have served as judges and WHO have [voluntarily] retired VOLUNTARILY OR BECAUSE OF AGE, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. e. There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each elected incumbent justice or judge, who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office, the designation of that office.

Sec. f. Any judge of probate serving at the time this constitution becomes effective may serve the remainder of the term and be eligible for [reelection] ELECTION to his present office regardless of other provisions in this constitution requiring him to be licensed to practice law in this state.

Sec. g. Salaries of justices of the supreme court, of the judges of the court of appeals, of the circuit judges within [the] A county or circuit, and of the probate judges within a county or district, shall be uniform, and may be increased, but shall not be decreased[,] during a term of office except and only to the extent of a general salary reduction in all other branches of government.

Each of the judges of the circuit courts shall receive an annual salary as provided by law. In addition to the salary RECEIVED [paid] from the state treasury, each circuit judge may receive from any county in which he regularly holds court such additional salary as may be determined from time to time by the board of supervisors of the county. In any county where such additional salary is granted, it shall be paid at the same rate to all circuit judges regularly holding court therein.

Sec. h. For reasonable cause, which [shall not be] IS NOT sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution of 2/3 of the members elected to AND SERVING IN each house of the legislature[;], [and] The cause for [which such] removal [is required] shall be stated at length in such resolution.

Sec. i. The [office] OFFICES of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace shall [continue to have, for a period of not to exceed] BE ABOLISHED AT THE EXPIRATION OF 5 years from the date this constitution becomes effective[, all their respective powers and jurisdic-

tion until the time within this period that they are abolished or their jurisdiction and powers are transferred to, or invested in, other courts that shall be established in accordance with this constitution] OR MAY WITHIN THIS PERIOD BE ABOLISHED BY LAW. THEIR JURISDICTION AND POWERS WITHIN THIS PERIOD SHALL BE AS PROVIDED BY LAW. WITHIN SUCH 5 YEAR PERIOD, THE LEGISLATURE SHALL ESTABLISH COURTS OF LIMITED JURISDICTION WITH POWERS AND JURISDICTION DEFINED BY LAW. THE LOCATION OF SUCH COURTS, AND THE QUALIFICATIONS, TENURE, METHOD OF ELECTION, AND SALARY OF THE JUDGES OF SUCH COURTS, AND BY WHAT GOVERNMENTAL UNITS THE SAME SHALL BE PAID, SHALL BE PROVIDED BY LAW, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE.

[Special] Statutory courts in existence [as of] AT the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until [and unless] they are abolished by law.

Sec. j. The provisions of this [constitution requiring the establishment of staggered] ARTICLE PROVIDING THAT terms of offices [in existence] SHALL NOT ALL EXPIRE AT THE SAME TIME, shall be implemented at the next election for such offices by legislation providing for elections for terms of varying length, none of which shall be shorter than the basic term provided [herein] for the office.

Sec. k. [Each branch] EITHER HOUSE of the legislature [as well as] OR the governor [shall have the authority to] MAY request the opinion of the supreme court upon important questions of law upon solemn occasions[, in connection with] AS TO THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF legislation after it [shall have] HAS been enacted into law but before its effective date. [Such opinions shall relate only to questions of constitutionality.]

Sec. l. Any elected judge of a circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is [then] the incumbent[,] by filing AN AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY IN THE FORM AND MANNER [a declaration of intention at such time and in such office as shall be] provided by law.

[Sec. m. Within 5 years from the date this constitution becomes effective, and subject to the limitations contained in Committee Proposal 90 and section a of Committee Proposal 96, the legislature shall establish statutory courts of limited jurisdiction inferior to the circuit court with a definition of their powers and jurisdiction, the location and number of such courts, the qualifications of the judges who shall preside therein, the method of their election and tenure of office and the amount of their salary and by what governmental units the same shall be paid.]

SEC. N. THE SUPREME COURT, THE COURT OF APPEALS, THE CIRCUIT COURT, OR ANY JUSTICES OR JUDGES THEREOF, SHALL NOT EXERCISE ANY POWER OF APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC OFFICE EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS CONSTITUTION.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Just for your information, there are 9 amendments offered to this proposal. Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President, members of the convention, as the president has advised, there are a number of amendments pending to the present proposal. I think it would be more apropos if we went through and took the 2 pending committee amendments, which I would ask that we consider first.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Danhof, on behalf of the committee on judicial branch, offers the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 2, [section d] by striking out "voluntarily or because of age"; so that the language will then read: The supreme court may authorize persons who have served as judges and who have retired, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified.

Explanation—Matter within [] is stricken, matter in capitals is new.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President, members of the convention, the committee simply felt that the language was not needed. We felt if we just state, "persons who have served as judges and who have retired," we would leave it to the supreme court, in effect, to ascertain who is retired. We don't need the "voluntarily or because of age." If they are retired, they will be drawing their pension, they will have reached an age—it was just a question of draftsmanship more than anything else. The committee felt that if we just struck out the word "voluntarily" as style and drafting had done, and allowed it right then and there, that the discretion would be utilized by the supreme court without telling them "voluntarily or because of age" or for any other reason. So we just let it read, "and who have retired." This is the first amendment.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the amendment offered by the committee. Those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no.

The amendment is adopted. The next amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: The next amendment offered by Mr. Danhof, on behalf of the committee on judicial branch:

1. Amend page 4, line 6, [section 1] after "of a" by inserting "court of appeals,"; so the language will then read:

Any elected judge of a court of appeals, circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is the incumbent by filing an affidavit of candidacy in the form and manner provided by law.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President and members of the convention, this is simply to accord to the judges of the court of appeals the same privilege we have accorded to the circuit judge, the probate judge and the supreme court judge. I think it was a matter of oversight when the original amendment was offered. The committee urges the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the adoption of the committee amendment. Those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no.

The amendment is adopted. The next amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: The next amendment, by Messrs. Radka, Plank and Sleder:

1. Amend page 1, line 5, [section a] after "of this state" by inserting "except the probate court"; so the language will then read:

Except as otherwise authorized by this constitution, justices and judges of the courts of record of this state except the probate court shall be licensed to practice law in this state. . . .

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Radka.

MR. RADKA: Mr. President and members of the convention, might I, at the outset, state that I am serious about this amendment. I say this because the same question was asked of Delegates Plank and Sleder when they offered this amendment during the first reading. Might I further say that I offer this amendment as an attorney. I offer it in good faith and without any pangs of conscience; nor do I consider myself a traitor to the profession of which I am a member.

I can well remember the days when I first went to the University of Michigan law school and the freshmen aspirants were addressed by several of the professors of the school and by the president. These words rang through my mind many times and they ring through my mind especially this afternoon: the staff urged the new attorney aspirants to consider, as they were going through their years of law school, taking up practice of their profession in the outstate areas. The staff recognized that there is a tendency for young attorneys, when they finish law school, to congregate around the metropolitan areas.

The reason that I offer this amendment is not for any other reason than to be realistic about the attorney population which we find throughout the state. I might parenthetically apologize to Delegate Heideman who pointed out that the research people who gave me the lawyer population as of January, 1962, failed to show any attorney in Keweenaw county. I am real happy, in one respect, that this happened because this shows that this lawyer population map that I have is not completely accurate and it is not completely real-

istic. For instance, it shows that there is 1 county that has no attorney. It shows that there are 4 counties that have only 3 attorneys; that 5 counties have only 4 attorneys; 4 counties have only 6 attorneys; and there are other counties that have only 1 or 7, 8, 9 and 10 attorneys. Now, I point this out, that there are a whole lot of counties in this state where the attorney population is low. This is according to the research or the records that I received from our research staff. I would like to also add that even though you find a county that has 6 attorneys, this does not mean that you have 6 attorneys who are available to assume the job of probate judge or other particular positions; for instance, the prosecuting attorney. This sentence shows that there are attorneys there, that many are retired circuit judges, many are not practicing, many are retained exclusively by corporations or businesses in the area.

I offer this amendment, recognizing that in this state at present we have 33 lay probate judges. Now, in 1955 the legislature presented an amendment for the approval by the people of the state of Michigan that all circuit judges and supreme court justices be licensed to practice law. This is because they became frightened when a lay probate judge suggested that he was going to run for circuit judge and there was nothing in the constitution which prohibited this; and the amendment was offered. I believe that the amendment was sound. Certainly, today we have all attorney circuit judges and supreme court justices. But we do have 33 lay probate judges in the state of Michigan at this date. Now let's just look practically at what we are doing by saying all probate judges will be attorneys if this constitution that we are working on is adopted. These probate judges who are laymen are protected by the so called grandfather clause. On the surface, this is good. It sounds as if we're not taking any drastic steps. But I submit to you that this grandfather clause has as many evils in it as it has merits. What we are doing in these 33 counties is freezing in the lay judge because no other lay judge can run against the present lay judge. And if no attorney decides to run for the probate judge position, then we are making things real easy for—or as I would say, freezing in—the lay judge. But there is another side to this. We're also freezing in a scalawag attorney in a county where the population of attorneys is not too great; no other layman can run against him and if other members of his profession in these particular counties choose not to run against him, we are freezing in the scalawag attorney. I said before, on the first reading, that I felt that the legislature in their judgment and wisdom had good reason to exclude the probate judges from the constitutional amendment and I say those reasons are present today.

Now, let's just take a few examples of what happened. I don't blame particularly the delegates on the judiciary committee for wanting to have all probate judges attorneys. I want this too. And I don't think that the attorneys in this convention should be criticized for wanting to do this. I think that the criticism lies in the profession itself, because the attorneys in the past, in many cases, have not chosen to assume the responsibilities of a probate judge. Why? Because, you say, the salary was not great enough. Well, I question if holding dollars in front of people who are proud of their profession should be the only stimulus to make them undertake the responsibilities of the judiciary which we are going to pass to them on a silver platter. And I say to you that the people who will pick up this platter and assume the so called new positions where we are going to have more salary so that it attracts these attorneys—I say to you that these men will not make our best probate judges.

Now, we must remember that as things stand now, the salaries being what they are now, in all of these various counties the attorneys have not chosen to run for probate judge or, if they have, the people have decided that a layman better fulfilled the responsibilities of the court. If you think I am just talking fiction about the low population of attorneys in some of these counties, a couple of weeks ago the prosecutor of Ogemaw county died suddenly of a heart attack. There were 4 attorneys in Ogemaw county and they couldn't find a prosecutor among the 4 attorneys. Finally, they had one of the practicing attorneys agree to assume the responsibilities of the

office, and he did this with the understanding that another attorney in the county would act as his assistant, and I was called and asked if I could help them shop around for an attorney. They didn't want someone who would come up and stay for a while and then leave. They wanted a good man who would be interested in fulfilling the responsibilities of the chief law enforcement officer of the county. Now they have a lay judge there. Should this lay judge decide not to run or become ill or choose to retire, they will find themselves in the same position. And this is the same situation we're going to run into in all of the counties where they have a low population of attorneys.

Now, don't think that laymen serve only in counties where there are ½ dozen or 4 or 3 or 2 attorneys. For some reason, the people of this state in some of our larger counties have chosen to elect and reelect laymen. I point to Midland county that has 44 attorneys, St. Clair county that has 68 attorneys, Lenawee county that has 40, and Monroe that has 39. Now, there must be some reason for this. I have heard no particular complaint. The only way I would find complaint is probably if the press would pick up some bad operation of these courts. But I understand, from the information that I have received, that these courts are administered very ably.

So I say to you that there is a real problem here and I feel that we would be doing an injustice to these counties that have a low attorney population by requiring that all judges of probate be attorneys. The crux of the argument is you would be freezing in undeserving laymen or be freezing in scalawag attorneys or you would require the people of these counties to go out shopping for a man to serve as their probate judge; and if they can't catch him by bait of more money, they might go to the law schools and get a young graduate. And I submit to you that an inexperienced young law school graduate might be very qualified but an experienced layman accepted by the people might better fulfill the serious and important responsibilities of the probate courts in our state.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President, I don't want to prolong this debate. There are now 10 amendments. We debated it fully in committee of the whole. We decisively defeated it. We've endeavored to make the probate court a court of record. We have endeavored to upgrade it, to give it some stature. This is a minimum requirement. We provide for the incumbent. I urge the defeat of this amendment. I urge that on these amendments that we have already considered in committee of the whole and previously defeated, let's defeat them again and get on with our work.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the amendment offered by Mr. Radka —

MR. RADKA: Mr. President, I demand the yeas and nays.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The yeas and nays have been demanded. Is that demand seconded? Sufficient number up. Those in favor of the Radka amendment will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas — 46

Andrus, Miss	Leibrand	Sablich
Anspach	Leppien	Shackleton
Baginski	Madar	Shaffer
Batchelor	Marshall	Shanahan
Beaman	McAllister	Sharpe
Bonisteel	Nisbet	Sleder
Boothby	Perlich	Snyder
Butler, Mrs.	Perras	Stamm
Dell	Plank	Stopczynski
Doty, Donald	Powell	Thomson
Finch	Pugsley	Turner
Gover	Radka	Walker
Haskill	Richards, J. B.	Wilkowski
Howes	Richards, L. W.	Wood
Hoxie	Rush	Young
Kirk, S.		

Nays — 75

Austin	Follo	Martin
Balcer	Ford	McCauley

Barthwell	Gadola	McGowan, Miss
Bentley	Garvin	McLogan
Binkowski	Goebel	Millard
Blandford	Gust	Mosier
Bledsoe	Habermehl	Ostrow
Bradley	Hanna, W. F.	Page
Brake	Hart, Miss	Pollock
Brown, G. E.	Hatch	Prettie
Brown, T. S.	Heideman	Rajkovich
Buback	Higgs	Romney
Conklin, Mrs.	Hodges	Rood
Cushman, Mrs.	Hubbs	Seyferth
Danhof	Iverson	Spitler
Donnelly, Miss	Judd, Mrs.	Stafseth
Downs	Karn	Staiger
Durst	King	Sterrett
Elliott, A. G.	Knirk, B.	Stevens
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	Koeze, Mrs.	Tweedie
Erickson	Krolkowski	Upton
Everett	Kuhn	Van Dusen
Farnsworth	Lawrence	Wanger
Faxon	Lesinski	White
Figy	Mahinske	Woolfenden

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Radka and others, the yeas are 46; the nays are 75.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The amendment is not adopted. Will the delegates clear the board. The secretary will read the next amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: Messrs. Garvin, Ford, Barthwell, Ostrow, Downs and Hodges offer the following amendment:

1. Amend page 1, line 20, [section d] after "filled" by striking out the balance of the section and inserting "by appointment by the governor until a general or special election according to law. The appointee shall perform the judicial duties until the successor is elected and qualified to fill the unexpired term."

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the amendment offered by Mr. Garvin. Mr. Garvin.

MR. GARVIN: Mr. President and delegates, this Committee Proposal 96, section d, will —

PRESIDENT NISBET: May we have order, please.

MR. GARVIN: — place the court in a situation where they cannot locate a retired judge, although there are a considerable number — around 30 — at an average age of around 75, I believe. It would place the court in a position where the docket would be more filled than it is. And if the court administrator should move one judge to another section, that would not help the matter because the court docket in that circuit would be raised also.

Now, the judicial reputation of Michigan has been on top compared to that of the other states, and it has operated very efficiently on the present method set up in the constitution. It might be noted that the constitution does not provide for a judge running with the incumbency designation. That is legislative; that is what the legislature has provided. And by the same token, they can change that. What we have been doing here is rewriting a judicial article to improve the courts, apparently, but still without consideration that the judiciary of the state of Michigan is one of the top ones in the United States. It is interesting that this body finds matters to change in each section of the judiciary, and I submit that this is one of the most unfortunate changes that has been offered.

But let us take, for example, in the '30s — the way we have it now, everybody runs; each qualified attorney runs for circuit judge. Let us take in the '30s and I can tell you truly what it means. It certainly means a popularity contest, and it reminds me of the statement that was just made by Mr. Radka. Whatever a scalawag attorney might be, that so called attorney can get elected judge as well as anybody else. The popularity of an attorney can cause him to be elected judge without any practice whatsoever.

The way it has been up to now, by the legislature, is that the governor makes the appointment. That is by constitution. But about the judge running after that is another matter. I submit to you that we have been talking about bedsheets bal-

lots, and you're leaving the way open now for bedsheet ballots in populous counties, if there ever has been one, with no one with any name running. Where there are thousands of attorneys or hundreds of attorneys, you're going to have a ballot so large that people cannot determine who to vote for because they have nobody with experience to know. Under the provision as set up by the legislature now of appointment of judges, and under our constitution where it states that the governor may appoint to fill vacancies, I don't believe that, in the history of Michigan, there have been 3 or 4 cases where a judge was not appointed after thorough investigation and then that judge is submitted to the voters at the next special or general election. I submit that this is the best way to do it. It gives the voter a chance at least to know that there is a judicial officer who is competent of filling the position.

There is another thing that we probably don't realize: that by this method, as set up by the constitution, without giving the governor the right to select or search for good judicial talent throughout the state of Michigan, the upper peninsula, the lower peninsula, the west and the east, to select for the best, we are eliminating that.

We might take into consideration that if, well, let us say Justice Brandeis, had been running on this basis in Wayne county and other places, he would never have been elected judge, much less a supreme court justice. I submit that the same thing would probably have happened to the very independent supreme court justice now, Justice Frankfurter, because of his name. And because of the Brandeis name, he would not have been elected judge and we would have missed a lot of good judicial timbre. That same thing is happening throughout the state of Michigan and it will happen under this proposal; that much good judicial timbre will be missed because there will be no one to look for it and select it. I can think of other judges now in various circuits who were appointed by some governor. Whether it be Republican or Democrat is not the important thing; the important thing is the realization that a governor is going to seek the best judicial talent possible and then that name must be submitted to the voters at the next special or general election as it has been. So I would remind you that it is very important that we adopt this amendment for the benefit of the judiciary of the state of Michigan. Let us not turn back the very fine judiciary we have by making it possible for any attorney to run without some kind of investigation from some source.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is now on the amendment.

MR. GARVIN: I will yield the floor to Mr. Ford, please.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Mr. President and members of the convention, we had an amendment similar to this before the convention when we passed on the judiciary article in committee of the whole and in convention on first reading. At that time I stated my impressions of what we were doing here rather bluntly and I have been trying ever since, in anticipation of today, to find a more gentle way to put it, and a way to be diplomatic about it, but I find it impossible. In trying to translate this action on the part of the convention in taking away the long standing tradition and the long standing power of the governor to fill judicial vacancies into terms of reference that are understandable to the people that I represent and to my fellow attorneys in the area that I represent, it boils itself down to a simple single fact: I think Mr. Marshall said on the convention floor at the time we discussed this before, that it's too late now to vote against Governor Williams and that we were fighting here on the floor of this convention the ghost of G. Mennen Williams. I translate the action of this convention into the lowest point of direct partisan political activity when this convention took action to remove from the governor the power to fill vacancies. It seems to be nothing more or less than a lack of faith on the part of the minority party in this state, which is the majority party in this convention, in its ability to elect the person to fill the position of governor of this state.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Downs.

MR. DOWNS: I rise in support of this amendment. What this does is add the best of the appointive system and the

elective system by permitting the governor to make the appointment until the next election. I strongly urge its support. I say that Michigan's history has shown that this system works. And I challenge those who want to change it to show where it has not worked. And to those who fear the name candidate will come in, I answer only by saying that this elective system after appointment does, it is true, give the governor's appointee an added advantage; but at the same time, it does not give the governor too much power because at the next election there can be somebody to run by the petition method. I urge the support and agree with Delegate Ford and Delegate Garvin on this.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President, members of the convention, again, we debated a very similar amendment in committee of the whole. Afterward, in convention, it was decisively defeated. We had determined to have an elective type of judicial system and if this particular amendment should be adopted I would urge the rejection of the proposal.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the amendment. Those in favor —

MR. DOWNS: I demand the yeas and nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The yeas and nays have been demanded. Is the demand seconded? Sufficient number up. Those in favor of the Garvin, Ford, and so forth, amendment will vote aye. Those opposed will vote nay. The question is on the amendment offered by Messrs. Garvin, Ford and others. It is on the wall. Those in favor of that amendment will vote aye. Those opposed will vote nay. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas — 32

Austin	Faxon	McCauley
Baginski	Follo	McGowan, Miss
Balcer	Ford	Ostrow
Barthwell	Garvin	Perlich
Binkowski	Hart, Miss	Sablich
Bledsoe	Hodges	Snyder
Bradley	Krolkowski	Stopczynski
Brown, T. S.	Lesinski	Walker
Buback	Madar	Wilkowski
Downs	Mahinske	Young
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	Marshall	

Nays — 90

Allen	Hanna, W. F.	Prettie
Andrus, Miss	Haskill	Pugsley
Anspach	Hatch	Radka
Batchelor	Heideman	Rajkovich
Beam	Higgs	Richards, J. B.
Blandford	Howes	Richards, L. W.
Bonisteel	Hoxie	Romney
Boothby	Hubbs	Rood
Brake	Iverson	Rush
Brown, G. E.	Judd, Mrs.	Seyferth
Butler, Mrs.	Karn	Shackleton
Conklin, Mrs.	King	Shaffer
Cudlip	Kirk, S.	Shanahan
Danhof	Knirk, B.	Sharpe
Dehnke	Koeze, Mrs.	Sleder
Dell	Kuhn	Spitler
Doty, Dean	Lawrence	Stafseth
Doty, Donald	Leibrand	Staiger
Durst	Leppien	Stamm
Elliott, A. G.	Martin	Sterrett
Erickson	McAllister	Stevens
Everett	McLogan	Thomson
Farnsworth	Millard	Turner
Figy	Mosier	Tweedie
Finch	Nisbet	Upton
Gadola	Page	Van Dusen
Goebel	Perras	Wanger
Gover	Plank	White
Gust	Pollock	Wood
Habermehl	Powell	Woolfenden

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Garvin and others, the yeas are 32; the nays are 90.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The amendment is not adopted. The secretary will read the next amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Garry Brown offers the following amendment:

1. Amend page 2, line 4, [section d] after "qualified," by inserting "No person so appointed to perform judicial duties during such interim period shall be eligible to be a candidate for the same judicial office."

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Brown.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. President, members of the convention, this is rather a simple amendment and it is an amendment which I think the committee contemplates in their language. This was raised with Mr. Danhof on first reading. I raised it again with him on second reading. I don't know what his position on the matter will be. But in any case, first of all, I would say that the word "retired" is at best an ambiguous term; that the committee intended that such an appointee to perform judicial services would be ineligible to succeed himself or to use the office for impetus to election to the same judicial office. And further, if this is the intent of the committee, and I believe it is, certainly we should make it clear that an appointee filling a judicial office — not a vacancy, if you prefer — but rather performing judicial duties as an appointee, shall not be eligible to run for that office, or the same judicial office. I would urge a yes vote on the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President, Mr. Brown has talked to me about this particular amendment. Now, the only objection I see to the wording is, he says, "no person so appointed." Now, in essence, nobody is appointed to fill a particular vacancy. What happens is that the supreme court, if it desires, will call up a retired judge and merely assign him to a particular circuit wherever there might be a vacancy. And he might sit there and it might change from time to time.

Now, this has not been taken before the committee; I cannot speak on behalf of the committee. I have my own personal view on it that this is not a particularly bad amendment so far as my own thinking is concerned, but I point this out: that in section a — Mr. Ford brings this to my attention — we have prohibited anyone from being elected or appointed to a judicial office after he reaches the age of 70. I assume that they might retire at 65 and there might be some chance that there would be a judge who might be 67 who could be called up, and then if the vacancy were in his home circuit, wherein he was a resident and wherein he resided, he could run for the vacancy. Well, I submit that he could do this whether he was called up or not. This I point out: there is no committee recommendation in particular on this amendment.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Brown.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. President, Mr. Danhof, I would be happy to change the word, if you would prefer it, from "appointed" to "designated."

MR. DANHOF: I think it would be better, Mr. Brown. If the amendment might be adopted, I would say that this would be better.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Then, with the Chair's permission, I would revise my amendment to use the word "designated" rather than "appointed." "No person so designated. . ."

[The amendment, as revised, reads as follows:

1. Amend page 2, line 4, [section d] after "qualified," by inserting "No person so designated to perform judicial duties during such interim period shall be eligible to be a candidate for the same judicial office.".]

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Marshall, Mr. Mahinske is recognized first. Mr. Mahinske.

MR. MAHINSKE: Mr. President, I would like to direct a question to Mr. Brown through the Chair.

PRESIDENT NISBET: If he cares to answer. Mr. Brown.

MR. MAHINSKE: As I read your amendment, there doesn't seem to be any qualification as to time here. Would this be legitimately construed to mean that he shall never be a candidate for that office?

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. President, Mr. Mahinske, as indi-

cated by Mr. Danhof, it is not contemplated that the supreme court will appoint anyone who is not retired as such. Having retired from office, it doesn't seem that he would want to be a candidate to continue in the office that he has retired from. And the language as it was written would, of course, preclude a person from running for that same judicial office for time immemorial.

MR. MAHINSKE: Now, under other committee proposals and other sections of this committee proposal, we do provide that in the future certain courts may be abolished and their duties assigned to courts of lesser or greater jurisdiction. Now, it is conceivable that in the future the legislature may abolish, say, a probate court and set up a court of lesser jurisdiction and reassign the probate judges to this court. Under your amendment they would not be able to succeed themselves in office.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. President, Mr. Mahinske, yes, they would, because this would not be the same judicial office.

MR. MAHINSKE: This may be true but are we sure that this would be construed this way?

MR. G. E. BROWN: Mr. President, Mr. Mahinske, I don't know how you could construe any language that says, "the same judicial office," to mean a different judicial office.

MR. MAHINSKE: I will submit that because of the ambiguity that I see in this, and because of the possibility that nothing other than a retired judge would be appointed, I don't feel that this language is necessary and I would be opposed to the amendment.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, I move that further debate on this matter be limited to 10 minutes.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Van Dusen that debate be limited to 10 minutes. Those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no.

The motion prevails. The Chair recognizes Mr. Elliott.

MR. A. G. ELLIOTT: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, with the revised language that Mr. Brown has offered, I think that this amendment should be given some very serious consideration. This is something that I am sure those proponents of giving the people the right to express themselves should adopt wholeheartedly because this particular amendment, as worded now, would mean that when a vacancy is filled by supreme court appointment, you would not gain an incumbency advantage. I think that this is an essential thing, that when these vacancies occur in the judicial branch of our government that the people have free opportunity of broad selection among the candidates without any identification on the ballot of incumbency or any other type of identification which might control their voting. So I would urge very strongly that this amendment be adopted. I think it is consistent with many delegate proposals which were introduced and referred to the committee on judicial branch.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Will the speakers realize the debate is limited. There are 3 speakers. Mr. Barthwell.

MR. BARTHWELL: Mr. President, fellow delegates, I'm not sure that I'm completely clear on the committee's proposal. May I ask Mr. Danhof a question?

PRESIDENT NISBET: You may.

MR. BARTHWELL: Am I right that it is the opinion of the committee that only retired judges will be designated to fill vacancies?

MR. DANHOF: You are correct, Mr. Barthwell.

MR. BARTHWELL: Okay. Thank you. I don't think they would be eligible to run then. Therefore, I don't support this amendment. I support the committee's proposal.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Pugsley.

MR. PUGSLEY: I think there is a little confusion about the interpretation of this amendment. I don't think it is intended that there necessarily must be an appointment of a retired judge to fill a vacancy. It's a situation in which not simply one, but more than one, retired judge might be called into certain circuits to act during the period of the vacancy until someone is elected to fill the vacancy. It doesn't necessarily involve an appointment, as I understand it.

Following is statement explaining abstention from voting submitted by Mrs. Cushman:

I am not prepared to vote on an issue which arose for the first time this evening and which is of great importance.

We're right back to where we were an hour ago. The question is on the adoption of Committee Proposal 96, as amended. Can the board be cleared? Those in favor of adopting Committee Proposal 96 will vote aye. Those opposed will vote nay.

MR. MAHINSKE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Mahinske.

MR. MAHINSKE: For the reasons that I outlined before, I have one or two objections to this proposal, but I agree with the majority of it. But I feel that I am not going to put myself in a position as to voting against the reservations or for the reservations that I have. For these reasons, I wish to abstain from voting on the committee proposal.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Mahinske abstains. Mr. Marshall.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. President, I wish to abstain also.

MR. MADAR: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Madar.

MR. MADAR: I wish to abstain from voting on this particular proposal. I can't see how I can vote on a proposal that mixes up half a dozen things which don't mean anything, which ought to be thrown out completely.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Have you all voted?

MR. FORD: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: It isn't easy, but I'm going to have to abstain after many months of work on the judiciary article. And I'd like to reserve the right to submit a detailed statement for the record at a later date.

PRESIDENT NISBET: You may do that. Miss Donnelly.

MISS DONNELLY: For the reason that I cannot support the entire proposal, though I am a member of the committee and supported it originally when it came out, I now wish to abstain.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Downs.

MR. DOWNS: I announce my abstention.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mrs. Elliott, Mr. Buback, Miss Hart, Mr. Stopczynski —

MR. BALCER: I wish to abstain.

PRESIDENT NISBET: — Mr. Wilkowski, Mr. Balcer, Mr. T. S. Brown, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Baginski, Mr. Faxon, Mr. Bledsoe, and Mr. Garvin.

Mr. Perras.

MR. PERRAS: Mr. President, I am voting no. I feel it is my privilege. I am not going to make any excuses for it. (laughter)

PRESIDENT NISBET: Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas — 89

Allen	Hannah, J. A.	Pugsley
Andrus, Miss	Haskill	Radka
Batchelor	Hatch	Rajkovich
Beaman	Heideman	Richards, J. B.
Blandford	Higgs	Richards, L. W.
Bonisteel	Howes	Romney
Bradley	Hoxie	Rood
Brake	Hubbs	Rush
Brown, G. E.	Hutchinson	Seyferth
Butler, Mrs.	Iverson	Shackleton
Conklin, Mrs.	Judd, Mrs.	Shaffer
Cudlip	Karn	Shanahan
Cushman, Mrs.	King	Sharpe
Danhof	Kirk, S.	Sleder
Dehnke	Koeze, Mrs.	Spitler
Dell	Kuhn	Stafseth
DeVries	Lebrand	Staiger
Doty, Dean	Leppien	Stevens
Doty, Donald	Martin	Thomson
Durst	McAllister	Tubbs

Elliott, A. G.
Everett
Farnsworth
Figy
Gadola
Goebel
Gover
Gust
Habermehl
Hanna, W. F.

McCauley
McGowan, Miss
McLogan
Millard
Mosier
Nisbet
Page
Pollock
Powell
Prettie

Turner
Tweedie
Upton
Van Dusen
Wanger
White
Wood
Woolfenden
Yeager

Nays — 14

Barthwell
Binkowski
Finch
Hodges
Jones

Kelsey
Krolkowski
Lesinski
Liberato
Ostrow

Perlich
Perras
Sablich
Young

SECRETARY CHASE: On the passage of Committee Proposal 96, the yeas are 89; the nays are 14.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Committee Proposal 96, as amended, is passed. It is referred to the committee on style and drafting.

Following is Committee Proposal 96 as amended and rereferred to the committee on style and drafting:

Sec. a. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and other courts designated as such by the legislature shall be courts of record and shall each have a common seal. Except as otherwise authorized by this constitution, justices and judges of the courts of record of this state shall be licensed to practice law in this state and no person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years.

Sec. a¹. No judge or justice of any court of this state shall be paid from the fees of his office nor shall the amount of his salary be measured by fees, other moneys received or by the amount of judicial activity of his office.

Sec. b. Whenever a judge removes his domicile beyond the limits of the territory from which he was elected, he shall be deemed to have vacated his office.

Sec. c. Any justice or judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service as a judge and for one year thereafter.

Sec. d. A vacancy in the elective office of a judge of any court of record shall be filled at a general or special election according to law. The supreme court may authorize persons who have served as judges and who have retired, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. e. There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each elected incumbent justice or judge, who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office, the designation of that office.

Sec. f. Any supreme court justice, circuit judge, judge of probate serving at the time this constitution becomes effective may serve the remainder of the term and be eligible for election to his present office regardless of other provisions in this constitution requiring him to be licensed to practice law in this state.

Sec. g. Salaries of justices of the supreme court, of the judges of the court of appeals, of the circuit judges within a county or circuit, and of the probate judges within a county or district, shall be uniform, and may be increased, but shall not be decreased during a term of office except and only to the extent of a general salary reduction in all other branches of government.

Each of the judges of the circuit courts shall receive an annual salary as provided by law. In addition to the salary received from the state treasury, each circuit judge may receive from any county in which he regularly holds court such additional salary as may be determined from time to time by the board of supervisors of the county. In any county where such additional salary is granted, it shall be paid at the same rate to all circuit judges regularly holding court therein.

Sec. h. For reasonable cause, which is not sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution of 2/3 of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. The cause for removal shall be stated at length in such resolution.

Sec. i. The offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace shall be abolished at the expiration of 5 years from the date this constitution becomes effective or may within this period be abolished by law. Their jurisdiction and powers within this period shall be as provided by law. Within such 5 year period, the legislature shall establish a court or courts of limited jurisdiction with powers and jurisdiction defined by law. The location of such court or courts, and the qualifications, tenure, method of election, and salary of the judges of such court or courts, and by what governmental units the same shall be paid, shall be provided by law, subject to the limitations contained in this article.

Statutory courts in existence at the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until they are abolished by law.

Sec. j. The provisions of this article providing that terms of offices shall not all expire at the same time, shall be implemented at the next election for such offices by legislation providing for elections for terms of varying length, none of which shall be shorter than the basic term provided for the office.

Sec. k. Either house of the legislature or the governor may request the opinion of the supreme court upon important questions of law upon solemn occasions as to the constitutionality of legislation after it has been enacted into law but before its effective date.

Sec. l. Any elected judge of a court of appeals, circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is the incumbent by filing an affidavit of candidacy in the form and manner provided by law.

Sec. n. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, or any justices or judges thereof, shall not exercise any power of appointment to public office except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

Sec. o. Justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, circuit judges, and other judges as provided by law shall be conservators of the peace within their respective jurisdictions.

SECRETARY CHASE: Committee Proposal 95, A proposal pertaining to appeals from administrative tribunals. Adds a new section to article VII.

Following is Committee Proposal 95 as reported by the committee on style and drafting and read by the secretary. (For text as referred to said committee, see above, page 1487.):

Sec. a. All final decisions, findings, rulings and orders of any administrative officer or body existing under the constitution or by law, which are judicial or quasi judicial and affect private rights, privileges or licenses, shall be subject to direct review by the courts as shall be provided by law. This review shall include, as a minimum, the determination whether such final decisions, findings, rulings and orders are authorized by law, and, in cases in which a hearing is required, whether the same are supported by reliable, probative, and substantial evidence on the whole record.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, I am advised that there are 5 amendments pending to Committee Proposal 95, most of which I think were offered and debated fully in committee of the whole. Therefore, I would move that debate on each of these amendments be limited to 10 minutes.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Van Dusen. Those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no. The motion prevails.

DELEGATES: Division.

PRESIDENT NISBET: A division has been demanded. Is the demand supported? Sufficient number up. Those in favor of Mr. Van Dusen's motion to limit debate to 10 minutes will vote aye. Those opposed will vote nay.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, I think it ought to be clear that my motion is 10 minutes on each of the 5 amendments.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Ten minutes on each amendment. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and tally the vote.

SECRETARY CHASE: On the motion of Mr. Van Dusen to limit debate on each of the pending amendments to Committee Proposal 95 to 10 minutes, the yeas are 81; the nays are 29.

The motion prevails.

MR. A. G. ELLIOTT: Mr. President, point of information. **PRESIDENT NISBET:** Mr. Elliott.

MR. A. G. ELLIOTT: Mr. President, the thing that concerns me is, how do we make reasonably sure that there is a fair expression in this 10 minutes per each amendment for both sides of the issue? If the proponent of the amendment gets up and speaks for 9½ minutes on his amendment, it doesn't leave any time for the opponents.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair might say, Mr. Elliott, that on only one occasion have we ever used up the time. Normally, the delegates who speak are cognizant of the fact and they pace themselves. Mr. Madar.

MR. MADAR: I'd like to move at this time that the judicial committee be given 2 minutes to explain their proposal. Let's not waste any time.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Madar. All in favor say aye. Opposed, no.

The motion does not prevail. Mr. Bledsoe.

MR. BLEDSOE: Mr. President, may I speak in opposition to that motion?

PRESIDENT NISBET: The motion did not prevail.

DELEGATES: Division.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Division has been requested. Is the demand seconded? Not sufficient number up. Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President, members of the convention, there are several amendments pending. I think it best we get on with the first amendment. During that time the debate will, I am sure, take care of all of the questions you have. There has been no change as this matter was reported from the committee of the whole and the convention to the committee on style and drafting. The judicial committee met, made no recommendations for any amendments thereto. All the other amendments are individual and will be handled at that time.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The first amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: Messrs. Ford, Garvin, Downs, Marshall and Hodges offer the following amendment:

1. Amend page 1 by striking out the entire proposal.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The Chair recognizes Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: Mr. President, members of the convention, if you recall, we spent a considerable amount of time on this in committee of the whole, when it was before us on first reading and, subsequent to its adoption, we got a tremendous amount of reaction from throughout the state from people who are directly involved in the field of administrative law. We tried in numerous ways to patch this up or correct it and make it workable, and some of us who have tried to work on it find that the more you work with it, the more difficult it becomes.

Our research department has submitted—and I think most of the delegates have had an opportunity to see—a considerable amount of research material, some material presented to us by so called experts in the field of administrative law from the major universities in the state and from others in this field indicating that the proposal, as we have passed it, opens up entire new vistas of litigation that could have far felt effects not contemplated by anyone at the outset. As a matter of fact, one of the authorities—and I believe it was Professor Kauper—indicated there was no way to predict

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We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

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Article I**Declaration of Rights**

Sec. 1. All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security and protection.

Sec. 2. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of race, COLOR, religion, sex or national origin. The legislature shall implement this section by appropriate legislation. This SECTION shall not be construed to [prevent] PROHIBIT reasonable [classification] LEGISLATION for the protection of women.

Sec. 3. The people have the right peaceably to assemble, to consult for the common good, to instruct their representatives and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

Sec. 4. Every person shall be at liberty to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, or, against his consent, to contribute to the erection or support of any place of religious worship, or to pay tithes, taxes or other rates for the support of any minister of the gospel or teacher of religion. No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious sect or society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the state be appropriated for any such purpose. The civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of no person shall be diminished or enlarged on account of his religious belief.

Sec. 5. Every person may freely speak, write, express[,] and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law shall be [passed] ENACTED to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

Sec. 6. Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state.

Sec. 7. The military shall in all cases and at all times be in strict subordination to the civil power.

Sec. 8. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner or occupant, nor in time of war, except in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. Neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude unless for the punishment of crime, shall

Explanation—Matter within [] is stricken, matter in capitals is new.

ever be tolerated in this state.

Sec. 10. No bill of attainder, ex post facto law or law impairing the obligation of contract shall be ENACTED [passed].

Sec. 11. The person, houses, papers and possessions of every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them, nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to bar from evidence in any criminal proceeding[,] any narcotic drug, [any] firearm, bomb, explosive[,] or any other dangerous weapon, seized by A [any] peace officer outside the curtilage of any dwelling house in this state.

Sec. 12. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

Sec. 13. [Any] A suitor in any court of this state [shall have] HAS the right to prosecute or defend his suit, either in his own proper person or by an attorney.

Sec. 14. The right of trial by jury shall remain, but shall be [deemed to be] waived in all civil cases unless demanded by one of the parties in THE [such] manner [as shall be] prescribed by law. In all civil [actions in circuit courts] CASES TRIED BY 12 JURORS a verdict shall be received when 10 jurors [shall] agree.

Sec. 15. No person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy. All persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for murder and treason when the proof is evident or the presumption great.

Sec. 16. Excessive bail shall not be required; excessive fines shall not be imposed; cruel or unusual punishment shall not be inflicted; nor shall witnesses be unreasonably detained.

Sec. 17. No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law. The right of all individuals, firms, corporations and voluntary associations to fair and just treatment in the course of legislative and executive investigations and hearings shall not be infringed.

Sec. 18. No person shall be rendered incompetent to be a witness on account of his opinions on matters of religious belief.

Sec. 19. In all prosecutions for libels the truth may be given in evidence to the jury; and, if it appears to the jury that the matter charged as libelous is true and was published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the accused shall be acquitted.

Sec. 20. In every criminal prosecution, the accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury, which may consist of

less than 12 jurors in all courts not of record; to be informed of the nature of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; to have the assistance of counsel for his defense; to have an appeal as a matter of right; and in courts of record, when the trial court so orders, to have such reasonable assistance as may be necessary to perfect and prosecute an appeal.

Sec. 21. No person shall be imprisoned for debt arising out of[,] or founded on contract, express or implied, except in cases of fraud or breach of trust.

Sec. 22. Treason against the state shall consist only in levying war against it or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless upon the testimony of [2] TWO witnesses to the same overt act[,] or on confession in open court.

Sec. 23. The enumeration in this constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

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Article II Elections

Sec. 1. Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years, who has resided in this state [6] SIX months, and who meets the requirements of local residence provided by law, shall be an elector and qualified to vote in any election except as otherwise provided in this constitution. The legislature shall define residence for voting purposes.

Sec. 2. The legislature may by law exclude persons from voting because of mental incompetence[,] or commitment to a jail or penal institution.

Sec. 3. For purposes of voting in the election for president and vice-president of the United States only, the legislature may by law establish lesser residence requirements for citizens who have resided in this state for less than [6] SIX months and may waive residence requirements [of] FOR FORMER citizens of this state who have

1 removed [t]herefrom. The legislature [may pro-
2 vide the manner of voting by such persons but]
3 shall not permit voting by any [such] person who
4 meets the voting residence requirements of the
5 state to which he has removed.

6 Sec. 4. The legislature shall enact laws to reg-
7 ulate the time, place [,] and manner of all nom-
8 inations and elections, except as otherwise pro-
9 vided in this constitution or in the constitution
10 and laws of the United States. The legislature
11 shall enact laws to preserve the purity of elec-
12 tions, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to
13 guard against abuses of the elective franchise,
14 and to provide for a system of voter registration
15 and absentee voting. No law shall be enacted
16 which permits a candidate in any partisan pri-
17 mary or partisan election to have a ballot desig-
18 nation except when required for identification
19 of [persons who are] candidates for the same
20 office WHO [and] have the same or similar sur-
21 names.

22 Sec. 5. Except for special elections to fill va-
23 cancies, OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN
24 THIS CONSTITUTION, all elections for national,
25 state, county and township offices shall be held on
26 the first Tuesday after the first Monday in Novem-
27 ber in each even-numbered year[,] or on such
28 other date as MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS
29 OF THE UNITED STATES ARE REGULARLY
30 ELECTED [may hereafter be provided by the
31 Constitution of the United States or by congress
32 for election of members thereof].

33 Sec. 6. Whenever any question is REQUIRED
34 TO BE submitted BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVI-
35 SION to [a vote of] the electors which involves
36 THE INCREASE OF ANY AD VALOREM TAX
37 RATE LIMITATION FOR A PERIOD OF MORE
38 THAN FIVE YEARS, the direct expenditure
39 of public money, OR the issue of bonds, [or the
40 increase of any ad valorem tax rate for a period
41 of more than 5 years,] only [persons having the
42 qualifications of] electors in, and who have prop-
43 erty assessed for any ad valorem taxes in, any
44 part of the district or territory to be affected
45 by the result of such election or the lawful hus-
46 bands or wives of such persons shall be entitled
47 to vote thereon. All ELECTORS IN THE DIS-
48 TRICT OR TERRITORY AFFECTED [persons
49 having the qualifications of electors] may vote
50 on all other questions, [involving an increase in
51 any ad valorem tax rate and on borrowing by
52 this state.]

53 Sec. 7. A board of state canvassers [consisting]
54 of [4] FOUR members shall be established by law.
55 No candidate for an office to be canvassed nor any
56 inspector of elections shall be eligible to serve as
57 a member of a board of canvassers. A majority
58 of any board of canvassers shall not be composed
59 of members of the same political party.

60 Sec. 8. Laws shall be enacted to provide for the

recall of all elective officers except judges of courts
of record upon petition of electors equal in number
to 25 percent of the number of persons voting [at]
IN the last preceding election for the office of
governor in the electoral district of the officer
sought to be recalled. THE SUFFICIENCY OF
any statement of reasons or grounds procedurally
required shall be [deemed to pose] a political rather
than a judicial question.

Sec. 9. The people reserve to themselves the
power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws,
called the initiative, and the power to reject laws
enacted by the legislature, called the referendum.
The power of initiative extends only to laws which
the legislature may enact under this constitution.
The power of referendum does not extend to acts
making appropriations for state institutions or to
meet deficiencies in state funds AND MUST BE
INVOKED IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY
LAW WITHIN 90 DAYS FOLLOWING THE
FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF THE LEGISLA-
TIVE SESSION AT WHICH THE LAW WAS
ENACTED. To invoke the initiative or referen-
dum, petitions signed by a number of registered
electors, not less than [8] EIGHT percent for initia-
tive and [5] FIVE percent for referendum of the
total vote cast for all candidates for governor at
the last preceding general election AT WHICH A
GOVERNOR WAS ELECTED shall be required.

NO LAW AS TO WHICH THE POWER OF
REFERENDUM PROPERLY HAS BEEN IN-
VOKED SHALL BE EFFECTIVE THEREAFTER
UNLESS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF
THE ELECTORS VOTING THEREON AT THE
NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

[The] ANY law proposed by initiative petition
shall be either enacted or rejected by the legisla-
ture without change or amendment within 40 days
from the time such petition is received by the legis-
lature. If any law proposed by such petition shall
be enacted by the legislature it shall be subject to
referendum, as hereinafter provided.

If the law so [petitioned for] PROPOSED is not
enacted by the legislature within the 40 days, the
state officer authorized by law shall submit such
proposed law to the people for approval or rejec-
tion at the next [ensuing] general election. The
legislature may reject any measure so proposed
by initiative petition and propose a different meas-
ure upon the same subject by a yea and nay vote
upon separate roll calls, and in such event both
measures shall be submitted by such state officer
to the electors for approval or rejection at the
next [ensuing] general election.

Any [act] LAW submitted to the people by either
initiative or referendum petition and approved by
a majority of the votes cast thereon at any election
shall take effect 10 days after the date of the
official declaration of the vote. No [act] LAW

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initiated or adopted by the people shall be subject to the veto power of the governor, and no [act] LAW adopted by the people at the polls under the initiative provisions of this section shall be amended or repealed, except by a vote of the electors or [3/4] THREE-FOURTHS of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. [Acts] LAWS adopted by the people under the referendum provision of this section may be amended by the legislature at any subsequent session thereof. If [2] TWO or more measures approved by the electors at the same election conflict, THAT [the measure] receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

The legislature shall implement the provisions of this section.

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Article III General Government

Sec. 1. The seat of government shall be at Lansing.

Sec. 2. The powers of government are divided into [3] THREE branches: legislative, executive[,] and judicial. No person [belonging to] EXERCISING POWERS OF one branch shall exercise powers properly belonging to another branch[,] except [in] AS [cases] expressly provided in this constitution.

Sec. 3. There shall be a great seal of the State of Michigan and its use shall be [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

Sec. 4. The militia shall be organized, equipped and disciplined as provided by law.

Sec. 5. Subject to provisions of general law, this state or any political subdivision, ANY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY or any combination thereof may enter into agreements[,] for the performance, financing or execution of their respective [governmental] functions, with any one or more of the other states, the United States, the Dominion of Canada, or any political subdivision thereof unless otherwise provided in this constitution.

Any other provision of this constitution [to the contrary] notwithstanding, an officer or employee of the state or OF any [municipal corporation or other subdivision or agency] SUCH UNIT OF GOVERNMENT OR SUBDIVISION

OR AGENCY thereof may serve on or with any governmental body ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION [as a representative of the state or any municipal corporation or other subdivision or agency thereof, or for the purpose of participating or assisting in the consideration or performance of joint or cooperative undertakings or for the study of governmental problems,] and shall not be required to relinquish his office or employment by reason of such service. The legislature [by statute] may impose such restrictions, limitations or conditions on such service as it may deem appropriate.

Sec. 6. The state shall not be a party to, nor be financially interested in, any work of internal improvement, nor engage in carrying on any such work, except for public internal improvements [authorized] PROVIDED by law.

Sec. 7. [All law not repugnant to this constitution,] THE COMMON LAW AND THE STATUTE LAWS NOW IN FORCE, NOT REPUGNANT TO THIS CONSTITUTION, shall remain in force until [changed, repealed or in the case of statutes they have expired because of limitations contained therein] THEY EXPIRE BY THEIR OWN LIMITATIONS, OR ARE CHANGED, AMENDED OR REPEALED.

Sec. 8. Either house of the legislature or the governor may request the opinion of the supreme court [up]on important questions of law upon solemn occasions as to the constitutionality of legislation after it has been enacted into law but before its effective date.

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Article IV

Legislative Branch

Sec. 1. The legislative power of the State of Michigan is vested in a senate and a house of representatives.

Sec. 2. The senate shall consist of 38 members[,] to be elected from single member districts at the same [time] ELECTION as the governor for [4] FOUR-year terms concurrent with the term of office of the governor.

In districting the state for the purpose of electing senators after the official publication of the total population count of each federal decennial census, each county shall be assigned an apportionment factor equal to the sum of its percentage of the state's population as shown by the last regular federal decennial census computed to the nearest [1/100] ONE-ONE HUNDREDTH of one percent multiplied by [4] FOUR and its per-

centage of the state's land area computed to the nearest [1/100] ONE-ONE HUNDREDTH of one percent.

In arranging the state into senatorial districts, the apportionment commission shall be governed by the following rules:

(1) Counties with 13 or more apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole number. After each such county has been allocated one senator, the remaining senators to which this class of counties [are] IS entitled shall be distributed among such counties by the method of equal proportions applied to the apportionment factors.

(2) Counties having less than 13 apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment FACTORS of the state computed to the nearest whole number. Such counties shall thereafter be arranged into senatorial districts that are compact, convenient, and contiguous by land, as rectangular in shape as possible, and having as nearly as possible 13 apportionment factors, but in no event less than 10 or more than 16. Insofar as possible, existing senatorial districts at the time of reapportionment shall not be altered unless there [shall be] IS a failure to comply with the above standards.

(3) Counties entitled to [2] TWO or more senate districts shall be [further sub]divided into single member districts. The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the county by the number of senators to which it is entitled. Each such district shall follow incorporated city or township boundary lines to the extent possible and shall be compact, contiguous, and as nearly uniform in shape as possible.

Sec. 3. The house of representatives shall consist of 110 members elected for [2] TWO-year terms from single member districts apportioned on a basis of population as [hereinafter] provided IN THIS ARTICLE. The districts shall consist of compact and convenient territory contiguous by land.

Each county which has a population of not less than [7/10] SEVEN-TENTHS of one percent of the population of the state shall constitute a separate representative area. Each county having less than [7/10] SEVEN-TENTHS of one percent of the population of the state shall be combined with another county or counties to form a representative area of not less than [7/10] SEVEN-

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TENTHS of one percent of the population of the state. Any county which is isolated under the initial allocation as [herein] provided IN THIS SECTION shall be joined with that contiguous representative area having the smallest percentage of the state's population. Each such representative area shall be entitled initially to one representative.

After the assignment of one representative to each of the representative areas, the remaining house seats shall be apportioned among the representative areas on the basis of population by the method of equal proportions.

Any county comprising a representative area entitled to [2] TWO or more representatives shall be divided into single member representative districts as follows:

(1) The population of [each] SUCH districtS shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the representative area by the number of representatives to which it is entitled.

(2) Such single member districts shall follow city and township boundaries where applicable and shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly square in shape as possible.

Any representative area consisting of more than one county, entitled to more than one representative, shall be divided into single member districts as equal as possible in population adhering to county lines.

Sec. 4. In counties having more than one representative or senatorial district, the territory in the same county annexed to or merged with a city between apportionments shall become a part of a contiguous representative or senatorial district in the city with which it is combined upon the effective date of the annexation or merger[.]. THE DISTRICTS WITH WHICH THE TERRITORY SHALL BE COMBINED SHALL BE [as] determined by ordinance of the city certified to the secretary of state.

[No legislator shall be deemed to have vacated his office by virtue of the above section.] NO SUCH CHANGE IN THE BOUNDARIES OF A REPRESENTATIVE OR SENATORIAL DISTRICT SHALL HAVE THE EFFECT OF REMOVING A LEGISLATOR FROM OFFICE DURING HIS TERM.

Sec. 5. ISLAND AREAS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE CONTIGUOUS BY LAND TO THE COUNTY OF WHICH THEY ARE A PART.

Sec. 6. A commission on legislative apportionment is hereby established consisting of [8] EIGHT persons, [4] FOUR of whom shall be selected by the state organizations of each of the [2] TWO political parties whose candidates for governor received the highest vote at the last general election AT WHICH A GOVERNOR WAS ELECTED preceding each apportionment. If a candidate for

governor of a third political party has received at such election more than 25 percent of such gubernatorial vote, the commission shall consist of 12 members, [4] FOUR of whom shall be selected by the state organization of the third political party. One member of the commission shall be selected by each political party organization from each of the following [4] FOUR regions: (1) The upper peninsula; (2) The northern part of the lower peninsula, north of a line drawn along the northern boundaries of the counties of Bay, Midland, Isabella, Mecosta, Newaygo and Oceana; (3) Southwestern Michigan, those counties south of region (2) and west of a line drawn along the western boundaries of the counties of Bay, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Ingham, Jackson and Hillsdale; (4) Southeastern Michigan, the remaining counties of the state.

No officers or employees of the federal, state or local governments, excepting notaries public and members of the armed forces reserve, shall be eligible for membership on the commission. Members of the commission shall not be eligible for election to the legislature until [2] TWO years after the apportionment [plan] in which they participated becomes effective.

The commission shall be appointed immediately after the adoption of this constitution and whenever [Re]apportionment or districting OF THE LEGISLATURE is required by the provisions of this constitution. Members of the commission shall hold office until each apportionment or districting plan becomes effective. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as for original appointment.

The secretary of state shall be secretary of the commission without vote, and in that capacity shall furnish, under the direction of the commission, all necessary technical services. The commission shall elect its own chairman, shall make its own rules of procedure, and shall receive compensation provided by law. The legislature shall appropriate funds [necessary] to enable the commission to carry out its activities.

Within 30 days after the adoption of this constitution, and after the official total population count of each federal decennial census of the state and its political subdivisions is available, the secretary of state shall issue a call convening the commission not less than 30 nor more than 45 days thereafter. The commission shall complete its work within 180 days after all necessary census information is available. The commission shall proceed to DISTRICT AND apportion[, and district,] the senate and house of representatives according to the provisions of this constitution. All final decisions shall require the concurrence of a majority of [all of] the members of the commission. The commission shall hold public hearings as may be provided by law.

Each final apportionment and districting plan shall be published as provided by law within 30 days from the date of its adoption and shall become law 60 days after publication. The secretary of state shall keep a public record of all the proceedings of the commission and shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of each plan.

If a majority of the commission cannot agree on a plan, each member of the commission, individually or jointly with other members, may submit a proposed plan to the supreme court. The supreme court shall determine which plan complies most accurately with the constitutional requirements and shall direct that it be adopted BY THE COMMISSION and published as provided in this section.

Upon the application of any [qualified] elector filed not later than 60 days after final publication of the plan, the supreme court, in the exercise of original jurisdiction, shall direct the secretary of state or the apportionment commission to perform their duties, may review any final plan adopted by the commission, and shall make orders amending such plan if it fails to comply with the requirements of this constitution.

Sec. 7. Each senator and representative MUST [shall] be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age, and AN [a qualified] elector of the district he represents[,] . [and] The removal of his domicile from the district shall be deemed a vacation of the office. No person who has been convicted of subversion or who has within the preceding 20 years been convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be eligible for either house of the legislature.

Sec. 8. No person holding any office under the United States or this state or a political subdivision thereof, except notaries public and officers of the armed forces reserve, may be a member of either house of the legislature.

Sec. 9. No person elected TO [a member of] the legislature shall receive any civil appointment within this state from the governor, except notaries public, [from the governor and senate,] from the legislature, or from any other state authority, during the term for which he is elected.

Sec. 10. No member of the legislature nor any state officer shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the state or any political subdivision thereof which shall cause a substantial conflict of interest. The legislature shall further implement this provision by appropriate legislation.

Sec. 11. Senators and representatives shall be privileged from civil arrest and civil process during sessions of the legislature and for [5] FIVE days next before the commencement and after the termination thereof. They shall not be questioned in any other place for any speech in either

house.

Sec. 12. The annual salary of the members of the legislature shall be not less than \$9,000[.], AS PROVIDED BY LAW. Members of the legislature shall be entitled to REIMBURSEMENT FOR [2] TWO round trips home EACH [per] month while the legislature is in session, and expenses in connection with the work of interim committees. [No] ChangeS in salary or expenses shall beCOME effective [during the term of office for which the legislature making the change was elected] ONLY WHEN LEGISLATORS COMMENCE THEIR TERM OF OFFICE AFTER A GENERAL ELECTION except and only to the extent of a general salary reduction in all other branches of STATE government.

No person serving in the legislature shall receive at any time for his services as a member of the legislature any additional fees, compensation or financial benefits from the state or its political subdivisions. This section shall not be construed to [deny] AFFECT retirement benefits [to those] OF legislators [eligible to receive] WHICH HAVE [these benefits at] ACCRUED PRIOR TO the [time] EFFECTIVE DATE OF this constitution [becomes effective].

Sec. 13. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at [12:00] TWELVE o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at TWELVE [12:00] o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall carry over WITH THE SAME STATUS to the next regular session.

Sec. 14. A majority of the members elected to and serving in each house shall constitute a quorum to do business. A smaller number in each house may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and with penalties as each house may prescribe.

Sec. 15. There shall be a bi-partisan legislative council consisting of legislators appointed in the manner prescribed by law. The legislature shall appropriate [adequate] funds for the council's operations and provide for its staff which shall maintain bill drafting, research and other services for the members of the legislature. The council shall PERIODICALLY [from time to time] examine and recommend to the legislature revision of the various laws of the state.

Sec. 16. Each house, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine the rules of its proceedings, but shall not adopt any rule that will prevent a majority of the members elected thereto and serving therein from discharging a committee

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1 from the further consideration of any measure.
2 Each house shall BE THE SOLE judge of the
3 qualifications, elections and returns of its mem-
4 bers, and may, with the concurrence of TWO-
5 THIRDS [2/3] of all the members elected thereto
6 and serving therein, expel a member. The reasons
7 for such expulsion shall be entered IN [upon] the
8 journal, with the [yeas and nays] VOTES AND
9 NAMES of the members voting upon the ques-
10 tion. No member shall be expelled a second time
11 for the same cause.

12 Sec. 17. Each house of the legislature may
13 establish the committees necessary for the effi-
14 cient conduct of its business and the legislature
15 may create joint committees. Each committee
16 shall [keep a recorded] BY roll call vote RECORD
17 THE VOTE AND NAME [by yeas and nays] of
18 all action on bills and resolutions taken in the
19 committee. Such vote shall be available FOR [to]
20 public inspection. Notice of all committee hear-
21 ings and a clear statement of all subjects to be
22 considered at each hearing shall be published in
23 the journal in advance of the hearing.

24 Sec. 18. Each house shall keep a journal of
25 its proceedings, and publish the same unless se-
26 curity otherwise requires. The [yeas and nays]
27 RECORD OF THE VOTE AND NAME of the
28 members of either house VOTING on any question
29 shall be entered in the journal at the request of
30 [1/5] ONE-FIFTH of the members present. Any
31 member of either house may dissent from and
32 protest against any act, proceeding or resolution
33 which he deems injurious to any person or the
34 public, and have the reason for his dissent entered
35 in the journal.

36 Sec. 19. All elections in either house or in
37 joint convention and all votes on appointments
38 [recommended to the senate for confirmation]
39 SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE FOR ADVICE
40 AND CONSENT shall be [taken by yeas and
41 nays and] published BY VOTE AND NAME in
42 the journal.

43 Sec. 20. The doors of each house shall be open
44 unless the public security otherwise requires.

45 Sec. 21. Neither house shall, without the con-
46 sent of the other, adjourn for more than [3] TWO
47 INTERVENING CALENDAR days, nor to any
48 place other than where the legislature may then
49 be in session.

50 Sec. 22. All legislation [by the legislature]
51 shall be by bill and may originate in either house.

52 Sec. 23. The style of the laws shall be: The
53 People of the State of Michigan enact.

54 Sec. 24. No law shall embrace more than one
55 object, which shall be expressed in its title. No
56 bill shall be altered or amended on its passage
57 through either house so as to change its original
58 purpose as determined by its total content and
59 not alone by its title.

60 Sec. 25. No law shall be revised, altered or

1 amended by reference to its title only. The section
2 or sections of the act altered or amended shall
3 be re-enacted and published at length.

4 Sec. 26. No bill shall be passed or become a
5 law at any regular session of the legislature until
6 it has been printed or reproduced and in the pos-
7 session of each house for at least [5] FIVE days.
8 Every bill shall be read THREE [3] times in each
9 house before the final passage thereof. No bill
10 shall become a law without the concurrence of a
11 majority of [all] the members elected to and
12 serving in each house. On the final passage of [all]
13 bills, the voteS AND NAMES OF THE MEMBERS
14 VOTING THEREON shall be [by yeas and nays
15 and] entered in the journal.

16 Sec. 27. No act shall take effect [or be in force]
17 until the expiration of 90 days from the end of
18 the session at which it was passed, but the legis-
19 lature may give immediate effect to acts by a [2/3]
20 TWO-THIRDS vote of the members elected to and
21 serving in each house.

22 Sec. 28. When the legislature is convened on
23 extraordinary occasions in special session no bill
24 shall be passed on any subjects other than those
25 expressly stated in the governor's proclamation
26 or submitted by special message.

27 Sec. 29. The legislature shall pass no local
28 or special act in any case where a general act can
29 be made applicable, and whether a general act
30 can be made applicable shall be a judicial question.
31 No local or special act shall take effect until
32 approved by TWO-THIRDS [2/3] of the mem-
33 bers elected to and serving in each house [of the
34 legislature] and by a majority of the electors vot-
35 ing thereon in the district [to be] affected. Any
36 act repealing local or special acts [in effect as of
37 the effective date of this constitution] shall re-
38 quire only a majority of the members elected to
39 and serving in each house and shall not require
40 submission to the electors of such district.

41 Sec. 30. The assent of TWO-THIRDS [2/3] of
42 the members elected to and serving in each house
43 of the legislature shall be required for the appro-
44 priation of public money or property for local or
45 private purposes.

46 Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the
47 succeeding fiscal period covering items set forth
48 in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either
49 house of the legislature before that house passes
50 any appropriation bill for items not in the budget
51 except bills supplementing appropriations for the
52 current FISCAL year's operation. Any bill re-
53 quiring an appropriation to carry out its purpose
54 shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of
55 the general appropriation bills as passed by the
56 legislature shall contain an itemized statement of
57 estimated revenue by major source in each oper-
58 ating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total
59 of which shall not be less than the total of all
60 appropriations made from each fund in the gen-

eral appropriation bills as passed.

Sec. 32. Every law which imposes, continues or revives a tax shall distinctly state the tax.

Sec. 33. Every bill passed by the legislature shall be presented to the governor before it becomes law, and the governor shall have 14 days measured in hours and minutes from the time of presentation in which to consider it. If he approves, he shall within that time sign and file it with the secretary of state and it shall become law. If he does not approve, and the legislature has within that time finally adjourned the session at which the bill was passed, it shall not become law. If he does not approve, and the legislature continues the session at which the bill was passed, he shall return it within such 14-day period with his objections, to the house in which it originated. That house shall enter such objections in full in its journal and reconsider the bill. If TWO-THIRDS [2/3] of the members elected TO and serving in that house pass the bill notwithstanding the objections of the governor, it shall be sent with the objections to the other house for reconsideration. The bill shall become law if passed by TWO-THIRDS [2/3] of the members elected TO and serving in that house. The vote of each house shall be [determined by the yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting for and against the bill shall be] entered in the journal WITH THE VOTES AND NAMES OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREON. If any bill is not returned by the governor within such 14-day period, the legislature continuing in session, it shall become law as if he had signed it.

Sec. 34. Any bill passed by the legislature and approved by the governor, except A BILL appropriATING MONEY [ion bills], may [be referred by the legislature to the qualified electors. No bill so referred shall] PROVIDE THAT IT WILL NOT become [a] law unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Sec. 35. All laws enacted at any session of the legislature shall be published in book form within 60 days after final adjournment of the session, and shall be distributed in the manner provided by law. The [speedy] PROMPT publication of judicial decisions shall be provided by law. All laws and judicial decisions shall be free for publication by any person.

Sec. 36. No general revision of the laws shall [hereafter] be made. The legislature may provide for a compilation of the laws in force, arranged without alteration, under appropriate heads and titles.

Sec. 37. The legislature may by concurrent resolution empower a joint committee of the legislature acting [in the interim] between sessions to suspend until the end of the next regular legislative session any rule or regulation [promulgated

by] OF an administrative agency PROMULGATED when the legislature is not in regular session.

Sec. 38. The legislature may provide by law the cases in which any office shall be [deemed] vacant and the manner of filling vacancies[,] where no provision is made in this constitution.

Sec. 39. In order to insure continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of emergency only, resulting from disasters occurring in this state CAUSED by enemy attack on the United States, the legislature MAY [shall have the power to such extent as it deems advisable (1) to] provide by [legislative enactment] LAW for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices, of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents of which may become unavailable for carrying on the powers and duties of such offices[,] and ENACT [(2) to adopt by legislative enactment such] other [legislation] LAWS [as may be] necessary and proper for insuring the continuity of governmental operations. Notwithstanding the power conferred by this section, elections shall always be called as soon as possible to fill any [elective] vacancies in [any] ELECTIVE offices temporarily occupied by operation of any legislation enacted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 40. The legislature may by law establish a liquor control commission[,] which, subject to statutory limitations, shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof. [and] THE LEGISLATURE may provide for an excise tax on such sales. Neither the legislature nor the commission may authorize the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages in any county in which a majority of the electors voting thereon shall prohibit the same.

Sec. 41. The legislature shall not authorize any lottery nor permit the sale of lottery tickets.

Sec. 42. The legislature may provide for the incorporation of ports and port districts, and confer power and authority upon them to engage in work of internal improvements in connection therewith.

Sec. 43. No general law providing for the incorporation of trust companies or corporations for banking purposes, or regulating the business thereof, shall be enacted, amended or repealed except by a vote of [2/3] TWO-THIRDS of the members elected to and serving in each house [of the legislature].

Sec. 44. The legislature may authorize a trial by a jury of less than 12 jurors in civil cases.

Sec. 45. The legislature may provide for indeterminate sentences as [a] punishment for crime and for the detention and release of per-

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sons imprisoned or detained [on] UNDER such sentences.

Sec. 46. No law shall be enacted providing for the penalty of death.

Sec. 47. The legislature may authorize the employment of chaplains in state institutions of DETENTION OR confinement.

Sec. 48. The legislature may enact laws providing for the resolution of disputes [in] CONCERNING public [employment] EMPLOYEES, except THOSE IN THE state classified civil service.

Sec. 49. The legislature may enact laws relative to the hours and conditions of employment.

Sec. 50. The legislature may provide safety measures and regulate the use of atomic energy and forms of energy developed in the future, having in view the general welfare of the people of this state.

Sec. 51. The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health.

Sec. 52. The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety[,] and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water[,] and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction.

Sec. 53. The legislature by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, shall appoint an auditor general, who shall be [an administrator and] a certified public accountant [duly] licensed to practice in this state, to serve for a term of [8] EIGHT years. He shall be ineligible for appointment or election to any other [paid] public office in this state FROM WHICH COMPENSATION IS DERIVED while serving as auditor general and for [2] TWO years following the termination of his service. He may be removed for cause at any time by a [2/3] TWO-THIRDS vote of the members elected to and serving in each house [of the legislature]. The auditor general shall conduct post audits of financial transactions and accounts of the state and of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities and institutions of the state established by this constitution or by law, and performance post audits thereof.

The auditor general upon direction by the legislature may employ independent accounting firms or legal counsel and may make investigations pertinent to the conduct of audits. He shall report annually to the legislature and to the governor and at such other times as he deems necessary or as required by the legislature. He shall be assigned no duties other than those [herein]

specified IN THIS SECTION.

Nothing in this section shall be construed in any way to infringe the responsibility and constitutional authority of the governing boards of the [universities and colleges] INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION to be solely responsible for the control and direction of all expenditures from the institutions' funds.

[The legislature shall provide by law for the maintenance of uniform accounting systems by units of local government and the auditing of county accounts by competent state authority and other units of government as provided by law.]

The auditor general, his deputy and one other member of his staff shall be exempt from classified civil service. All other members of his staff shall have classified civil service status.

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Article V Executive Branch

Sec. 1. The executive power is vested in the governor.

Sec. 2. All executive and administrative offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF state government and their respective functions, powers and duties, except for the office of governor and lieutenant governor and the governing bodies of institutions of higher education provided for in this constitution, shall be allocated by law among and within not more than 20 principal departments. They shall be grouped as far as practicable according to major purposes.

Subsequent to the initial allocation, the governor may make changes in the organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration. Where these changes require the force of law, they shall be set forth in executive orders AND SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE. THEREAFTER the legislature shall have 60 CALENDAR days of a regular session, or a full session if of shorter duration, to disapprove [these] EACH executive order[s]. Unless disapproved in both houses by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, [these] EACH order[s] shall become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the governor.

Sec. 3. The head of each principal department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided in this constitution or by law. The single executives heading principal departments shall include a secretary of state, a state treasurer and an attorney general. When a single executive [other than an elective official,] is the head of a principal department, UNLESS ELECTED OR APPOINTED AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS CONSTITUTION, he shall be [nominated and,] APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR by and with the advice and consent of the senate[, appointed by the governor] and he shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

When a board or commission is at the head of a principal department, [the members thereof,] unless elected or appointed as otherwise provided in this constitution, THE MEMBERS THEREOF shall be [nominated and,] APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR by and with the advice and consent of the senate[, appointed by the governor]. The term of office and procedure for removal of such members shall be as prescribed in this constitution or by law.

Terms of office of any board or commission

created or enlarged after [adoption] THE EFFECTIVE DATE of this constitution shall not exceed [4] FOUR years except as otherwise authorized in this constitution. The terms of office of existing boards and commissions[,] which are [greater] LONGER than [4] FOUR years shall not be further extended except as provided in this constitution.

Sec. 4. At no time shall an examining or licensing board of a profession INCLUDE [be composed of] less than a majority of members of that profession. Temporary commissions or agencies for special purposes with a life of no more than [2] TWO years may be established by law and need not be allocated within a principal department.

Sec. 5. Appointment by and with the advice and consent of the senate when used in this constitution or [in statutes] LAWS in effect or hereafter enacted means appointment subject to disapproval by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in the senate if such action is taken within 60 [legislative] SESSION days after the date of such appointment. [If the] ANY appointment [is] not disapproved within such period [of time the appointment] shall stand confirmed.

Sec. 6. [When the senate is not in session, the governor shall fill a vacancy] VACANCIES in any office, appointment to which requires advice and consent of the senate, [by appointment which may be disapproved by the senate in the manner provided for other] SHALL BE FILLED BY THE GOVERNOR BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE. [appointments requiring such advice and consent.] A person [who] WHOSE APPOINTMENT has been disapproved by the senate shall not be eligible for [another] AN interim appointment to the same office.

Sec. 7. Each principal department shall be under the supervision of the governor[, unless otherwise provided by this constitution. The governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. He shall transact all necessary business with the officers of government and may require information in writing from all executive and administrative state officers, elective and appointive, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

The governor may initiate court proceedings in the name of the state to enforce compliance with any constitutional or legislative mandate, or to restrain violations of any constitutional or legislative power, duty[, or right by any officer, department[, or agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions. This authority shall not be construed to authorize court proceedings against the legislature.

Sec. 8. Single executives heading principal departments and the chief executive officers of

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principal departments headed by boards or commissions shall keep their offices at the seat of government except as otherwise provided by law, superintend them in person and perform duties prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. The governor shall have power and it shall be his duty[,] to inquire into the condition and administration of any public office and the acts of any public officer, elective or appointive. He may remove or suspend from office for gross neglect of duty or for corrupt conduct in office, or FOR any other misfeasance or malfeasance therein, any elective or appointive state officer, except legislative or judicial, and report the [causes of] REASONS FOR such removal or suspension to the legislature. [if in session or otherwise at its next session.]

Sec. 10. The governor may make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy occasioned by the suspension of an appointed or elected officer, other than a [judicial] LEGISLATIVE OR JUDICIAL officer, until he is REINSTATED [acquitted] or[, if convicted,] until the vacancy is filled in the manner prescribed by law or this constitution [for such office].

Sec. 11. The governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces and may call them out to execute the laws, suppress insurrection and repel invasion.

Sec. 12. The governor shall issue writs of election to fill vacancies in the senate or house of representatives. Any such election shall be held in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 13. The governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after convictions for all offenses, except cases of impeachment, upon such conditions and limitations as he may direct, subject to procedures and regulations [provided] PRESCRIBED by law. He shall inform the legislature annually of each reprieve, commutation and pardon granted, stating reasons therefor.

Sec. 14. The governor may convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions.

Sec. 15. The governor may convene the legislature at some other place when the seat of government becomes dangerous from any cause.

Sec. 16. The governor shall communicate by message to the legislature at the beginning of each session and may at other times present to the legislature information as to the affairs of the state and recommend measures he considers necessary or desirable.

Sec. 17. The governor shall submit to the legislature at a time fixed by law, a budget for the ensuing fiscal period setting forth in detail, for all operating funds, the proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the state. Proposed expenditures from any fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue thereof. On the same date, the

governor shall submit to the legislature general appropriation bills to embody the proposed expenditures and any necessary bill or bills to provide new or additional revenues to meet proposed expenditures. The amount of any surplus created or deficit incurred in any fund during the last preceding fiscal period shall be entered as an item in the budget and in one of the appropriation bills. The governor may submit amendments to appropriation bills to be offered in either house during consideration of the bill by that house, and shall submit any bills to meet deficiencies in current appropriations.

Sec. 18. The governor [shall have power to] MAY disapprove any distinct item or items APPROPRIATING MONEYS in any appropriation bill. The part or parts approved shall become law, and the item or items disapproved shall be void unless re-passed according to the method prescribed for the passage of other bills over the executive veto.

Sec. 19. No appropriation shall be [deemed] a mandate to spend. The governor, with the approval of the appropriating committees of the house and senate, shall reduce expenditures AUTHORIZED BY [of any bodies receiving] appropriations whenever it appears that actual revenues for a fiscal period will fall below the revenue estimates on which appropriations for that period were based. Reductions in expenditures shall be made in accordance with procedures [established] PRESCRIBED by law. The governor[']s power to reduce expenditures shall not apply to] MAY NOT REDUCE EXPENDITURES OF the legislative and judicial branches or FROM [to those services for which] funds CONSTITUTIONALLY DEDICATED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES. [are mandated by this constitution.]

Sec. 20. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be elected FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS at the general election in each alternate even-numbered year. [They shall serve for terms of 4 years beginning at 12:00 o'clock noon on the first day of January next succeeding their election.]

The lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be nominated by party conventions in a manner prescribed by law. In the general election one vote shall be cast jointly for the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor nominated by the same party.

VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

Sec. 21. [No person shall] TO be eligible for the office of governor or lieutenant governor [who shall not have] A PERSON MUST HAVE attained the age of 30 years, and [who shall] have [not] been [4 years next preceding his election] a registered elector in this state FOR FOUR

YEARS NEXT PRECEDING HIS ELECTION.

Sec. 22. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state[, state treasurer] and attorney general shall each receive the compensation [prescribed] PROVIDED by law in full payment for all services performed and expenses incurred during his term of office. Such compensation shall not be changed during the term of office except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

Sec. 23. An executive residence suitably furnished shall be provided at the seat of government for the use of the governor. He shall receive an allowance for its maintenance as provided by law.

Sec. 24. The lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate, but shall have no vote except in case of equal division. He [shall] MAY perform [additional] duties [as] requested of him by the governor[.], BUT NO POWER VESTED IN THE GOVERNOR SHALL BE DELEGATED.

Sec. 25. In case of the conviction of the governor on impeachment, his removal from office, his resignation, or [the] HIS death, [of the governor or governor-elect, the powers and duties of the office shall vest, in the following order of precedence, in the person elected at the last election to the office of] THE lieutenant governor, THE ELECTED secretary of state, THE ELECTED attorney general, and such other persons designated by law[, who] shall IN THAT ORDER be governor [after the commencement of their term] for the [residue] REMAINDER of the governor's term.

IN CASE OF THE DEATH OF THE GOVERNOR-ELECT, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR-ELECT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE-ELECT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL-ELECT AND SUCH OTHER PERSONS DESIGNATED BY LAW SHALL BECOME GOVERNOR IN THAT ORDER AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR-ELECT'S TERM.

If the governor or the person in line of succession to serve as governor is absent from the state, or suffering under an inability [as determined herein], the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve in order of precedence [upon such persons] until the absence or inability giving rise to the DEVOLUTION [devolvment] of powers ceases.

The inability of the governor[, governor-elect] or person[s serving] ACTING as governor shall be determined by a majority of the supreme court on joint request of the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Such determination shall be final and conclusive. The supreme court shall upon its own initiative determine if and when the inability ceases.

Sec. 26. The legislature shall provide that the

salary of any state officer WHILE ACTING AS [performing the duties of] governor [is] SHALL BE equal to that of the governor.

Sec. 27. There is hereby established a state highway commission, which shall administer the state highway department and have jurisdiction and control over all state trunkline highways and appurtenant facilities, and such other public works of the state, as [shall be prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

The state highway commission shall consist of [4] FOUR members, not more than [2] TWO of whom shall be members of the same political party. They shall be appointed by the governor BY AND with the advice and consent of the senate for [4] FOUR-year terms, no [2] TWO of which shall expire in the same year AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

The state highway commission shall appoint AND MAY REMOVE a state highway director, who shall be a competent highway engineer and administrator. He shall be the PRINCIPAL [chief] executive OFFICER of the state highway department and shall be responsible for executing the policy of the state highway commission.

Sec. 28. There is hereby established a civil rights commission which shall consist of [8] EIGHT persons, not more than [4] FOUR of whom shall be members of the same political party, who shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, for [4] FOUR-year terms not more than [2] TWO of which shall expire in the same year. It shall be the duty of the commission in a manner which may be prescribed by law to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of [race] religion, RACE, color or national origin in the enjoyment of the civil rights guaranteed by law and by this constitution, and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination. The legislature shall provide an annual appropriation for the effective operation of the commission.

The commission shall have [the] power, in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and of general laws governing administrative agencies, to promulgate rules and regulations for its own procedures, to hold hearings, administer oaths, through court authorization to require the attendance of witnesses and the submission of records, to take testimony, and to issue appropriate orders. The commission shall have other powers provided by law to carry out its purposes. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to diminish the right of any party to direct and immediate legal or equitable remedies in the courts of this state.

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Article VI Judicial Branch

Sec. 1. The judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice[,] which shall be divided into one supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, one probate court, and other courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a [2/3] TWO-THIRDS vote of the members ELECTED TO AND SERVING IN [of] each house.

Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of [8] SEVEN justices [to be] elected at non-partisan elections as provided by law. [A vacancy hereafter created as the result of the death, retirement or resignation of one incumbent justice shall not be filled.] The term of office shall be [for 8] EIGHT years and not more than [3] TWO terms of office shall expire at the same time. Nominations for justices of the supreme court shall be in the manner [as provided] PRESCRIBED by law[.]. [except] Any incumbent justice whose term is to expire may become a candidate for re-election by filing an affidavit of candidacy, in the form and manner prescribed by law, not less than 180

days prior to the expiration of his term.

Sec. 3. One justice of the supreme court shall be selected by the court as its chief justice AS [in the manner and for the term] provided by [the] rules of the court. He shall perform other duties required by the court. The supreme court shall appoint an administrator of the courts and other assistants of the supreme court as [shall] MAY be [deemed] necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of this state. The administrator shall perform administrative duties assigned by the court.

Sec. 4. The supreme court shall have general superintending control over all courts; power to issue, hear, and determine prerogative and remedial writs; and appellate jurisdiction as provided by rules of the supreme court. The supreme court shall not have the power to remove a judge.

Sec. 5. The supreme court shall by general rules establish, modify, amend and simplify the practice and procedure in all courts of this state. The distinctions between law and equity proceedings shall, as far as practicable, be abolished. The office of master in chancery is prohibited.

Sec. 6. Decisions of the supreme court, including all decisions on prerogative writs, shall be in writing and shall contain a concise statement of the facts and reasons for each decision and reasons for each denial of leave to appeal. When a judge dissents in whole or in part he shall give in writing the reasons for his dissent.

Sec. 7. The supreme court may appoint, may remove, and shall have general supervision of its staff. It shall have control of the preparation of its budget recommendations and the expenditure of [the funds] MONEYS appropriated for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the court or the performance of activities of its staff except that the salaries of the justices shall be established by law. All fees and perquisites collected by the court staff shall be turned over to the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

Sec. 8. The court of appeals shall consist initially of [9] NINE judges who shall be nominated and elected [on a] AT non-partisan ELECTIONS [basis] from districts, and in the manner, prescribed by law. The supreme court may prescribe by rule that the court of appeals may sit in divisions and for the terms of court and the times and places thereof. Each such division shall consist of not fewer than three judges. The number of judges comprising the court of appeals may be increased, and the districts from which they are elected may be [altered] CHANGED by law.

Sec. 9. Judges of the court of appeals shall hold office for a TERM [period] of [6] SIX years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office for the judges in each district shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

Sec. 10. The jurisdiction of the court of appeals shall be provided by law and the practice and procedure therein shall be [as provided] PRE-SCRIBED by rules of the supreme court.

Sec. 11. The state shall be divided into judicial circuits along county lines in each of which there shall be elected one or more circuit judges as provided by law. [A] SESSIONS OF THE circuit court shall be held at least [4] FOUR times in each year in every county organized for judicial purposes. Each circuit judge shall hold court in the county or counties within the circuit in which he is elected, and in other circuits as may be provided by rules of the supreme court. The number of judges may be changed and circuits may be created, altered and discontinued by law and the number of judges shall be changed and circuits shall be created, altered and discontinued on recommendation of the supreme court to reflect changes in judicial activity. No change in the number of judges [n]or alteration or discontinuance of a circuit shall have the effect of removing a judge from office during his term.

Sec. 12. Circuit judges shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections in the circuit in which they reside, and shall hold office for a TERM [period] of [6] SIX years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In circuits having more than one circuit judge their terms of office shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

Sec. 13. THE circuit court[s] shall have original jurisdiction in all matters not prohibited by law; appellate jurisdiction from all inferior courts and tribunals except as otherwise provided by law; power to issue, hear and determine prerogative and remedial writs; supervisory and general control over inferior courts and tribunals within their respective jurisdictions[,] in accordance with rules of the supreme court; and jurisdiction of other cases and matters as provided by rules of the supreme court.

Sec. 14. The clerk of each county organized for judicial purposes or other officer performing the duties of such office as provided in a county charter shall be clerk of the circuit court for such county. The judges of the circuit court[s] may fill [any] A vacancy in an elective office of county clerk or prosecuting attorney within their respective jurisdictions.

Sec. 15. In each county organized for judicial purposes[,] there shall be a probate court. The legislature may [combine one or more counties into] CREATE OR ALTER probate COURT districts OF MORE THAN ONE COUNTY [upon the approval by a majority of the voters of each county voting separately on the question,] IF AP-PROVED IN EACH AFFECTED COUNTY BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING ON THE QUESTION. [or combine] THE LEGISLA-

TURE MAY PROVIDE FOR THE COMBINATION OF the office of probate judge with any judicial office of limited jurisdiction [in any] WITHIN A county with supplemental salary as provided by law. The jurisdiction, powers and duties of the probate court[s] and of the judges thereof shall be [prescribed] PROVIDED by law. They shall [also] have original jurisdiction in all cases of juvenile delinquents and dependents, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 16. ONE OR MORE judges of probate AS PROVIDED BY LAW shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections in the counties or the probate districtS in which they reside and shall hold office for [a period] TERMS of [6] SIX years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In counties or districts with more than one judge the terms of office shall be arranged by law to provide that NOT all terms will [not] expire at the same time.

Sec. 17. No judge or justice of any court of this state shall be paid from the fees of his office nor shall the amount of his salary be measured by fees, other moneys received or [by] the amount of judicial activity of his office.

Sec. 18. Salaries of justices of the supreme court, of the judges of the court of appeals, of the circuit judges within a [county or] circuit, and of the probate judges within a county or district, shall be uniform, and may be increased, but shall not be decreased during a term of office except and only to the extent of a general salary reduction in all other branches of government.

Each of the judges of the circuit court[s] shall receive an annual salary as provided by law. In addition to the salary received from the state, [treasury,] each circuit judge may receive from any county in which he regularly holds court [such] AN additional salary as [may be] determined from time to time by the board of supervisors of the county. In any county where [such] AN additional salary is granted, it shall be paid at the same rate to all circuit judges regularly holding court therein.

Sec. 19. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and other courts designated as such by the legislature shall be courts of record and [shall] each SHALL have a common seal. [Except as otherwise authorized by this constitution,] Justices and judges of [the] courts of record [of this state shall] MUST be PERSONS WHO ARE licensed to practice law in this state. [and] No person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years.

Sec. 20. Whenever a JUSTICE OR judge removes his domicile beyond the limits of the territory from which he was elected, he shall [be deemed to] have vacated his office.

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Sec. 21. Any justice or judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service [as a judge] and for one year thereafter.

Sec. 22. Any elected judge of [a] THE court of appeals, circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is the incumbent by filing an affidavit of candidacy in the form and manner [provided] PRESCRIBED by law.

Sec. 23. A vacancy in the elective office of a judge of any court of record shall be filled at a general or special election AS PROVIDED BY [according to] law. The supreme court may authorize persons who have served as judges and who have retired, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified. SUCH PERSONS SHALL BE INELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY.

Sec. 24. There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each elected incumbent justice or judge[,] who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office[,] the designation of that office.

Sec. 25. For reasonable cause, which is not sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution of [2/3] TWO-THIRDS of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. The cause for removal shall be stated at length in [such] THE resolution.

Sec. 26. The offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace shall be abolished at the expiration of [5] FIVE years from the date this constitution becomes effective or may within this period be abolished by law. Their jurisdiction and powers within this period shall be as provided by law. Within [such] THIS [5] FIVE-year period, the legislature shall establish a court or courts of limited jurisdiction with powers and jurisdiction defined by law. The location of such court or courts, and the qualifications, tenure, method of election[,] and salary of the judges of such court or courts, and by what governmental units the JUDGES [same] shall be paid, shall be provided by law, subject to the limitations contained in this Article.

Statutory courts in existence at the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until they are abolished by law.

Sec. 27. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, or any justices or judges thereof, shall not exercise any power of appointment to public office except as [otherwise] provided in this constitution.

Sec. 28. All final decisions, findings, rulings

and orders of any administrative officer or [body] AGENCY existing under the constitution or by law, which are judicial or quasi-judicial and affect private rights [,] or licenses, shall be subject to direct review by the courts as [shall be] provided by law. This review shall include, as a minimum, the determination whether such final decisions, findings, rulings and orders are authorized by law[.]; and, in cases in which a hearing is required, whether the same are supported by competent, material[,] and substantial evidence on the whole record[:]. [Provided however, that the] Findings of fact [of the] IN workmen's compensation [commission] PROCEEDINGS shall be conclusive in the absence of fraud unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 29. Justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, circuit judges[,] and other judges as provided by law shall be conservators of the peace within their respective jurisdictions.

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Article VII

Local Government

Sec. 1. Each organized county shall be a body corporate with powers and immunities [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

Sec. 2. Any county may frame, adopt, amend or repeal a county charter in a manner and with powers and limitations to be provided by general law, which shall among other things provide for the election of a charter commission. The law may permit the organization of county government in form different from that set forth in this constitution and shall limit the rate of ad valorem property taxation for county purposes, and restrict THE [their] powers of CHARTER COUNTIES TO borrow[ing] money and contract[ing] debts. Each charter county is hereby granted power to levy other taxes for county purposes subject to limitations and prohibitions set forth in this constitution or law. Subject to law, a county charter may authorize the county through its regularly constituted authority to [enact] ADOPT resolutions and ordinances relating to its concerns.

The board of supervisors by a majority vote of its members may, and upon petition of [5] FIVE percent of the electors shall, place upon the ballot the question of electing a commission to frame a charter.

No county charter shall be adopted, amended or repealed until approved by a majority of electors voting on the question.

Sec. 3. No organized county shall be reduced by the organization of new counties to less than 16 townships as surveyed by the United States, unless APPROVED in [pursuance of] THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY law BY a majority of electors voting [on] THEREON [the question] in each county to be affected. [thereby shall so decide.]

Sec. 4. There shall be elected for [4] FOUR-year terms in each organized county a sheriff, a county clerk, a county treasurer, a register of deeds and a prosecuting attorney, whose duties and powers shall be [prescribed] PROVIDED by law. The board of supervisors in any county may COMBINE [unite] the offices of county clerk and register of deeds in one office or separate the same

at pleasure.

Sec. 5. The sheriff, county clerk, county treasurer and register of deeds shall hold their principal offices at the county seat.

Sec. 6. The sheriff may be required by law to renew his security [from time to time] PERIODICALLY and in default of giving such security, his office shall be [deemed] vacant. The county shall never be responsible for his acts, except that the board of supervisors may protect him against claims by prisoners for unintentional injuries received while in his custody. He shall not hold any other office except in [connection with] civil defense.

Sec. 7. A board of supervisors shall be established in each ORGANIZED county consisting of one member from each organized township and such representation from cities as [shall be prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

Sec. 8. [The] Boards of supervisors shall have LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE [such] AND SUCH OTHER powers and duties as provided by law [not inconsistent with this constitution].

Sec. 9. [The] Boards of supervisors shall have exclusive power to fix the compensation of [all] county [officials] OFFICERS not otherwise provided [for] by law.

Sec. 10. [No] A county seat once established shall NOT be removed until the place to which it is proposed to be [re]moved shall be designated by [2/3] TWO-THIRDS of the MEMBERS OF THE board of supervisors [of the county,] and a majority of the electors voting thereon shall have [voted in favor of] APPROVED the proposed location in [a] THE manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 11. No county shall incur any indebtedness which shall increase its total debt beyond 10 percent of its assessed valuation.

Sec. 12. [No] A navigable stream [of this state] shall NOT be bridged or dammed without permission granted by the board of supervisors of the county [under the provisions of] AS PROVIDED BY law, which permission shall be subject to such reasonable compensation and other conditions as may seem best suited to safeguard the rights and interests of the county and POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS [the municipalities] therein.

Sec. 13. Two or more CONTIGUOUS counties may combine into a single county [provided] IF APPROVED IN EACH AFFECTED COUNTY BY a majority of the [voters] ELECTORS voting on the question. [of each county, voting separately, approve such combination and the counties are contiguous.]

Sec. 14. The board of supervisors of each organized county may organize and consolidate townships under restrictions and limitations [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

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Sec. 15. Any county, when authorized by its BOARD OF SUPERVISORS [legislative body] shall have the authority to enter or to intervene in any ACTION [suit] or certificate proceeding involving the services, charges or rates of any privately owned public utility furnishing services or commodities to rate payers within the county.

Sec. 16. The legislature may provide for the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges, culverts and airports by the state and by the counties and townships thereof; and may authorize counties to take charge and control of any highway within their limits for such purposes. The legislature may [also prescribe] PROVIDE the powers and duties of counties in relation to highways, bridges, culverts and airports; may provide for county road commissioners to be appointed or elected, with powers and duties [as may be prescribed] PROVIDED by law. The ad valorem property tax IMPOSED for road purposes by any county shall not exceed in any year [1/2] ONE-HALF of one percent of the assessed valuation for the preceding year.

Sec. 17. Each organized township shall be a body corporate with powers and immunities [prescribed] PROVIDED by law [and not inconsistent with this constitution].

Sec. 18. IN EACH ORGANIZED TOWNSHIP there shall be elected for [a] terms of not less than [2 years] TWO nor more than [4] FOUR years as [provided] PRESCRIBED by law [in each organized township] a [township] supervisor, a [township] clerk, a [township] treasurer, and[,] not to exceed [4 township] FOUR trustees, whose legislative and administrative powers and duties shall be [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

Sec. 19. No ORGANIZED township shall grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the township, unless the proposition shall FIRST have BEEN APPROVED BY [first received the affirmative vote of] a majority of the electors of such township voting thereon at a regular or special election.

Sec. 20. The legislature shall provide by law for the dissolution of township government whenever all the territory of [a] AN ORGANIZED township is included within the boundaries of a village or villages NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A VILLAGE MAY INCLUDE TERRITORY WITHIN ANOTHER ORGANIZED TOWNSHIP and provide by law for the classification of such village or villages as cities [notwithstanding that a village may include territory within another township].

Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by general laws for the incorporation of cities and villages[;]. [such general laws] SUCH LAWS shall limit their rate of [general] AD VALOREM property taxation for municipal purposes, and

restrict [their] THE powers of CITIES AND VILLAGES TO borrow[ing] money and contract[ing] debts. Each city and village is granted power to levy other taxes for public purposes, subject to limitations and prohibitions provided by this constitution or by law.

Sec. 22. Under general laws the electors of each city and village shall have the power and authority to frame, adopt[,] and amend its charter, and to amend an existing charter of the city or village heretofore granted or enacted by the legislature for the government of the city or village. Each such city and village shall have power to [pass] ADOPT resolutions and ordinances relating to its municipal concerns, property and government, subject to the constitution and law. No enumeration of powers granted to cities and villages in this constitution shall [be deemed to] limit or restrict the general grant of authority conferred by this section.

Sec. 23. Any city or village may acquire, own, establish and maintain, within or without its corporate limits, parks, boulevards, cemeteries, hospitals[,] and all works which involve the public health or safety.

Sec. 24. Subject to this constitution, any city or village may acquire, own[,] and operate, within or without its corporate limits, public service facilities for supplying water, light, heat, power, sewage disposal and transportation to the municipality and the inhabitants thereof.

Any city or village may sell and deliver heat, power[, and] OR light without its corporate limits [to] IN an amount not [to exceed] EXCEEDING 25 percent of that furnished by it within the corporate limits, except as greater amounts may be permitted by law; may sell and deliver water and provide sewage disposal services[,] outside of its corporate limits in such amount as may be determined by the legislative body of the city or village; and may operate transportation lines [without] OUTSIDE the municipality within such limits as may be prescribed by law.

Sec. 25. No city or village shall acquire any public utility furnishing light, heat [and] OR power, or grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the city or village, unless the proposition shall FIRST have been approved by [3/5] THREE-FIFTHS of the electors voting thereon. No city or village may sell any such public utility unless the proposition shall FIRST have been approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, or a greater number if the charter shall so provide.

Sec. 26. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, no city or village shall have the power to loan its credit for any private purpose or, except as [authorized] PROVIDED by law, for any public purpose.

Sec. 27. Notwithstanding any other provision

of this constitution the legislature may establish in metropolitan areas additional forms of government or authorities with powers, duties and jurisdictions as the legislature shall provide. Wherever possible, such additional forms of government or authorities shall be designed to perform multi-purpose functions rather than a single function.

Sec. 28. The legislature by general law shall authorize two or more counties, cities, villages, townships or districts, or any combination thereof among other things to: enter into contractual undertakings or agreements with one another or with the state or with any combination thereof for the joint administration of any of the functions or powers which each would have the power to perform separately; share the costs and responsibilities of functions and services with one another or with the state or with any combination thereof which each would have the power to perform separately; transfer functions or responsibilities to one another or any combination thereof upon the consent of each unit involved; cooperate with one another and with state government [and with intergovernmental agencies]; lend their credit to one another or any combination thereof as PROVIDED [prescribed] by law in connection with any authorized publicly owned undertaking.

Any other provision of this constitution notwithstanding, an officer or employee of the state or any [of] such unit[s] of government or subdivision or agency thereof, except members of the legislature, may serve on or with any governmental body established for the [above] purposes SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION and shall not be required to relinquish his office or employment by reason of such service.

Sec. 29. No person, partnership, association or corporation, public or private, operating a public utility shall have the right to the use of the highways, streets, alleys or other public places of any county, city, village or township for wires, poles, pipes, tracks, conduits or other utility facilities, without the consent of the duly constituted authority of the county, city, village or township; or to transact local business therein without first obtaining a franchise from the city, village or township. Except as otherwise [authorized] PROVIDED in this constitution the right of all counties, cities, villages and townships to the reasonable control of their highways, streets, alleys and public places is hereby reserved to such local units of government.

Sec. 30. No franchise or license shall be granted by any city, village or township for a [longer] period LONGER than 30 years.

Sec. 31. The legislature shall not vacate or alter any road, street, alley, or public place under the jurisdiction of any county, township, city or village.

Sec. 32. Any county, township, city, village, authority or school district empowered by the legislature or by this constitution to prepare budgets of estimated expenditures and revenues shall adopt [said] SUCH budgets only after a public hearing in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 33. The provisions of this constitution and law concerning cities, villages, counties and townships shall be liberally construed in their favor. Powers granted to counties and townships by this constitution and by law shall include those fairly implied and not [inconsistent with nor] prohibited by this constitution.

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Article VIII Education

Sec. 1. Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law. Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to race, creed, religion, color[,] or national origin.

Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to [degree granting] institutions of higher education GRANTING BACCALAUREATE DEGREES, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

The state board of education shall appoint a superintendent of public instruction whose term of office shall be determined by the board. He shall be the chairman of the board without the right to vote, and shall be responsible for the execution of its policies. He shall be the [chief administrative] PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE officer of a state department of education which shall

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have powers and duties provided by law.

The state board of education shall consist of [8] EIGHT members[.] WHO [Of the members first elected 2 shall serve for 2 years, 2 for 4 years, 2 for 6 years and 2 for 8 years, and their successors shall be elected for terms of 8 years. Each member] shall be nominated by party conventionS and elected at large FOR TERMS OF EIGHT YEARS as prescribed by law. The governor shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The governor shall [also] be ex-officio a member of the state board of education without the right to vote.

The power of the boards of institutions of higher education provided in this constitution to supervise their respective institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

Sec. 4. The legislature shall appropriate MONEYS [funds] to maintain the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan College of Science and Technology, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Ferris Institute, Grand Valley State College, by whatever names [said] SUCH institutions may hereafter be known, and other institutions of higher education established by law. The legislature shall be given an annual accounting of all income and expenditures by each of these educational institutions. Formal sessions of governing boards of such institutions shall be open to the public.

Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan State University and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University; the governors of Wayne State University and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Governors of Wayne State University. [These] EACH board[s] shall have [the] general supervision of [their respective] ITS institution[s] and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. EACH BOARD [They] shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the institution under ITS [their respective] supervision. [who] HE shall be the principal executive officer of the institution, [and] be ex-officio a member of the board [but] without the right to vote[,] and preside at meetings of the board. The board[s] of each institution shall consist of [8] EIGHT members who shall hold office for TERMS OF [8] EIGHT years and who shall be elected [according to] AS PROVIDED BY law. The governor shall fill board

vacancies by appointment. Each appointee shall hold office until a successor has been nominated and elected as [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

Sec. 6. Other institutions of higher education established by law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees shall each be governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate. The board shall have general supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. [and] IT shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the institution under its supervision. [who] HE shall be the principal executive officer of the institution and be ex-officio a member of the board [but] without the right to vote. The board may elect one of ITS MEMBERS [their number], or may designate the president, to preside at board meetings. Each board of control shall consist of [8] EIGHT members who shall hold office for TERMS OF [8] EIGHT years, NOT MORE THAN TWO OF WHICH SHALL EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR, and WHO SHALL be appointed by the governor BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, [in the same manner as executive appointments are provided in this constitution.] Vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

Sec. 7. The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and financial support of public community and junior colleges[,] which shall be supervised and controlled by locally elected boards. The legislature shall provide by law for a state board for public community and junior colleges[,] which shall advise the state board of education concerning general supervision and planning for such colleges and requests for annual appropriations for their support. The board shall consist of [8] EIGHT members who shall hold office for TERMS OF [8] EIGHT years, NOT MORE THAN TWO OF WHICH SHALL EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR, and WHO SHALL be appointed by the state board of education. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner. The superintendent of public instruction shall be ex-officio a member of this board without the right to vote.

Sec. 8. Institutions, programs, and services for the care, treatment, education or rehabilitation of those inhabitants who are physically, mentally, or otherwise seriously handicapped shall always be fostered and supported.

Sec. 9. The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and support of public libraries which shall be available to all residents of the state under regulations adopted by the governing bodies thereof. All fines assessed and collected in the several counties, cities[,] and townships for any breach of the penal laws shall be exclusively applied to the support of such public libraries, and county law libraries as provided by law.

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Article IX

Finance and Taxation

Sec. 1. The legislature shall impose taxes sufficient with other resources to pay the expenses of state government.

Sec. 2. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended[,] or contracted away.

Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law. The legislature shall provide for the determination of true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall not, after January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a system of equalization of assessments. The legislature may provide for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible personal property in lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform upon the class or classes on which it operates.

Sec. 4. Property held by a non-profit corporation, association, or legal entity and used and occupied exclusively for religious, educational, charitable or burial grounds purposes, as defined by law, shall be exempt from real and personal property taxes.

Sec. 5. The legislature shall provide for the assessment by the state of the property of those PUBLIC SERVICE businesses [whose property is now] assessed by the state AT THE DATE THIS CONSTITUTION BECOMES EFFECTIVE, and of other property as designated by the legislature, and for the [levy] IMPOSITION and collection of taxes thereon. Property assessed by the state shall be assessed at the same proportion of its true cash value as the legislature shall specify for property subject to general ad valorem taxation. The rate of taxation on such property shall be the average rate levied upon other property in this state under the general ad valorem tax law, or, if the legislature provides, the rate of tax applicable to the property of each business enterprise assessed by the state shall be the average rate of ad valorem taxation levied upon other property in all counties in which any of such property is situated.

Sec. 6. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, the total amount of general ad valorem taxes [levied against] IMPOSED UPON REAL AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL property for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed 15 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of [said] property as finally equalized. Under procedures provided by law, which shall guarantee the right of initiative, separate tax limitations for any county and FOR the townships and FOR school districts therein, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 18 mills on each dollar of such valuation, may be adopted and thereafter altered by the vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such county voting thereon, in lieu of the limitation hereinbefore established. The limitations established [herein] BY THIS CONSTITUTION or by county vote may be increased to an aggregate of not to exceed 50 mills, OR MORE IF PROVIDED BY LAW, on each dollar of [such] valuation, [except as otherwise provided by law,] for a period of not to exceed 20 years at any one time, [by the vote of] IF APPROVED BY a majority of the [qualified] electors, QUALIFIED UNDER [as defined in] Article II, [hereof] SECTION 6 OF THIS CONSTITUTION[,] VOTING ON THE QUESTION [of any such taxing authority voting thereon].

The foregoing limitations shall not apply to [(a)] taxes [levied] IMPOSED for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other evidences of indebtedness[,] or for the payment of assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued, which taxes may be [levied] IMPOSED without limitation as to rate or amount[,] or [(b)] TO taxes [levied] IMPOSED for any other purpose by any city, village, charter county, charter township or other charter authority the tax limitations of which are provided by charter or by general law.

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In any school district which extends into [2] TWO or more counties, [there may be levied and collected for school purposes throughout the district] property taxes at the highest rate available in the county which contains the greatest part of the area of the district MAY BE IMPOSED AND COLLECTED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

Sec. 7. No income tax graduated as to rate or base shall be imposed by the state or any of its subdivisions.

Sec. 8. [At no time shall] The legislature SHALL NOT [levy] IMPOSE a sales tax on retailers at a rate of more than [4] FOUR percent of their gross taxable sales of tangible personal property.

Sec. 9. All specific taxes, except general sales and use taxes and regulatory fees, imposed DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY on fuels sold or used to propel motor vehicles upon highways and on registered motor vehicles shall, after the payment of [the] necessary collection expenses, be used exclusively for highway purposes as defined by law.

Sec. 10. One-eighth of all taxes [upon the privilege of selling] IMPOSED ON RETAILERS ON TAXABLE SALES AT RETAIL OF tangible personal property [at retail] shall be used exclusively for assistance to cities, villages and townships, on a population basis as provided by law. IN DETERMINING POPULATION the legislature may exclude [from population] any portion of the total number of persons who are wards, patients or convicts [of] IN any tax supported institution.

Sec. 11. There shall be established a state school aid fund. The legislature may [from time to time] dedicate [certain] tax revenues to this fund which shall be used exclusively for the support of public education and [for] school employees' retirement systems, [in a manner] AS provided by law.

Sec. 12. No evidence of state indebtedness shall be issued except for debts authorized pursuant to this constitution.

Sec. 13. Public bodies corporate shall have power to borrow money and to issue their securities evidencing debt, subject to this constitution and law.

Sec. 14. To meet obligations incurred pursuant to appropriations for any fiscal year, the legislature may by law authorize the state to issue its full faith and credit notes in which case it shall pledge undedicated revenues to be received within the same fiscal year for the repayment thereof. Such indebtedness in any fiscal year shall not exceed 15 percent of undedicated revenues received by the state during the preceding fiscal year and such debts shall be repaid at the time the revenues so pledged are received, but not later than the end of the same fiscal year.

Sec. 15. The state may borrow money for specific purposes in amounts as may be provided by acts of the legislature adopted by a vote of [2/3] TWO-THIRDS of the members elected to and serving in each house, and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any general election. The question submitted to the electors shall state the amount to be borrowed, the specific purpose to which the funds shall be devoted, and the method of repayment.

Sec. 16. The state, in addition to any other borrowing power, may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

If the minimum amount which [it] would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as [last] FINALLY equalized [by the state], or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall LEND [loan] the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall LEND [loan] to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

The term "qualified bonds" means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28, Article X, of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section.

After a school district has received loans from the state, each year thereafter it shall levy for debt service, exclusive of levies for nonqualified bonds, not less than 13 mills or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, until the amount loaned has been repaid, and any tax collections therefrom in any year over and above the minimum requirements for principal and interest on qualified bonds shall be used toward the repayment of state loans. In any year when such [a] levy would produce an amount in excess of the requirements and the amount due to the state, the levy may be reduced by the amount of the excess.

Subject to the foregoing provisions, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe and to limit the procedure, terms and conditions for the qualification of bonds, for obtaining and making state loans, and for the repayment of loans.

The power to tax for the payment of principal

and interest on bonds hereafter issued which are the general obligations of any school district, including refunding bonds, and for repayment of any state loans made to school districts, shall be without limitation as to rate or amount.

All rights acquired under Sections 27 and 28, Article X of the Constitution of 1908, by holders of bonds heretofore issued, and all obligations assumed by the state or any school district under these sections, shall remain unimpaired.

Sec. 17. No money shall be paid out of the state treasury except in pursuance of appropriations made by law.

Sec. 18. The credit of the state shall not be granted to, nor in aid of any person, association or corporation, public or private, except as authorized in this constitution.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the investment of public funds until needed for current requirements [or the investment of public employee retirement system funds], as [may be] provided by law.

Sec. 19. The state shall not subscribe to, nor be interested in the stock of any company, association or corporation[,] . [except that] Funds accumulated to provide retirement or pension benefits for public officials and employees may be invested as provided by law[;] . [and except that] Endowment funds created for charitable or educational purposes may be invested as provided by law governing the investment of funds held in trust by trustees.

Sec. 20. No state money shall be deposited in banks other than those organized under the national or state banking laws. No state money shall be deposited in any bank in excess of 50 percent of the capital and surplus of such bank. Any bank receiving deposits of state money shall show the amount of state money so deposited as a separate item in all published statements.

Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by law for the annual accounting for all public moneys, state and local, and may [also] provide by law for interim accounting.

The legislature shall provide by law for the maintenance of uniform accounting systems by units of local government and the auditing of county accounts by competent state authority and other units of government as provided by law.

Sec. 22. PROCEDURES FOR THE EXAMINATION AND ADJUSTMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

Sec. 23. All financial records, accountings, audit reports and other reports of public moneys shall be public records and open to inspection. A statement of all revenues and expenditures of public moneys shall be published and distributed annually, as [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

Sec. 24. The accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual obligation thereof which shall not be diminished or impaired thereby.

Financial benefits arising on account of service rendered in each fiscal year shall be funded during that year and such funding shall not be [usable] USED for financing unfunded accrued liabilities.

ARTICLE X PROPERTY

Sec.	Com. Proposal
1. Married Women	63a
2. Eminent Domain	67a
3. Homestead Exemption	12a
4. Escheats	74a
5. State Lands	129a
6. Alien Rights	43a

Article X Property

Sec. 1. The real and personal estate of every woman, acquired before marriage, and all property to which she may afterwards become entitled by gift, grant, inheritance or devise, shall be and remain the estate and property of such woman, and shall not be liable for the debts, obligations or engagements of her husband, and may be devised or bequeathed by her as if she were unmarried.

Sec. 2. Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation therefor being first made or secured in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 3. A homestead in the amount of not less than \$3,500[.00] and personal property of every resident of this state in the amount of not less than \$750[.00], as defined by law, shall be exempt from forced sale on execution or other process of any court. Such exemptions shall not extend to any lien thereon excluded FROM EXEMPTION by law.

Sec. 4. Procedures [for the examination and adjustment of claims against the state and procedures] relating to escheats and to the custody and disposition of escheated property shall be prescribed by law.

Sec. 5. The legislature shall have general supervisory jurisdiction over all state owned lands useful for forest preserves, game areas and recreational purposes; shall require annual reports as to such lands from all departments having supervision or control thereof; and shall by general law provide for the sale, lease[,] or other disposition of such lands.

The legislature BY AN ACT ADOPTED [by a resolution concurred in] by TWO-THIRDS [2/3]

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of the members elected to and serving in each house may [from time to time declare] DESIGNATE any part of such lands AS [to be] a state land reserve. [and may remove lands from such classification.] No lands in the state land reserve may be REMOVED FROM THE RESERVE, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of except by an act of the legislature.

Sec. 6. Aliens who are residents of this state shall enjoy the same rights and privileges in property as citizens of this state.

ARTICLE XI PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYMENT

Sec.	Com. Proposal
1. Oath of Office	25a
2. Terms of Office	61a
3. Extra Compensation	62a
4. Custodian of Funds, Accounting	55a
5. Classified Civil Service, creation	22a
6. Civil Service Commission	22a
7. Commission to make rules and fix compensation	22a
8. Increases in Compensation	22a
9. May abolish positions	22a
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12. Violations of Civil Service Article ..	22a
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14. Impeachment	42a, 42b, 42c, 42d
15. Removal of Elected Officers	42e

Article XI

Public Officers and Employment

Sec. 1. [Members of the legislature and] All officers, LEGISLATIVE, executive and judicial, [shall,] before [they enter] ENTERING upon the duties of their respective offices, SHALL take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: ["I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of according to the best of my ability.""] No other oath, affirmation, or any religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust.

Sec. 2. The terms of office of elective state officers, members of the legislature[,] and JUSTICES AND judges of courts of record shall begin at [12:00] TWELVE o'clock noon on the first day of January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise provided in this constitution. The terms of office of county officers shall begin on the first day of January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise provided

by law.

Sec. 3. Neither the legislature nor any political subdivision of this state shall grant or authorize extra compensation to any public officer, agent or contractor after the service has been rendered or the contract entered into.

Sec. 4. No person having custody or control of public moneys shall [have a seat in] BE A MEMBER OF the legislature, [n]or be eligible to any office of trust or profit under this state, until he shall have made an accounting, as provided by law, of all sums for which he may be liable.

Sec. 5. The classified state civil service shall consist of all positions in the state service except those filled by popular election, heads of principal departments, members of boards and commissions, the [chief] PRINCIPAL executive officer of boards and commissions heading principal departments, employees of courts of record, employees of the legislature, employees of the state institutions of higher education, all persons in the armed forces of the state, [8] EIGHT exempt positions in the office of the governor, and within each principal department, when requested by the department head, [2] TWO other exempt positions, one of which shall be policy-making. The civil service commission may exempt [3] THREE additional positions of a policy-making nature within each principal department.

Sec. 6. The civil service commission shall be non-salaried and shall consist of [4] FOUR persons, not more than [2] TWO of whom shall be members of the same political party, appointed by the governor for TERMS OF [8] EIGHT yearS, [overlapping terms.] NO TWO OF WHICH SHALL EXPIRE IN THE SAME YEAR.

The administration of the commission's powers shall be vested in a state personnel director who shall be a member of the classified service and who shall be responsible to and selected by the commission after open competitive examination.

Sec. 7. The commission shall classify all positions in the classified service according to their respective duties and responsibilities, fix rates of compensation for all classes of positions, approve or disapprove disbursements for all personal services, determine by competitive examination and performance exclusively on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness the qualifications of all candidates for positions in the classified service, make rules and regulations covering all personnel transactions, and regulate all conditions of employment in the classified service.

No person shall be appointed to or promoted in the classified service who has not been certified BY THE COMMISSION as qualified for such appointment or promotion [by the commission]. No appointments, promotions, demotions or removals in the classified service shall be made for

partisan, racial or religious considerations.

Sec. 8. Increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission may be effective only at the start of a fiscal year and shall require prior notice to the governor, who shall transmit such increases to the legislature as part of his budget. Within 60 calendar days following such transmission, the legislature may, by a [2/3] TWO-THIRDS vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, reject, reduce, or modify increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission[:]. [Provided however,] The legislature may not reduce rates of compensation below those in effect at the time of the transmission of increases authorized by the commission. The legislature may, by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, waive the notice and permit increases in rates of compensation to be effective at a time other than the start of a fiscal year.

Sec. 9. The appointing authorities may create or abolish positions for reasons of administrative efficiency without the approval of the commission. Positions shall not be created nor abolished except for reasons of administrative efficiency. Any employee considering himself aggrieved by the abolition of a position shall have a right of appeal to the commission through established grievance procedures.

Sec. 10. The civil service commission shall recommend to the governor and to the legislature rates of compensation for all appointed positions within the executive department not a part of the classified service.

Sec. 11. To enable the commission to exercise its powers, the legislature shall appropriate to the commission for the ensuing fiscal year a sum not less than one percent of the aggregate payroll of the classified service for the preceding fiscal year, as certified by the commission. Within [6] SIX months after the conclusion of each fiscal year the commission shall return to the state treasury all [funds] MONEYS unexpended for that fiscal year.

The commission shall furnish reports of expenditures, at least annually, to the governor and the legislature and shall be subject to annual audit as provided by law.

Sec. 12. No payment for personal services shall be made or authorized until the provisions of this [article] CONSTITUTION PERTAINING TO CIVIL SERVICE have been complied with in every particular. Violation of any of the provisions hereof may be restrained or observance compelled by injunctive or mandamus proceedings brought by any citizen of the state.

Sec. 13. BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION WHICH SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS VOTING THEREON, each city, village,

township, county, school district[,] and other governmental unit[s] or authorit[ies]Y [performing the same or similar functions] may[, by ordinance or resolution of the governing body which ordinance or resolution shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon,] establish, modify or discontinue a merit system for its employees other than teachers under contract or tenure. The state civil service commission may on request furnish technical services [to them] TO ANY SUCH UNIT on a reimbursable basis.

[The board of supervisors of any county with a population of 1,000,000 or more shall have the power by ordinance to establish a merit system for county employment. The ordinance or any amendments thereto shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.]

Sec. 14. The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeaching civil officers for corrupt conduct in office or for crimes or misdemeanors, but a majority of the members elected and serving shall be necessary to direct an impeachment.

When an impeachment is directed, the house of representatives shall elect [3] THREE of its members to prosecute the impeachment.

Every impeachment shall be tried by the senate immediately after the final adjournment of the legislature. The senators shall take an oath or affirmation truly and impartially to try and determine the impeachment according to the evidence. When the governor or lieutenant governor is tried, the chief justice of the supreme court shall preside.

No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of [2/3] TWO-THIRDS of the senators elected and serving. Judgment in case of conviction shall not extend further than removal from office, but the person convicted shall be liable to punishment according to law.

No judicial officer shall exercise ANY OF THE FUNCTIONS OF his office after an impeachment is directed until he is acquitted.

Sec. 15. Any elected officer of a political subdivision may be removed from office in the manner and for the causes [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT & REVISION

Sec.	Com. Proposal
1. By Legislature	64a
2. By Petition of Electors	65a
3. Constitutional Convention	66a

Explanation—Matter within [] is stricken, matter in capitals is new.

Article XII

Amendment & Revision

Sec. 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in the senate or house of representatives. Proposed amendments agreed to by [2/3] TWO-THIRDS of the members elected to and serving in each house on a [yea and nay] vote WITH THE NAMES AND VOTE OF THOSE VOTING entered in the respective journals shall be submitted, not less than 60 days thereafter, to the electors at the next general election or special election as the legislature shall direct. If a majority of electors voting on [such] a proposed amendment approve [such amendment,] THE SAME, it shall become part of the constitution and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved.

Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this constitution by petition of the registered electors of this state. Every petition shall include the full text of the proposed amendment, and be signed by registered electors of the state equal in number to at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected, or 300,000 registered electors, whichever is less. Such petitions shall be filed with the person authorized by law to receive the same at least 120 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. Any such petition shall be in the form, and shall be signed and circulated in such manner, as prescribed by law. The person authorized by law to receive such petition[,] shall[,] upon its receipt[,] determine, as provided by law, the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition, and make an official announcement thereof at least 60 days prior to the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

Any amendment proposed by such petition shall be submitted, not less than 120 days after it was filed, to the electors at the next GENERAL election. [at which any state officer is to be elected.] Such proposed amendment, existing provisions of the constitution which would be altered or abrogated thereby, and the question as it shall appear on the ballot [used in such election] shall be published in full as provided by law. Copies of such publication shall be posted in each polling place and furnished to news media as provided by law.

The ballot to be used in such election shall contain a statement of the purpose of the proposed amendment, expressed in not more than 100 words, exclusive of caption. Such statement of purpose and caption shall be prepared by the person authorized by law, and shall consist of a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the amendment in such language as shall create no prejudice

for or against the proposed amendment.

If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, the proposed amendment shall become part of the constitution, and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved. IF TWO OR MORE AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS AT THE SAME ELECTION CONFLICT, THAT AMENDMENT RECEIVING THE HIGHEST AFFIRMATIVE VOTE SHALL PREVAIL.

Sec. 3. At the general election to be held in the year 1978, and in each 16th year thereafter and at such times as may be provided by law, the question of a general revision of the constitution shall be submitted to the electors of the state. If a majority of the electors voting on the question decide in favor of a convention for such purpose, at an election to be held not later than [4] FOUR months after the proposal was certified as approved, the electors of each [house of] representative[s] district as then organized shall elect one delegate and the electors of each senatorial district as then organized shall elect one delegate. The delegates so elected shall convene at the SEAT OF GOVERNMENT [capital city] on the first Tuesday in October next succeeding such election or at an earlier date if provided by law.

The convention shall choose its own officers, determine the rules of its proceedings and judge the qualifications, elections and returns of its members. The governor shall appoint a qualified resident of the same district to fill a vacancy in the office of any delegate. [If the legislature shall determine that delegates shall be elected on a partisan basis, the governor shall appoint a qualified resident of the same district and of the same party.] WHO SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE SAME PARTY AS THE DELEGATE VACATING THE OFFICE IF THE LEGISLATURE PROVIDES FOR PARTISAN ELECTION OF DELEGATES. The convention shall have power to appoint such officers, employees and assistants as it deems necessary and to fix their compensation; to provide for the printing and distribution of its documents, journals and proceedings; to explain and disseminate information about the proposed constitution and to complete the business of the convention in an orderly manner. Each delegate shall receive for his services compensation provided by law.

No proposed constitution or amendment adopted by such convention shall be submitted to the electors for approval as hereinafter provided unless by the assent of a majority of all the delegates elected to and serving in the convention, WITH THE NAMES AND VOTE OF THOSE VOTING [the yeas and nays being] entered in the journal. Any proposed constitution or amendments adopted

by such convention shall be submitted to the qualified electors in the manner and at the time provided by such convention not less than 90 days after final adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of such constitution or amendments by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon the constitution or amendments shall take effect as provided by the convention.

SCHEDULE AND TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

Sec.	Com. Proposal
1. Attorney general to recommend necessary laws	44d
2. Writs, actions, claims, etc. remain effective	44b
3. Officers continue their duties	44c and 71g
4. Terms of officers elected November, 1962	68b
5. Terms of governor, etc. elected 1964. When 4 year terms begin	80 and 71a
6. Senate Apportionment	80
7. Supreme Court, reduction to seven justices	91a
8. Judges of Probate, eligible for re-election	96f
9. Overlapping terms for judiciary	96j
10. State Board of Education	47a
11. Boards of Control	98c
12. Educational Boards	
13. Initial allocation	71b
14. Contractual obligations remain in force	6a
15. Mackinac Bridge refunding	23b
16. Constitution submitted to people, when	68a
17. Constitution submitted to people, manner	68c

TO INSURE THE ORDERLY TRANSITION FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF 1908 TO THIS CONSTITUTION THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS SET FORTH TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR SUCH PERIOD AS ITS PROVISIONS REQUIRE.

Sec. 1. The attorney general [of the state] shall recommend to the legislature AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE [at the commencement of the next session] such changes AS MAY BE NECESSARY [in existing laws as may be deemed necessary] to adapt EXISTING LAWS [the same] to this constitution.

Sec. 2. All writs, actions, suits, proceedings, civil or criminal liabilities, prosecutions, judgments, sentences, orders, decrees, appeals, causes of action, contracts, claims, demands, titles and rights [of individuals, partnerships, bodies corporate, and of this state or any subdivision or agency thereof] existing on the effective date [hereof] OF THIS CONSTITUTION shall continue unaffected except as modified in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

Sec. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, all officers filling any office by election or appointment shall continue to exercise THEIR POWERS AND [the] duties [thereof, according to their respective commissions or appointments,] until their offices shall have been abolished or their successors selected and qualified in accordance with this constitution or the laws enacted pursuant thereto.

No provision of this constitution, or of law or of executive order authorized by this constitution shall shorten the term of any person elected to state office at a statewide election ON [in] or prior to THE DATE ON WHICH THIS CONSTITUTION IS SUBMITTED TO A VOTE. [November, 1962.] In the event the duties of any [of] such officers shall not have been ABOLISHED OR incorporated into one or more of the principal departments at the expiration of his term, such officer shall continue to serve until his duties are so incorporated OR ABOLISHED.

Sec. 4. All officers elected [on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1962] AT THE SAME ELECTION THAT THIS CONSTITUTION IS SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE FOR ADOPTION [under the 1908 Constitution as amended and existing laws] shall take office [on and after the first day of January, 1963,] and complete the term to which they were elected UNDER THE 1908 CONSTITUTION AND EXISTING LAWS AND CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS CONSTITUTION OR LAW.

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision in this constitution, the governor, THE lieutenant governor, THE secretary of state [and], THE attorney general, AND state senators shall be elected at the general election in 1964 to serve for [2] TWO year terms beginning on the first day of January next succeeding their election. The first [4 year] election OF SUCH OFFICERS FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS under this constitution shall be held at the general election in 1966.

Sec. 6. The state shall be districted for the purpose of electing senators in accordance with the provisions of [Committee Proposal 80, section a,] ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 after the official publication of the total population count of the 1970 decennial federal census. Until the [re]apportionment of the senate following the 1970 census, the senatorial districts under the 1908 constitution[, as amended,] shall remain intact except that upon the adoption of this constitution each of the counties of Kent, Genesee, Macomb and Oakland shall be divided by the apportionment commission into [2] TWO senatorial districts and Wayne county into [8] EIGHT senatorial districts in accordance with this constitution.

Sec. 7. [A vacancy hereafter created as the result of the death, retirement or resignation of one incumbent justice shall not be filled.]

NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION THAT THE SUPREME COURT SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN JUSTICES IT SHALL CONSIST OF EIGHT JUSTICES UNTIL THE TIME THAT A VACANCY OCCURS AS A RESULT OF DEATH, RETIREMENT OR RESIGNATION OF A JUSTICE. THE FIRST SUCH VACANCY SHALL NOT BE FILLED.

Sec. 8. Any [supreme court justice, circuit judge,] judge of probate serving [at] ON the [time this constitution becomes] effective DATE OF THIS CONSTITUTION may serve the remainder of the term and be eligible TO SUCCEED HIMSELF for election [to his present office] regardless of other provisions in this constitution requiring him to be licensed to practice law in this state.

Sec. 9. The provisions of [this] Article VI providing that terms of JUDICIAL offices shall not all expire at the same time, shall be implemented BY LAW PROVIDING THAT at the next election for such offices [by legislation providing for elections] JUDGES SHALL BE ELECTED for terms of varying length, none of which shall be shorter than the [basic] REGULAR term provided for the office.

Sec. 10. THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE VIII SECTION 3 SHALL FIRST BE ELECTED AT THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CONSTITUTION FOR THE FOLLOWING TERMS: TWO SHALL BE ELECTED FOR TWO YEARS, TWO FOR FOUR YEARS, TWO FOR SIX YEARS, AND TWO FOR EIGHT YEARS AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION OF 1908 IS ABOLISHED AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION UNDER THIS CONSTITUTION AND THE TERMS OF MEMBERS THEREOF SHALL THEN EXPIRE.

Sec. 11. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR MEMBERS OF BOARDS OF CONTROL OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED BY LAW. THE LAW MAY PROVIDE THAT THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE VOTE ON THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE EXTENDED, AND MAY FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE INITIAL TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS MAY BE LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS.

Sec. 12. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY TO EIGHT, AND OF THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE TO EIGHT YEARS, SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED BY LAW. THE LAW MAY PROVIDE THAT THE TERM OF EACH MEMBER IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE VOTE ON THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE EXTENDED ONE YEAR, AND MAY FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE INITIAL TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS MAY BE LESS THAN EIGHT YEARS.

Sec. 13. The initial allocation of departments by law pursuant to Article V, Section 2 shall be completed within two years after the effective date of this constitution. If such allocation shall not have been completed within such period, the governor, within one year thereafter, by executive order, shall make the initial allocation.

Sec. 14. Contractual obligations of the state incurred pursuant to the constitution of 1908 [as amended] shall continue to be obligations of the state.

For the retirement of [such] notes and bonds [as may have been] issued under Section 26 of Article X of the 1908 constitution, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund each year during their life a sum equal to the amount of principal and interest payments due and payable in each [such] year.

Sec. 15. [Provided however, That] The legislature [is authorized to provide by general law adopted] by a vote of [2/3] TWO-THIRDS of the members elected to and serving in each house MAY PROVIDE THAT THE STATE MAY [for the] borrow[ing of] money AND MAY PLEDGE ITS FULL FAITH AND CREDIT for [the] refunding [of] any bonds issued by the Mackinac Bridge Authority[,] AND at [which] THE time OF REFUNDING the Mackinac Bridge Authority [Act] shall be [repealed] ABOLISHED and the operation of the bridge SHALL be assumed by the state highway department. THE LEGISLATURE MAY IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION BY LAW.

Sec. 16. This constitution shall be submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1962. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state forthwith to give notice of such submission to all other officers required to give or publish any notice in regard to A GENERAL [such] election. He shall give notice that this constitution will be duly submitted to the electors at such election. The notice shall be given in the manner required for the election of governor.

Sec. 17. Every registered elector may vote

1 on the adoption of the constitution. The board
 2 of election commissioners in each county shall
 3 cause to be printed on a ballot separate from
 4 the ballot containing the names of the nominees
 5 for office, the words: ["] Shall the revised con-
 6 stitution be adopted? () Yes. () No. ["] All
 7 votes cast at THE [this] election shall be taken,
 8 counted, canvassed and returned as provided by

law for the election of state officers. [Should]
 IF the revised constitution so submitted receiveS
 more votes in its favor than were cast against
 it, it shall be the supreme law of the state on
 and after the first day of January OF THE YEAR
 FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION [,1963, except as
 otherwise provided in this constitution].

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The convention will be in order.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. President, a quorum of the convention is present.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The Chair recognizes the delegate from the Eaton district, Mr. White.

MR. WHITE: Mr. President, fellow delegates, on each of your desks there should be a bound copy of a portion of the so called address to the people. There are 8 sections, I think, in the present book that has been delivered to you; 4 more are in the process of reproduction downstairs. I may say that we have overtaxed the duplicating facilities of the convention these last 3 or 4 days.

Also, to comment — in addition to what you have here, in the 4 other sections will be an introductory statement or preface of several pages which will summarize the significant changes in the document, and an appendix at the conclusion which will list sections which have been eliminated from the present constitution.

I am sure that you will understand that because of the numerous changes made by style and drafting over the weekend and because of many changes — not so many but numerous ones, I should say — that have been made on the floor in the past day and evening — this material is not up to date. Corrected pages will be supplied to you just as soon as we can get them out.

I should say that in the text of each section — and you will find this in a letter at the front of the document — language changes have been represented by underlining, underscored words, and asterisks indicate words that have been eliminated. This is in the form of the address that was submitted to us by the legislature earlier as a sample of what they felt should be done in the way of a technical explanation.

Our committee will be meeting today. I have made it however, at 8:00 o'clock. This will be in the event we do not have an evening session. If we have an evening session, we will meet prior to that time and we will announce the time of our meeting later. Any of you are welcome to come down and make what suggestions you have, not only tonight but from now on until the convention recesses. Thank you, Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The convention will return to the order of third reading. The convention has under consideration article VI on the judicial branch. There are several amendments on the secretary's desk and the secretary will report the next amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: Messrs. Ford and Garvin offer the following amendment:

1. Amend article VI, section 23 (column 1, line 13) after "be filled" by striking out the balance of the section and inserting "by appointment of the governor. Appointees shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified, as provided by law."; so that the language in section 23 will read:

A vacancy in the elective office of a judge of any court of record shall be filled by appointment of the governor. Appointees shall hold office until a successor is elected and qualified, as provided by law.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN: I have discussed with Mr. Ford the amount of time which he felt might reasonably be allocated to this amendment and he agreed that 5 minutes, I think, would be reasonable. I would move that debate on this amendment be limited to 5 minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: On the motion to limit debate to 5 minutes, all those in favor will say aye. Opposed.

The motion prevails. Debate is limited. The Chair recognizes Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: The purpose of this amendment is to provide a responsible and a practical and workable way to fill a judicial vacancy in a busy judicial circuit without undue delay and without fighting circumstances that could conceivably cause the delay of the trial of matters and the delay of dockets already overcrowded in this state. We have gone over this many times in the past. No one on the floor of this convention or in the judiciary committee has offered any concrete analysis of how the system adopted by this convention would work in a county such as Wayne, with its already overtaxed dockets.

If you back up over the history of the past the 10 or 15 years and look at what we would have had, had we had this constitutional provision — I just wonder if you would think back, or ask the nearest circuit judge or ex circuit judge sitting close to you in your area, what would have happened if this had been in the constitution before the present pension law, as it is now constituted for the circuit judges, was brought into being.

This leaves to the legislature the ability to provide for the immediate call of a special election, if that is its choice. The legislature could disqualify an appointee from running for office if they thought that was wise. The legislature can do most anything it wants to modify this but, in the first instance, you can get an immediate appointment by the governor and have the court continue in its day to day routine business until you take the next step, whatever it might be, that the legislature provides. The legislature may wish to provide for an immediate election. It may provide that the vacancy be filled at the next election or it may provide that it will be filled at the next election in which judicial vacancies in general are filled. But in any event, whichever system they choose can be tried and if it does not work it can be changed.

I submit that in the constitution as you are now writing it you are buying a pig in a poke and asking the people of the state of Michigan to buy a pig in a poke because no one has statistically attempted to envision the effects and the results of this, the availability of manpower for the very limited manner of appointment that you have provided for, and it is entirely possible that what you might be creating here is a very bad situation that will be very difficult to correct because it will take a constitutional amendment to correct it. And it seems rather silly to tie ourselves into a rigid situation such as this when we could very well accomplish what most of you have said you would like to accomplish, and that is an immediate election to fill the vacancy, by the simple expedient of continuing a part of the present system with the flexibility left in the hands of the legislature to implement it in whatever way they thought to be best for the state of Michigan.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President and members of the convention, I think this is the fourth time that we have had this or some variation of this particular matter before the convention or committee of the whole. It again allows for appointment to the judicial vacancy by the governor. We have consistently maintained that if we are to have an elected judiciary the vacancies shall be filled by election.

We have gone through this in committee of the whole, and defeated this type of amendment when we went back into convention, and again on second reading. All that needed to be said has been said, I think, and I would urge that the convention reject this particular amendment, as they have rejected the others, and leave it to the people to select their own judges in their own manner, by election. We have provided for interim use of retired judges until the vacancy has been filled by the election. I would urge the rejection of the amendment.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is upon the amendment offered by Mr. Ford and Mr. Garvin, which has been read. All those in favor of the amendment will say aye. Opposed will say no.

The amendment is not adopted.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Habermehl offers the following amendment:

1. Amend article VI, section 1 (column 1, line 44) after "establish by a" by striking out "two-thirds" and inserting "majority"; so that the language will there read, ". . . and other courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house."

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Habermehl.

MR. HABERMEHL: Mr. President, fellow delegates, I am afraid we may have created a vacuum in this judicial article. In section 26, which provides for the legislative establishment of minor courts or courts of limited jurisdiction, we make such provision subject to the limitations contained in the article. Back in section 1, before the legislature could establish any such court

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas—57

Allen	Howes	Pugsley
Andrus, Miss	Hoxie	Radka
Anspach	Jones	Richards, J. B.
Austin	Leibbrand	Romney
Baginski	Leppien	Rood
Barthwell	Lesinski	Rush
Batchelor	Madar	Sablich
Beamman	Marshall	Seyferth
Bentley	Martin	Sleder
Brake	McAllister	Snyder
Dade	McCauley	Spitler
Dell	McLogan	Stafseth
Downs	Millard	Stopczynski
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	Mosier	Suzore
Farnsworth	Perlich	Thomson
Faxon	Perras	Walker
Figy	Plank	Wilkowski
Hannah, J. A.	Powell	Woolfenden
Hart, Miss	Prettie	Young

Nays—68

Balcer	Ford	McGowan, Miss
Blandford	Gadola	Nord
Bledsoe	Garvin	Norris
Bonisteel	Goebel	Ostrow
Boothby	Gover	Page
Bradley	Greene	Pellow
Brown, G. E.	Habermehl	Richards, L. W.
Brown, T. S.	Hanna, W. F.	Shackleton
Buback	Haskill	Shaffer
Butler, Mrs.	Hatch	Shanahan
Cudlip	Heideman	Sharpe
Cushman, Mrs.	Hodges	Staiger
Danhof	Iverson	Stevens
Dehnke	Judd, Mrs.	Tubbs
Donnelly, Miss	Karn	Turner
Doty, Dean	Kelsey	Upton
Doty, Donald	King	Van Dusen
Durst	Kirk, S.	Wanger
Elliott, A. G.	Knirk, B.	White
Erickson	Koeze, Mrs.	Wood
Everett	Kuhn	Yeager
Finch	Lawrence	Youngblood
Follo	Mahinske	

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment offered by Messrs. Allen, Austin and Brake, the yeas are 57; the nays are 68.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The amendment is not adopted. The secretary will read the next amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: We have no others on this section.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: There are no further amendments on the secretary's desk. The question is upon the passage of article VI. Mr. Higgs.

MR. HIGGS: Mr. President and fellow delegates, in supporting this article it is my intention, and I trust the intention of the convention, that the change in the language in section 28 from "workmen's compensation commission" to "workmen's compensation proceedings" was not a matter of substance, not a material change. I make this comment for the record. I believe that the decision of the convention in acting upon the ruling which prevented Delegate Danhof from introducing his amendment to strike this proviso—I interpret this action of the convention as indicating an intention to support the committee on style and drafting in such a way as to determine that there was no change in substance or material change made when style and drafting inserted the word "proceedings" in place of the word "commission." With that construction and intention, I feel I can support this article. If this is not the intention of the convention on the part of other delegates, I would appreciate such delegates so stating.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, have you any speakers other than Mr. Ford seeking recognition?

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Yes, I have one other.

MR. VAN DUSEN: I would move to limit debate on the article to 5 minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: On the motion to limit debate upon the article to 5 minutes, all those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no.

The motion prevails. Debate is limited. The Chair next recognizes Mr. Prettie.

MR. PRETTIE: Mr. President and fellow delegates, I decided to become a candidate for delegate to this convention because I was deeply concerned about the present inconsistent method of electing supreme court justices. When I campaigned I told my constituents that, among other things, I would work to make our courts truly nonpartisan at all levels. I did work hard and long to accomplish this result and many of you worked with me and I appreciate your support, but we failed to get enough votes to accomplish this, not by a vote of 2 to 1 or 3 to 1 but by a very narrow margin. Other equally sincere delegates to this convention, equally concerned with an honest court structure, came to this convention pledged to work for the adoption of the ABA plan for selecting our judges. They had committed themselves to this plan and gave not only of their time but of their substance to present the merits of this plan. They, too, I am sure, are disappointed.

We have a judicial article, unfortunately, that continues the unhappy influence of party politics at the highest echelon of our court structure, and many other batters are not fully satisfied with what we have done here. My personal batting average on my own promises to my constituents is probably not even half of 87.9 per cent, but that is beside the point.

I shall not urge a no vote on this article merely because my views did not prevail. I shall not return to my district and urge voters to reject this document because many of its provisions are not to their liking or to mine. I shall endeavor to explain that this is the product of the democratic process. It is the result of the working together of 144 honest and sincere women and men possessed of integrity and wisdom but also of diverse points of view. Long hours of debate on this floor have forged this document. It is not a result of any clandestine accommodations. I shall point out that our labors of 7½ months are typical of the inefficiency of our form of government but that this slow and tedious process and its sometimes imperfect results are at once the weakness and the strength of the best form of government the mind of man has yet developed.

In spite of personal frustration I shall vote to adopt this article. I urge the scores of delegates who share my views to do the same. I urge those who failed in their efforts to write the ABA plan into the judicial article to put aside their disappointment and vote for it. It is my hope that this greatly improved court structure for this state will be approved not by a vote of 3 to 1 but by a resounding and substantially unanimous vote. (applause)

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Ford.

MR. FORD: I appreciate Mr. Prettie's point of view. Although I haven't always agreed with him, I have enjoyed working with him on the judiciary committee and it is not easy for me to say what I am going to say now without sounding like I am being a dog in the manger but, believe me, in sincerity, this is not what I am trying to do and I am not trying to impose, at this point, my point of view on anyone else. I am trying to express my own point of view and the reason for voting the way I am going to vote.

As has been said before, by the chairman of our committee on this floor, the judiciary system in Michigan and its present status was not one of the compelling reasons for the calling of this convention. Our present judicial system is superior in all ways. It ranks in the view of people outside of the state amongst the top 3 states in the entire country inasmuch as we have a system that has been completely free from scandal and is as close to efficiency as you are ever going to get in a democratic system of courts.

I cannot support the article as we have now written it because I do not honestly believe that it is an improvement over the 1908 constitution, as amended. If we had truly made the kind of improvements that Mr. Prettie alludes to, I think it would be entirely a different thing. There are 2 or 3 things in the article that are new but they are not constitutional matters to begin with and they do not justify either the time spent by this

convention nor do we face the prospect of losing them if this particular section is not incorporated into the new constitution to replace what we presently have. The outstanding example of that is the appellate —

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Time for debate has expired.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, I would move to extend debate for an additional 3 minutes to permit Mr. Ford to complete his remarks.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Ford and Mr. Danhof both seek recognition.

MR. VAN DUSEN: I guess we had better make it 5 minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Van Dusen moves to extend debate by 5 minutes upon the article. All those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no.

The motion prevails. Mr. Ford may continue.

MR. FORD: The appellate court at first glance seems to be an improvement and everybody in this room, I think, agrees that we should have an appellate court. However, I might remind you that the legislature had already perfected and was ready to bring out of the committee over there an appellate court system and would do the same tomorrow if it were not for the pending action of this convention at the present time. There is nothing in here with regard to the appellate court that is constitutional to the exclusion of all other considerations, and what we have accomplished here could just as well have been done across the street.

The filling of vacancies is something we have talked about and we have passed over. It is something that is of very great importance, and the more I have talked to fellow attorneys and the people back in the area that I represent, the more I am concerned with how serious this particular aspect is and how quickly we have passed over it.

The section that we just finished discussing a few moments ago bears absolutely no resemblance to the language that was originally proposed to the judiciary committee by Mr. Cooper and others who first brought the matter forcibly to our attention, and bears little or no resemblance to the work that was put into it by the judiciary committee.

The local court system has been placed — by reason of the fact that many people, for whatever their reasons, came to this convention with preconceived prejudices in this respect — in a status now where very few people at the local level have any confidence or any prospect of hope as to the continued existence of the autonomy of their local courts as they know them now. I think that the section with respect to local courts places in jeopardy a long standing traditional system in this state.

I think that we have, for all intents and purposes, destroyed the 5 tier system that we started out with in the judiciary committee and, again, this was not the judiciary committee that did it. It was done here on the floor. There is no longer a separate and distinct probate court as a constitutional matter. We now have a 3 court system with a conglomerate of the 2 last tiers that the judiciary committee contemplated. You can now merge all or any part of the functions of these lower courts to the end that all or part of them will be extinguished. We set out to set up a 5 tier court system which, in my opinion, would have been a distinct improvement and the one thing that we could have done by constitution that may have been a great improvement over what the legislature might have done, but we failed in this respect. For that reason I don't feel that I can support the article as it now reads.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Danhof.

MR. DANHOF: Mr. President and fellow delegates, I am very happy to endorse the words of Mr. Prettie. We did have on the floor of this particular convention a long and tedious debate on the judicial article. With 58 and now 59 or 60 lawyers, this was probably inevitable. But I think he has pointed out what has been the thinking, at least, of a majority of us. I am sorry to hear the words of my good friend, Bill Ford, who was of great assistance in the committee. I think we have retained an elective system of the judiciary. We have established an intermediate court of appeals. And I point out that it was not really until this constitutional convention got going that we got real

action across the street, and this is not in derogation of those gentlemen.

I think we have strengthened the circuit courts, the probate courts. We have made great strides and have provided a system which, I am sure, will last the people of this state for a good 50 or 75 years or whenever we call another convention. We have allowed the legislature greater leeway. This, I think, is an advantage and not a disadvantage. I would hope that we would pass the article. I point out to you that we have had more hours of debate on this than on any other particular article. I urge your support. Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Time has expired. The question is upon the passage of article VI on the judicial branch. All those in favor will vote aye. Those opposed will vote no. Have you all voted? If so, the secretary will lock the machine and record the vote.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas—103

Allen	Gust	Pollock
Andrus, Miss	Habermehl	Powell
Anspach	Hanna, W. F.	Prettie
Balcer	Hannah, J. A.	Pugsley
Barthwell	Haskill	Radka
Batchelor	Hatch	Rajkovich
Beaman	Heideman	Richards, J. B.
Bentley	Higgs	Richards, L. W.
Blandford	Howes	Romney
Bledsoe	Hoxie	Rood
Bonisteel	Hubbs	Rush
Boothby	Hutchinson	Seyferth
Bradley	Iverson	Shackleton
Brake	Judd, Mrs.	Shaffer
Brown, G. E.	Karn	Shanahan
Butler, Mrs.	King	Sharpe
Cudlip	Kirk, S.	Sleder
Cushman, Mrs.	Knirk, B.	Spitler
Danhof	Koeze, Mrs.	Stafseth
Dell	Kuhn	Staiger
DeVries	Lawrence	Sterrett
Donnelly, Miss	Leibrand	Stevens
Doty, Dean	Leppien	Suzore
Doty, Donald	Lesinski	Thomson
Durst	Mahinske	Tubbs
Elliott, A. G.	Martin	Turner
Erickson	McCauley	Tweedie
Everett	McGowan, Miss	Upton
Farnsworth	McLogan	Van Dusen
Figy	Millard	Wanger
Finch	Mosier	White
Follo	Page	Wood
Gadola	Perras	Woelfenden
Goebel	Plank	Yeager
Gover		

Nays—33

Austin	Garvin	Nord
Baginski	Greene	Norris
Binkowski	Hart, Miss	Ostrow
Brown, T. S.	Hodges	Pellow
Buback	Jones	Perlich
Dade	Kelsey	Sablich
Dehnke	Krolikowski	Snyder
Downs	Madar	Stopczynski
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	Marshall	Wilkowski
Faxon	McAllister	Young
Ford	Murphy	Youngblood

SECRETARY CHASE: On the passage of article VI, the judicial branch, the yeas are 103; the nays are 33.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: A majority of the delegates elect having voted in favor thereof, **article VI**, as amended, is passed.

For sections 1 through 7, 9 through 25, 27, 28 and 29 of article VI as passed, see above, page 3060.

Following is section 8 of article VI as amended and passed:

Sec. 8. The court of appeals shall consist initially of nine judges who shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections from districts drawn on county lines and as near as possible of equal population, as prescribed by law. The

supreme court may prescribe by rule that the court of appeals may sit in divisions and for the terms of court and the times and places thereof. Each such division shall consist of not fewer than three judges. The number of judges comprising the court of appeals may be increased, and the districts from which they are elected may be changed by law.

Following is section 26 of article VI as amended and passed:

Sec. 26. The offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace shall be abolished at the expiration of five years from the date this constitution becomes effective or may within this period be abolished by law. Their jurisdiction, compensation and powers within this period shall be as provided by law. Within this five-year period, the legislature shall establish a court or courts of limited jurisdiction with powers and jurisdiction defined by law. The location of such court or courts, and the qualifications, tenure, method of election and salary of the judges of such court or courts, and by what governmental units the judges shall be paid, shall be provided by law, subject to the limitations contained in this Article.

Statutory courts in existence at the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until they are abolished by law.

Following is explanation of vote submitted by Mr. McAllister:

My reason for voting no on article VI, the judicial article, is that I believe the provisions of the present constitution are better than the provisions of the new article.

Following is explanation of vote submitted by Messrs. Krolikowski, Binkowski, Garvin, Madar, Ford, Downs and Miss Hart:

We voted no on article VI because Michigan's traditional judicial system has stood the test of time in the basic matter of selection of judges. Michigan's judiciary has a nationwide reputation for ability, integrity and efficiency.

Michigan's judicial system provides that when a vacancy occurs the governor appoints a judge to serve until the next election. At the next election that judge who was temporarily appointed must run against any other candidates nominated by the people, either through petition or by convention, as in the case of the supreme court.

Article VI as adopted removes the governor's right to select the judge on a temporary basis—a system that is proven in practice to have the best of the appointed and the elected systems. The proponents of this change did not prove their need for changing the historically satisfactory method.

Another severe weakness was a constitutional provision in section 28 for appeals from administrative agencies. Present appeals are handled either by general law or specific statute affecting specially created agencies. This proposal has a constitutional, rigid appeal system that could, in effect, make one who wins his case before the administrative tribunal for all intents and purposes go before a court and win his case all over again. This is frustrating, expensive and time-consuming for litigants as well as courts.

We believe that the proposed judicial article does not contain sufficient improvement over the present judicial system to justify replacing the 1908 constitution, as amended. Any improvements found in the article may and should be accomplished by statutory enactment.

We believe that these 2 changes alone are significant steps backward from Michigan's present constitution, and we therefore voted no on article VI—judicial branch.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON (continuing): The secretary will read article VII, local government.

SECRETARY CHASE: Article VII, local government:

[Article VII, sections 1 through 33, was read by the secretary. For text, see above, page 3083.]

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Article VII has been read a third time.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. Cudlip, on behalf of the committee on style and drafting, requests that the following corrections be made in article VII of the proposed revision of the constitution:

sec- tion	col- umn	line	Corrections
10	2	29	After "be" remove brackets around "re".
10	2	30	After "to be" insert brackets as follows "[re]".
17	1	27	After "law" insert "[" before "and".
17	1	28	After "constitution" insert "[".
20	1	45	After "provide" insert "by law".
24	2	27	After "own" insert "[".
24	2	30	After "disposal" delete "[".
30	1	55	After "a" insert "[longer]".
30	1	56	Change "longer" to "LONGER".

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Without objection it is so ordered. [Corrections made above.] The secretary will report an amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: Messrs. Sharpe and Kuhn offer the following amendment:

1. Amend article VII, section 21 (column 2, line 6) after "law.", by inserting "No governmental subdivision of the state shall impose an income tax unless approved by three-fifths of the qualified electors voting on the question."

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN: The substance of this amendment has been debated at some length before and I would move at this time to limit debate on this amendment to 10 minutes.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: The question is on the motion to limit debate to 10 minutes. All those in favor will say aye. Opposed will say no.

The motion prevails. Mr. Brown.

MR. G. E. BROWN: Point of order, Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: State your point.

MR. G. E. BROWN: The exact language that is presently proposed was offered on second reading except that instead of a majority of the qualified electors, 3/5 has now been added and changed. I think in substance this is the same. When you make the requirement more stringent than failed to pass before, I don't think you have a different matter before you and I would refer you to journal page 999.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Well, the Chair would be disposed to rule and does rule that this presents a different question. The body has not heretofore considered the matter of a 60 per cent on this thing. Mr. Kuhn.

MR. KUHN: Mr. President and members of the convention, once again we come to you and ask you to consider the question of whether or not a governmental subdivision shall authorize an income tax without a vote of its people. Now it has been argued that this is legislative in nature, and when the Bowman bill passed the legislature you had a pretty strong argument. But since the governor in his wisdom saw fit to veto this bill, I think it now presents the same question that has been raised by many delegates who have things that they felt were necessary to be in this constitution; for example, the civil rights commission, civil service, and things of that nature. We know that those are legislative matters and yet we thought they should be in the constitution, because the legislature did not provide for them. We therefore strongly urge that the delegates to this convention decide this issue for the people and put it in the constitution.

MR. W. F. HANNA: Mr. President.

VICE PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON: Mr. Hanna.

MR. W. F. HANNA: I rise to a point of order. I challenge the germaneness of this proposed amendment to this section. Section 21 of local government is the historical local government article dealing with home rule cities and villages and the reference to tax laws in there are to cities and villages as they may put in their charters for municipal purposes and public purposes.

The amendment says "No governmental subdivision" which would cover school districts, charter or other authorities, town-

Explanation—Matter within [] is stricken, matter in capitals is new.

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

Article I

Declaration of Rights

Sec. 1. All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security and protection.

Sec. 2. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or national origin. The legislature shall implement this section by appropriate legislation.

Sec. 3. The people have the right peaceably to assemble, to consult for the common good, to instruct their representatives and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

Sec. 4. Every person shall be at liberty to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, or, against his consent, to contribute to the erection or support of any place of religious worship, or to pay tithes, taxes or other rates for the support of any minister of the gospel or teacher of religion. No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious sect or society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the state be appropriated for any such purpose. The civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of no person shall be diminished or enlarged on account of his religious belief.

Sec. 5. Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

Sec. 6. Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state.

Sec. 7. The military shall in all cases and at all times be in strict subordination to the civil power.

Sec. 8. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner or occupant, nor in time of war, except in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. Neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude unless for the punishment of crime, shall ever be tolerated in this state.

Sec. 10. No bill of attainder, ex post facto law or law impairing the obligation of contract shall be enacted.

Sec. 11. The person, houses, papers and possessions of every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them, nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to bar from evidence in any criminal proceeding any narcotic drug, firearm, bomb, explosive or any other dangerous weapon, seized by a peace officer outside the curtilage of any dwelling house in this state.

Sec. 12. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

Sec. 13. A suitor in any court of this state has the right to prosecute or defend his suit,

either in his own proper person or by an attorney.

Sec. 14. The right of trial by jury shall remain, but shall be waived in all civil cases unless demanded by one of the parties in the manner prescribed by law. In all civil cases tried by 12 jurors a verdict shall be received when 10 jurors agree.

Sec. 15. No person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy. All persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for murder and treason when the proof is evident or the presumption great.

Sec. 16. Excessive bail shall not be required; excessive fines shall not be imposed; cruel or unusual punishment shall not be inflicted; nor shall witnesses be unreasonably detained.

Sec. 17. No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law. The right of all individuals, firms, corporations and voluntary associations to fair and just treatment in the course of legislative and executive investigations and hearings shall not be infringed.

Sec. 18. No person shall be rendered incompetent to be a witness on account of his opinions on matters of religious belief.

Sec. 19. In all prosecutions for libels the truth may be given in evidence to the jury; and, if it appears to the jury that the matter charged as libelous is true and was published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the accused shall be acquitted.

Sec. 20. In every criminal prosecution, the accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury, which may consist of less than 12 jurors in all courts not of record; to be informed of the nature of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; to have the assistance of counsel for his defense; to have an appeal as a matter of right; and in courts of record, when the trial court so orders, to have such reasonable assistance as may be necessary to perfect and prosecute an appeal.

Sec. 21. No person shall be imprisoned for debt arising out of or founded on contract, express or implied, except in cases of fraud or breach of trust.

Sec. 22. Treason against the state shall consist only in levying war against it or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless upon the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act or on confession in open court.

Sec. 23. The enumeration in this constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article II Elections

Sec. 1. Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years, who has resided in this state six months, and who meets the requirements of local residence provided by law, shall be an elector and qualified to vote in any election except as otherwise provided in this constitution. The legislature shall define residence for voting purposes.

Sec. 2. The legislature may by law exclude persons from voting because of mental incompetence or commitment to a jail or penal institution.

Sec. 3. For purposes of voting in the election for president and vice-president of the United States only, the legislature may by law establish lesser residence requirements for citizens who have resided in this state for less than six months and may waive residence requirements for former citizens of this state who have removed herefrom. The legislature shall not permit voting by any person who meets the voting residence requirements of the state to which he has removed.

Sec. 4. The legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place and manner of all nominations and elections, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the constitution and laws of the United States. The legislature shall enact laws to preserve the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective franchise, and to provide for a system of voter registration and absentee voting. No law shall be enacted which permits a candidate in any partisan primary or partisan election to have a ballot designation except when required for identification of candidates for the same office who have the same or similar surnames.

Sec. 5. Except for special elections to fill vacancies, or as otherwise provided in this constitution, all elections for national, state, county and township offices shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year or on such other date as members of the congress of the United States are regularly elected.

Sec. 6. Whenever any question is required to be submitted by a political subdivision to the electors which involves the increase of any ad valorem tax rate limitation for a period of more than five years, or the issue of bonds, only electors in, and who have property assessed for any ad valorem taxes in, any part of the district or territory to be affected by the result of such election or electors who are the lawful husbands or wives of such persons shall be entitled to vote thereon. All electors in the district or territory affected may vote on all other questions.

Sec. 7. A board of state canvassers of four

members shall be established by law. No candidate for an office to be canvassed nor any inspector of elections shall be eligible to serve as a member of a board of canvassers. A majority of any board of canvassers shall not be composed of members of the same political party.

Sec. 8. Laws shall be enacted to provide for the recall of all elective officers except judges of courts of record upon petition of electors equal in number to 25 percent of the number of persons voting in the last preceding election for the office of governor in the electoral district of the officer sought to be recalled. The sufficiency of any statement of reasons or grounds procedurally required shall be a political rather than a judicial question.

Sec. 9. The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws, called the initiative, and the power to approve or reject laws enacted by the legislature, called the referendum. The power of initiative extends only to laws which the legislature may enact under this constitution. The power of referendum does not extend to acts making appropriations for state institutions or to meet deficiencies in state funds and must be invoked in the manner prescribed by law within 90 days following the final adjournment of the legislative session at which the law was enacted. To invoke the initiative or referendum, petitions signed by a number of registered electors, not less than eight percent for initiative and five percent for referendum of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected shall be required.

No law as to which the power of referendum properly has been invoked shall be effective thereafter unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at the next general election.

Any law proposed by initiative petition shall be either enacted or rejected by the legislature without change or amendment within 40 session days from the time such petition is received by the legislature. If any law proposed by such petition shall be enacted by the legislature it shall be subject to referendum, as hereinafter provided.

If the law so proposed is not enacted by the legislature within the 40 days, the state officer authorized by law shall submit such proposed law to the people for approval or rejection at the next general election. The legislature may reject any measure so proposed by initiative petition and propose a different measure upon the same subject by a yea and nay vote upon separate roll calls, and in such event both measures shall be submitted by such state officer to the electors for approval or rejection at the next general election.

Any law submitted to the people by either initiative or referendum petition and approved by

a majority of the votes cast thereon at any election shall take effect 10 days after the date of the official declaration of the vote. No law initiated or adopted by the people shall be subject to the veto power of the governor, and no law adopted by the people at the polls under the initiative provisions of this section shall be amended or repealed, except by a vote of the electors or three-fourths of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. Laws approved by the people under the referendum provision of this section may be amended by the legislature at any subsequent session thereof. If two or more measures approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

The legislature shall implement the provisions of this section.

Article III

General Government

Sec. 1. The seat of government shall be at Lansing.

Sec. 2. The powers of government are divided into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. No person exercising powers of one branch shall exercise powers properly belonging to another branch except as expressly provided in this constitution.

Sec. 3. There shall be a great seal of the State of Michigan and its use shall be provided by law.

Sec. 4. The militia shall be organized, equipped and disciplined as provided by law.

Sec. 5. Subject to provisions of general law, this state or any political subdivision, any governmental authority or any combination thereof may enter into agreements for the performance, financing or execution of their respective functions, with any one or more of the other states, the United States, the Dominion of Canada, or any political subdivision thereof unless otherwise provided in this constitution. Any other provision of this constitution notwithstanding, an officer or employee of the state or of any such unit of government or subdivision or agency thereof may serve on or with any governmental body established for the purposes set forth in this section and shall not be required to relinquish his office or employment by reason of such service. The legislature may impose such restrictions, limitations or conditions on such service as it may deem appropriate.

Sec. 6. The state shall not be a party to, nor be financially interested in, any work of internal improvement, nor engage in carrying on any such work, except for public internal improvements provided by law.

Sec. 7. The common law and the statute laws now in force, not repugnant to this consti-

tution, shall remain in force until they expire by their own limitations, or are changed, amended or repealed.

Sec. 8. Either house of the legislature or the governor may request the opinion of the supreme court on important questions of law upon solemn occasions as to the constitutionality of legislation after it has been enacted into law but before its effective date.

Article IV Legislative Branch

Sec. 1. The legislative power of the State of Michigan is vested in a senate and a house of representatives.

Sec. 2. The senate shall consist of 38 members to be elected from single member districts at the same election as the governor for four-year terms concurrent with the term of office of the governor.

In districting the state for the purpose of electing senators after the official publication of the total population count of each federal decennial census, each county shall be assigned an apportionment factor equal to the sum of its percentage of the state's population as shown by the last regular federal decennial census computed to the nearest one-one hundredth of one percent multiplied by four and its percentage of the state's land area computed to the nearest one-one hundredth of one percent.

In arranging the state into senatorial districts, the apportionment commission shall be governed by the following rules:

(1) Counties with 13 or more apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole number. After each such county has been allocated one senator, the remaining senators to which this class of counties is entitled shall be distributed among such counties by the method of equal proportions applied to the apportionment factors.

(2) Counties having less than 13 apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole number. Such counties shall thereafter be arranged into senatorial districts that are compact, convenient, and contiguous by land, as rectangular in shape as possible, and having as nearly as possible 13 apportionment factors, but in no event less than 10 or more than 16. Insofar as possible, existing senatorial districts at the time of reapportionment shall not be altered unless there is a failure to comply with the above standards.

(3) Counties entitled to two or more senate districts shall be divided into single member districts. The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the county by the number of senators to which it is entitled. Each such district shall follow incorporated city or township boundary lines to the extent possible and shall be compact, contiguous, and as nearly uniform in shape as possible.

Sec. 3. The house of representatives shall consist of 110 members elected for two-year terms from single member districts apportioned on a basis of population as provided in this article. The districts shall consist of compact and convenient territory contiguous by land.

Each county which has a population of not less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall constitute a separate representative area. Each county having less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall be combined with another county or counties to form a representative area of not less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state. Any county which is isolated under the initial allocation as provided in this section shall be joined with that contiguous representative area having the smallest percentage of the state's population. Each such representative area shall be entitled initially to one representative.

After the assignment of one representative to each of the representative areas, the remaining house seats shall be apportioned among the representative areas on the basis of population by the method of equal proportions.

Any county comprising a representative area entitled to two or more representatives shall be divided into single member representative districts as follows:

(1) The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the representative area by the number of representatives to which it is entitled.

(2) Such single member districts shall follow city and township boundaries where applicable and shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly square in shape as possible.

Any representative area consisting of more than one county, entitled to more than one representative, shall be divided into single member districts as equal as possible in population adhering to county lines.

Sec. 4. In counties having more than one representative or senatorial district, the territory in the same county annexed to or merged with a city between apportionments shall become a part of a contiguous representative or senatorial dis-

1 | trict in the city with which it is combined, if
2 | provided by ordinance of the city. The district
3 | or districts with which the territory shall be
4 | combined shall be determined by such ordinance
5 | certified to the secretary of state. No such change
6 | in the boundaries of a representative or senatorial
7 | district shall have the effect of removing a legis-
8 | lator from office during his term.

9 | Sec. 5. Island areas are considered to be con-
10 | tiguous by land to the county of which they are
11 | a part.

12 | Sec. 6. A commission on legislative apportion-
13 | ment is hereby established consisting of eight
14 | persons, four of whom shall be selected by the
15 | state organizations of each of the two political
16 | parties whose candidates for governor received
17 | the highest vote at the last general election at
18 | which a governor was elected preceding each ap-
19 | portionment. If a candidate for governor of a third
20 | political party has received at such election more
21 | than 25 percent of such gubernatorial vote, the
22 | commission shall consist of 12 members, four of
23 | whom shall be selected by the state organization of
24 | the third political party. One member of the com-
25 | mission shall be selected by each political party or-
26 | ganization from each of the following four regions:
27 | (1) The upper peninsula; (2) The northern part of
28 | the lower peninsula, north of a line drawn along
29 | the northern boundaries of the counties of Bay,
30 | Midland, Isabella, Mecosta, Nwaygo and Oceana;
31 | (3) Southwestern Michigan, those counties south
32 | of region (2) and west of a line drawn along
33 | the western boundaries of the counties of Bay,
34 | Saginaw, Shiawassee, Ingham, Jackson and Hills-
35 | dale; (4) Southeastern Michigan, the remaining
36 | counties of the state.

37 | No officers or employees of the federal, state
38 | or local governments, excepting notaries public
39 | and members of the armed forces reserve, shall
40 | be eligible for membership on the commission.
41 | Members of the commission shall not be eligible
42 | for election to the legislature until two years after
43 | the apportionment in which they participated
44 | becomes effective.

45 | The commission shall be appointed immediately
46 | after the adoption of this constitution and when-
47 | ever apportionment or districting of the legislature
48 | is required by the provisions of this constitution.
49 | Members of the commission shall hold office until
50 | each apportionment or districting plan becomes
51 | effective. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
52 | manner as for original appointment.

53 | The secretary of state shall be secretary of
54 | the commission without vote, and in that capacity
55 | shall furnish, under the direction of the commis-
56 | sion, all necessary technical services. The com-
57 | mission shall elect its own chairman, shall make
58 | its own rules of procedure, and shall receive com-
59 | pensation provided by law. The legislature shall
60 | appropriate funds to enable the commission to

carry out its activities.

1 | Within 30 days after the adoption of this con-
2 | stitution, and after the official total population
3 | count of each federal decennial census of the state
4 | and its political subdivisions is available, the se-
5 | cretary of state shall issue a call convening the
6 | commission not less than 30 nor more than 45
7 | days thereafter. The commission shall complete
8 | its work within 180 days after all necessary census
9 | information is available. The commission shall
10 | proceed to district and apportion the senate and
11 | house of representatives according to the provi-
12 | sions of this constitution. All final decisions shall
13 | require the concurrence of a majority of the mem-
14 | bers of the commission. The commission shall hold
15 | public hearings as may be provided by law.

16 | Each final apportionment and districting plan
17 | shall be published as provided by law within 30
18 | days from the date of its adoption and shall be-
19 | come law 60 days after publication. The secre-
20 | tary of state shall keep a public record of all the
21 | proceedings of the commission and shall be re-
22 | sponsible for the publication and distribution of
23 | each plan.

24 | If a majority of the commission cannot agree
25 | on a plan, each member of the commission, indi-
26 | vidualy or jointly with other members, may sub-
27 | mit a proposed plan to the supreme court. The
28 | supreme court shall determine which plan com-
29 | plies most accurately with the constitutional re-
30 | quirements and shall direct that it be adopted
31 | by the commission and published as provided
32 | in this section.

33 | Upon the application of any elector filed not
34 | later than 60 days after final publication of the
35 | plan, the supreme court, in the exercise of origi-
36 | nal jurisdiction, shall direct the secretary of
37 | state or the apportionment commission to per-
38 | form their duties, may review any final plan
39 | adopted by the commission, and shall remand
40 | such plan to the commission for further action
41 | if it fails to comply with the requirements of
42 | this constitution.

43 | Sec. 7. Each senator and representative
44 | must be a citizen of the United States, at least
45 | 21 years of age, and an elector of the district
46 | he represents. The removal of his domicile from
47 | the district shall be deemed a vacation of the
48 | office. No person who has been convicted of sub-
49 | version or who has within the preceding 20 years
50 | been convicted of a felony involving a breach
51 | of public trust shall be eligible for either house
52 | of the legislature.

53 | Sec. 8. No person holding any office under the
54 | United States or this state or a political subdivi-
55 | sion thereof, except notaries public and officers
56 | of the armed forces reserve, may be a member of
57 | either house of the legislature.

58 | Sec. 9. No person elected to the legislature
59 | shall receive any civil appointment within this
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1 state from the governor, except notaries public,
2 from the legislature, or from any other state
3 authority, during the term for which he is elected.

4 Sec. 10. No member of the legislature nor any
5 state officer shall be interested directly or in-
6 directly in any contract with the state or any
7 political subdivision thereof which shall cause a
8 substantial conflict of interest. The legislature
9 shall further implement this provision by appro-
10 priate legislation.

11 Sec. 11. Senators and representatives shall be
12 privileged from civil arrest and civil process dur-
13 ing sessions of the legislature and for five days
14 next before the commencement and after the
15 termination thereof. They shall not be ques-
16 tioned in any other place for any speech in either
17 house.

18 Sec. 12. The compensation and expense al-
19 lowances of the members of the legislature shall
20 be determined by law. Changes in compensation
21 or expense allowances shall become effective only
22 when legislators commence their terms of office
23 after a general election.

24 Sec. 13. The legislature shall meet at the seat
25 of government on the second Wednesday in Janu-
26 ary of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each
27 regular session shall adjourn without day, on a
28 day determined by concurrent resolution, at
29 twelve o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint
30 resolution pending at the final adjournment of
31 a regular session held in an odd numbered year
32 shall carry over with the same status to the
33 next regular session.

34 Sec. 14. A majority of the members elected
35 to and serving in each house shall constitute a
36 quorum to do business. A smaller number in
37 each house may adjourn from day to day, and
38 may compel the attendance of absent members in
39 the manner and with penalties as each house may
40 prescribe.

41 Sec. 15. There shall be a bi-partisan legisla-
42 tive council consisting of legislators appointed in
43 the manner prescribed by law. The legislature
44 shall appropriate funds for the council's opera-
45 tions and provide for its staff which shall main-
46 tain bill drafting, research and other services
47 for the members of the legislature. The council
48 shall periodically examine and recommend to the
49 legislature revision of the various laws of the
50 state.

51 Sec. 16. Each house, except as otherwise pro-
52 vided in this constitution, shall choose its own
53 officers and determine the rules of its proceedings,
54 but shall not adopt any rule that will prevent a
55 majority of the members elected thereto and
56 serving therein from discharging a committee
57 from the further consideration of any measure.
58 Each house shall be the sole judge of the quali-
59 fications, elections and returns of its members,
60 and may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of

1 all the members elected thereto and serving
2 therein, expel a member. The reasons for such
3 expulsion shall be entered in the journal, with
4 the votes and names of the members voting upon
5 the question. No member shall be expelled a
6 second time for the same cause.

7 Sec. 17. Each house of the legislature may
8 establish the committees necessary for the effi-
9 cient conduct of its business and the legislature
10 may create joint committees. Each committee
11 shall by roll call vote record the vote and name
12 of all action on bills and resolutions taken in
13 the committee. Such vote shall be available for
14 public inspection. Notice of all committee hear-
15 ings and a clear statement of all subjects to be
16 considered at each hearing shall be published in
17 the journal in advance of the hearing.

18 Sec. 18. Each house shall keep a journal of
19 its proceedings, and publish the same unless the
20 public security otherwise requires. The record
21 of the vote and name of the members of either
22 house voting on any question shall be entered
23 in the journal at the request of one-fifth of the
24 members present. Any member of either house
25 may dissent from and protest against any act,
26 proceeding or resolution which he deems injuri-
27 ous to any person or the public, and have the
28 reason for his dissent entered in the journal.

29 Sec. 19. All elections in either house or in
30 joint convention and all votes on appointments
31 submitted to the senate for advice and consent
32 shall be published by vote and name in the journal.

33 Sec. 20. The doors of each house shall be open
34 unless the public security otherwise requires.

35 Sec. 21. Neither house shall, without the con-
36 sent of the other, adjourn for more than two
37 intervening calendar days, nor to any place other
38 than where the legislature may then be in session.

39 Sec. 22. All legislation shall be by bill and
40 may originate in either house.

41 Sec. 23. The style of the laws shall be: The
42 People of the State of Michigan enact.

43 Sec. 24. No law shall embrace more than one
44 object, which shall be expressed in its title. No
45 bill shall be altered or amended on its passage
46 through either house so as to change its original
47 purpose as determined by its total content and
48 not alone by its title.

49 Sec. 25. No law shall be revised, altered or
50 amended by reference to its title only. The section
51 or sections of the act altered or amended shall
52 be re-enacted and published at length.

53 Sec. 26. No bill shall be passed or become a
54 law at any regular session of the legislature until
55 it has been printed or reproduced and in the pos-
56 session of each house for at least five days. Every
57 bill shall be read three times in each house be-
58 fore the final passage thereof. No bill shall be-
59 come a law without the concurrence of a majority
60 of the members elected to and serving in each

house. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of the members voting thereon shall be entered in the journal.

Sec. 27. No act shall take effect until the expiration of 90 days from the end of the session at which it was passed, but the legislature may give immediate effect to acts by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.

Sec. 28. When the legislature is convened on extraordinary occasions in special session no bill shall be passed on any subjects other than those expressly stated in the governor's proclamation or submitted by special message.

Sec. 29. The legislature shall pass no local or special act in any case where a general act can be made applicable, and whether a general act can be made applicable shall be a judicial question. No local or special act shall take effect until approved by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house and by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the district affected. Any act repealing local or special acts shall require only a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house and shall not require submission to the electors of such district.

Sec. 30. The assent of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature shall be required for the appropriation of public money or property for local or private purposes.

Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed.

Sec. 32. Every law which imposes, continues or revives a tax shall distinctly state the tax.

Sec. 33. Every bill passed by the legislature shall be presented to the governor before it becomes law, and the governor shall have 14 days measured in hours and minutes from the time of presentation in which to consider it. If he approves, he shall within that time sign and file it with the secretary of state and it shall become law. If he does not approve, and the legislature has within that time finally adjourned the session at which the bill was passed, it shall not be-

come law. If he does not approve, and the legislature continues the session at which the bill was passed, he shall return it within such 14-day period with his objections, to the house in which it originated. That house shall enter such objections in full in its journal and reconsider the bill. If two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in that house pass the bill notwithstanding the objections of the governor, it shall be sent with the objections to the other house for reconsideration. The bill shall become law if passed by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in that house. The vote of each house shall be entered in the journal with the votes and names of the members voting thereon. If any bill is not returned by the governor within such 14-day period, the legislature continuing in session, it shall become law as if he had signed it.

Sec. 34. Any bill passed by the legislature and approved by the governor, except a bill appropriating money, may provide that it will not become law unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Sec. 35. All laws enacted at any session of the legislature shall be published in book form within 60 days after final adjournment of the session, and shall be distributed in the manner provided by law. The prompt publication of judicial decisions shall be provided by law. All laws and judicial decisions shall be free for publication by any person.

Sec. 36. No general revision of the laws shall be made. The legislature may provide for a compilation of the laws in force, arranged without alteration, under appropriate heads and titles.

Sec. 37. The legislature may by concurrent resolution empower a joint committee of the legislature acting between sessions to suspend until the end of the next regular legislative session any rule or regulation of an administrative agency promulgated when the legislature is not in regular session.

Sec. 38. The legislature may provide by law the cases in which any office shall be vacant and the manner of filling vacancies where no provision is made in this constitution.

Sec. 39. In order to insure continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of emergency only, resulting from disasters occurring in this state caused by enemy attack on the United States, the legislature may provide by law for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices, of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents of which may become unavailable for carrying on the powers and duties of such offices; and enact other laws necessary and proper for insuring the continuity of governmental operations. Notwithstanding the power conferred by this section, elections shall always

be called as soon as possible to fill any vacancies in elective offices temporarily occupied by operation of any legislation enacted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 40. The legislature may by law establish a liquor control commission which, subject to statutory limitations, shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof. The legislature may provide for an excise tax on such sales. Neither the legislature nor the commission may authorize the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages in any county in which a majority of the electors voting thereon shall prohibit the same.

Sec. 41. The legislature shall not authorize any lottery nor permit the sale of lottery tickets.

Sec. 42. The legislature may provide for the incorporation of ports and port districts, and confer power and authority upon them to engage in work of internal improvements in connection therewith.

Sec. 43. No general law providing for the incorporation of trust companies or corporations for banking purposes, or regulating the business thereof, shall be enacted, amended or repealed except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house.

Sec. 44. The legislature may authorize a trial by a jury of less than 12 jurors in civil cases.

Sec. 45. The legislature may provide for indeterminate sentences as punishment for crime and for the detention and release of persons imprisoned or detained under such sentences.

Sec. 46. No law shall be enacted providing for the penalty of death.

Sec. 47. The legislature may authorize the employment of chaplains in state institutions of detention or confinement.

Sec. 48. The legislature may enact laws providing for the resolution of disputes concerning public employees, except those in the state classified civil service.

Sec. 49. The legislature may enact laws relative to the hours and conditions of employment.

Sec. 50. The legislature may provide safety measures and regulate the use of atomic energy and forms of energy developed in the future, having in view the general welfare of the people of this state.

Sec. 51. The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health.

Sec. 52. The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other

natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction.

Sec. 53. The legislature by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, shall appoint an auditor general, who shall be a certified public accountant licensed to practice in this state, to serve for a term of eight years. He shall be ineligible for appointment or election to any other public office in this state from which compensation is derived while serving as auditor general and for two years following the termination of his service. He may be removed for cause at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house. The auditor general shall conduct post audits of financial transactions and accounts of the state and of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities and institutions of the state established by this constitution or by law, and performance post audits thereof.

The auditor general upon direction by the legislature may employ independent accounting firms or legal counsel and may make investigations pertinent to the conduct of audits. He shall report annually to the legislature and to the governor and at such other times as he deems necessary or as required by the legislature. He shall be assigned no duties other than those specified in this section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed in any way to infringe the responsibility and constitutional authority of the governing boards of the institutions of higher education to be solely responsible for the control and direction of all expenditures from the institutions' funds.

The auditor general, his deputy and one other member of his staff shall be exempt from classified civil service. All other members of his staff shall have classified civil service status.

Article V

Executive Branch

Sec. 1. The executive power is vested in the governor.

Sec. 2. All executive and administrative offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the executive branch of state government and their respective functions, powers and duties, except for the office of governor and lieutenant governor and the governing bodies of institutions of higher education provided for in this constitution, shall be allocated by law among and within not more than 20 principal departments. They shall be grouped as far as practicable according to major purposes.

Subsequent to the initial allocation, the governor may make changes in the organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration. Where these

changes require the force of law, they shall be set forth in executive orders and submitted to the legislature. Thereafter the legislature shall have 60 calendar days of a regular session, or a full session if of shorter duration, to disapprove each executive order. Unless disapproved in both houses by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, each order shall become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the governor.

Sec. 3. The head of each principal department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided in this constitution or by law. The single executives heading principal departments shall include a secretary of state, a state treasurer and an attorney general. When a single executive is the head of a principal department, unless elected or appointed as otherwise provided in this constitution, he shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate and he shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

When a board or commission is at the head of a principal department, unless elected or appointed as otherwise provided in this constitution, the members thereof shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The term of office and procedure for removal of such members shall be as prescribed in this constitution or by law.

Terms of office of any board or commission created or enlarged after the effective date of this constitution shall not exceed four years except as otherwise authorized in this constitution. The terms of office of existing boards and commissions which are longer than four years shall not be further extended except as provided in this constitution.

Sec. 4. Temporary commissions or agencies for special purposes with a life of no more than two years may be established by law and need not be allocated within a principal department.

Sec. 5. At no time shall an examining or licensing board of a profession include less than a majority of members of that profession.

Sec. 6. Appointment by and with the advice and consent of the senate when used in this constitution or laws in effect or hereafter enacted means appointment subject to disapproval by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in the senate if such action is taken within 60 session days after the date of such appointment. Any appointment not disapproved within such period shall stand confirmed.

Sec. 7. Vacancies in any office, appointment to which requires advice and consent of the senate, shall be filled by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. A person whose appointment has been disapproved by the senate shall not be eligible for an interim appointment

to the same office.

Sec. 8. Each principal department shall be under the supervision of the governor unless otherwise provided by this constitution. The governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. He shall transact all necessary business with the officers of government and may require information in writing from all executive and administrative state officers, elective and appointive, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

The governor may initiate court proceedings in the name of the state to enforce compliance with any constitutional or legislative mandate, or to restrain violations of any constitutional or legislative power, duty or right by any officer, department or agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions. This authority shall not be construed to authorize court proceedings against the legislature.

Sec. 9. Single executives heading principal departments and the chief executive officers of principal departments headed by boards or commissions shall keep their offices at the seat of government except as otherwise provided by law, superintend them in person and perform duties prescribed by law.

Sec. 10. The governor shall have power and it shall be his duty to inquire into the condition and administration of any public office and the acts of any public officer, elective or appointive. He may remove or suspend from office for gross neglect of duty or for corrupt conduct in office, or for any other misfeasance or malfeasance therein, any elective or appointive state officer, except legislative or judicial, and shall report the reasons for such removal or suspension to the legislature.

Sec. 11. The governor may make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy occasioned by the suspension of an appointed or elected officer, other than a legislative or judicial officer, until he is reinstated or until the vacancy is filled in the manner prescribed by law or this constitution.

Sec. 12. The governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces and may call them out to execute the laws, suppress insurrection and repel invasion.

Sec. 13. The governor shall issue writs of election to fill vacancies in the senate or house of representatives. Any such election shall be held in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 14. The governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after convictions for all offenses, except cases of impeachment, upon such conditions and limitations as he may direct, subject to procedures and regulations prescribed by law. He shall inform the legislature annually of each reprieve, commutation and pardon granted, stating reasons

therefor.

Sec. 15. The governor may convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions.

Sec. 16. The governor may convene the legislature at some other place when the seat of government becomes dangerous from any cause.

Sec. 17. The governor shall communicate by message to the legislature at the beginning of each session and may at other times present to the legislature information as to the affairs of the state and recommend measures he considers necessary or desirable.

Sec. 18. The governor shall submit to the legislature at a time fixed by law, a budget for the ensuing fiscal period setting forth in detail, for all operating funds, the proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the state. Proposed expenditures from any fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue thereof. On the same date, the governor shall submit to the legislature general appropriation bills to embody the proposed expenditures and any necessary bill or bills to provide new or additional revenues to meet proposed expenditures. The amount of any surplus created or deficit incurred in any fund during the last preceding fiscal period shall be entered as an item in the budget and in one of the appropriation bills. The governor may submit amendments to appropriation bills to be offered in either house during consideration of the bill by that house, and shall submit any bills to meet deficiencies in current appropriations.

Sec. 19. The governor may disapprove any distinct item or items appropriating moneys in any appropriation bill. The part or parts approved shall become law, and the item or items disapproved shall be void unless re-passed according to the method prescribed for the passage of other bills over the executive veto.

Sec. 20. No appropriation shall be a mandate to spend. The governor, with the approval of the appropriating committees of the house and senate, shall reduce expenditures authorized by appropriations whenever it appears that actual revenues for a fiscal period will fall below the revenue estimates on which appropriations for that period were based. Reductions in expenditures shall be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by law. The governor may not reduce expenditures of the legislative and judicial branches or from funds constitutionally dedicated for specific purposes.

Sec. 21. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be elected for four-year terms at the general election in each alternate even-numbered year.

The lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be nominated by party conventions in a manner prescribed by law. In the general election one vote shall be cast jointly

for the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor nominated by the same party.

Vacancies in the office of the secretary of state and attorney general shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

Sec. 22. To be eligible for the office of governor or lieutenant governor a person must have attained the age of 30 years, and have been a registered elector in this state for four years next preceding his election.

Sec. 23. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall each receive the compensation provided by law in full payment for all services performed and expenses incurred during his term of office. Such compensation shall not be changed during the term of office except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

Sec. 24. An executive residence suitably furnished shall be provided at the seat of government for the use of the governor. He shall receive an allowance for its maintenance as provided by law.

Sec. 25. The lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate, but shall have no vote except in case of equal division. He may perform duties requested of him by the governor, but no power vested in the governor shall be delegated.

Sec. 26. In case of the conviction of the governor on impeachment, his removal from office, his resignation or his death, the lieutenant governor, the elected secretary of state, the elected attorney general and such other persons designated by law shall in that order be governor for the remainder of the governor's term.

In case of the death of the governor-elect, the lieutenant governor-elect, the secretary of state-elect, the attorney general-elect and such other persons designated by law shall become governor in that order at the commencement of the governor-elect's term.

If the governor or the person in line of succession to serve as governor is absent from the state, or suffering under an inability, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve in order of precedence until the absence or inability giving rise to the devolution of powers ceases.

The inability of the governor or person acting as governor shall be determined by a majority of the supreme court on joint request of the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Such determination shall be final and conclusive. The supreme court shall upon its own initiative determine if and when the inability ceases.

Sec. 27. The legislature shall provide that the salary of any state officer while acting as governor shall be equal to that of the governor.

Sec. 28. There is hereby established a state highway commission, which shall administer the state highway department and have jurisdiction

and control over all state trunkline highways and appurtenant facilities, and such other public works of the state, as provided by law.

The state highway commission shall consist of four members, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. They shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for four-year terms, no two of which shall expire in the same year as provided by law.

The state highway commission shall appoint and may remove a state highway director, who shall be a competent highway engineer and administrator. He shall be the principal executive officer of the state highway department and shall be responsible for executing the policy of the state highway commission.

Sec. 29. There is hereby established a civil rights commission which shall consist of eight persons, not more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, for four-year terms not more than two of which shall expire in the same year. It shall be the duty of the commission in a manner which may be prescribed by law to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin in the enjoyment of the civil rights guaranteed by law and by this constitution, and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination. The legislature shall provide an annual appropriation for the effective operation of the commission.

The commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and of general laws governing administrative agencies, to promulgate rules and regulations for its own procedures, to hold hearings, administer oaths, through court authorization to require the attendance of witnesses and the submission of records, to take testimony, and to issue appropriate orders. The commission shall have other powers provided by law to carry out its purposes. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to diminish the right of any party to direct and immediate legal or equitable remedies in the courts of this state.

Appeals from final orders of the commission, including cease and desist orders and refusals to issue complaints, shall be tried de novo before the circuit court having jurisdiction provided by law.

Article VI Judicial Branch

Sec. 1. The judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice which shall be divided into one supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction

known as the circuit court, one probate court, and other courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.

Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices elected at non-partisan elections as provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not more than two terms of office shall expire at the same time. Nominations for justices of the supreme court shall be in the manner prescribed by law. Any incumbent justice whose term is to expire may become a candidate for re-election by filing an affidavit of candidacy, in the form and manner prescribed by law, not less than 180 days prior to the expiration of his term.

Sec. 3. One justice of the supreme court shall be selected by the court as its chief justice as provided by rules of the court. He shall perform other duties required by the court. The supreme court shall appoint an administrator of the courts and other assistants of the supreme court as may be necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of this state. The administrator shall perform administrative duties assigned by the court.

Sec. 4. The supreme court shall have general superintending control over all courts; power to issue, hear, and determine prerogative and remedial writs; and appellate jurisdiction as provided by rules of the supreme court. The supreme court shall not have the power to remove a judge.

Sec. 5. The supreme court shall by general rules establish, modify, amend and simplify the practice and procedure in all courts of this state. The distinctions between law and equity proceedings shall, as far as practicable, be abolished. The office of master in chancery is prohibited.

Sec. 6. Decisions of the supreme court, including all decisions on prerogative writs, shall be in writing and shall contain a concise statement of the facts and reasons for each decision and reasons for each denial of leave to appeal. When a judge dissents in whole or in part he shall give in writing the reasons for his dissent.

Sec. 7. The supreme court may appoint, may remove, and shall have general supervision of its staff. It shall have control of the preparation of its budget recommendations and the expenditure of moneys appropriated for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the court or the performance of activities of its staff except that the salaries of the justices shall be established by law. All fees and perquisites collected by the court staff shall be turned over to the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

Sec. 8. The court of appeals shall consist initially of nine judges who shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections from districts drawn on county lines and as nearly as possible of equal population, as provided by law. The

1 supreme court may prescribe by rule that the
2 court of appeals may sit in divisions and for
3 the terms of court and the times and places
4 thereof. Each such division shall consist of not
5 fewer than three judges. The number of judges
6 comprising the court of appeals may be increased,
7 and the districts from which they are elected
8 may be changed by law.

9 Sec. 9. Judges of the court of appeals shall
10 hold office for a term of six years and until their
11 successors are elected and qualified. The terms
12 of office for the judges in each district shall be
13 arranged by law to provide that not all terms
14 will expire at the same time.

15 Sec. 10. The jurisdiction of the court of ap-
16 peals shall be provided by law and the practice
17 and procedure therein shall be prescribed by
18 rules of the supreme court.

19 Sec. 11. The state shall be divided into judicial
20 circuits along county lines in each of which there
21 shall be elected one or more circuit judges as pro-
22 vided by law. Sessions of the circuit court shall
23 be held at least four times in each year in every
24 county organized for judicial purposes. Each cir-
25 cuit judge shall hold court in the county or
26 counties within the circuit in which he is elected,
27 and in other circuits as may be provided by rules
28 of the supreme court. The number of judges may
29 be changed and circuits may be created, altered
30 and discontinued by law and the number of judges
31 shall be changed and circuits shall be created,
32 altered and discontinued on recommendation of
33 the supreme court to reflect changes in judicial
34 activity. No change in the number of judges or
35 alteration or discontinuance of a circuit shall
36 have the effect of removing a judge from office
37 during his term.

38 Sec. 12. Circuit judges shall be nominated and
39 elected at non-partisan elections in the circuit in
40 which they reside, and shall hold office for a
41 term of six years and until their successors are
42 elected and qualified. In circuits having more than
43 one circuit judge their terms of office shall be
44 arranged by law to provide that not all terms
45 will expire at the same time.

46 Sec. 13. The circuit court shall have original
47 jurisdiction in all matters not prohibited by law;
48 appellate jurisdiction from all inferior courts and
49 tribunals except as otherwise provided by law;
50 power to issue, hear and determine prerogative
51 and remedial writs; supervisory and general con-
52 trol over inferior courts and tribunals within their
53 respective jurisdictions in accordance with rules
54 of the supreme court; and jurisdiction of other
55 cases and matters as provided by rules of the
56 supreme court.

57 Sec. 14. The clerk of each county organized
58 for judicial purposes or other officer performing
59 the duties of such office as provided in a county
60 charter shall be clerk of the circuit court for such

1 county. The judges of the circuit court may fill
2 a vacancy in an elective office of county clerk or
3 prosecuting attorney within their respective juris-
4 dictions.

5 Sec. 15. In each county organized for judicial
6 purposes there shall be a probate court. The leg-
7 islatre may create or alter probate court dis-
8 tricts of more than one county if approved in
9 each affected county by a majority of the elec-
10 tors voting on the question. The legislature may
11 provide for the combination of the office of pro-
12 bate judge with any judicial office of limited juris-
13 diction within a county with supplemental salary
14 as provided by law. The jurisdiction, powers and
15 duties of the probate court and of the judges
16 thereof shall be provided by law. They shall have
17 original jurisdiction in all cases of juvenile del-
18 inquents and dependents, except as otherwise
19 provided by law.

20 Sec. 16. One or more judges of probate as
21 provided by law shall be nominated and elected
22 at non-partisan elections in the counties or the
23 probate districts in which they reside and shall
24 hold office for terms of six years and until their
25 successors are elected and qualified. In counties
26 or districts with more than one judge the terms
27 of office shall be arranged by law to provide that
28 not all terms will expire at the same time.

29 Sec. 17. No judge or justice of any court of
30 this state shall be paid from the fees of his office
31 nor shall the amount of his salary be measured
32 by fees, other moneys received or the amount of
33 judicial activity of his office.

34 Sec. 18. Salaries of justices of the supreme
35 court, of the judges of the court of appeals, of
36 the circuit judges within a circuit, and of the
37 probate judges within a county or district, shall
38 be uniform, and may be increased, but shall not
39 be decreased during a term of office except and
40 only to the extent of a general salary reduction
41 in all other branches of government.

42 Each of the judges of the circuit court shall
43 receive an annual salary as provided by law. In
44 addition to the salary received from the state,
45 each circuit judge may receive from any county
46 in which he regularly holds court an additional
47 salary as determined from time to time by the
48 board of supervisors of the county. In any county
49 where an additional salary is granted, it shall
50 be paid at the same rate to all circuit judges
51 regularly holding court therein.

52 Sec. 19. The supreme court, the court of
53 appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and
54 other courts designated as such by the legislature
55 shall be courts of record and each shall have a
56 common seal. Justices and judges of courts of
57 record must be persons who are licensed to prac-
58 tice law in this state. No person shall be elected
59 or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the
60 age of 70 years.

1 Sec. 20. Whenever a justice or judge removes
2 his domicile beyond the limits of the territory
3 from which he was elected, he shall have vacated
4 his office.

5 Sec. 21. Any justice or judge of a court of
6 record shall be ineligible to be nominated for
7 or elected to an elective office other than a judicial
8 office during the period of his service and for
9 one year thereafter.

10 Sec. 22. Any elected judge of the court of
11 appeals, circuit court or probate court may be-
12 come a candidate in the primary election for the
13 office of which he is the incumbent by filing an
14 affidavit of candidacy in the form and manner
15 prescribed by law.

16 Sec. 23. A vacancy in the elective office of a
17 judge of any court of record shall be filled at a
18 general or special election as provided by law.
19 The supreme court may authorize persons who
20 have served as judges and who have retired, to
21 perform judicial duties for the limited period of
22 time from the occurrence of the vacancy until
23 the successor is elected and qualified. Such per-
24 sons shall be ineligible for election to fill the
25 vacancy.

26 Sec. 24. There shall be printed upon the ballot
27 under the name of each elected incumbent justice
28 or judge who is a candidate for nomination or
29 election to the same office the designation of
30 that office.

31 Sec. 25. For reasonable cause, which is not
32 sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor
33 shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution
34 of two-thirds of the members elected to and serv-
35 ing in each house of the legislature. The cause
36 for removal shall be stated at length in the
37 resolution.

38 Sec. 26. The offices of circuit court commis-
39 sioner and justice of the peace are abolished at
40 the expiration of five years from the date this
41 constitution becomes effective or may within this
42 period be abolished by law. Their jurisdiction,
43 compensation and powers within this period shall
44 be as provided by law. Within this five-year period,
45 the legislature shall establish a court or courts
46 of limited jurisdiction with powers and jurisdic-
47 tion defined by law. The location of such court
48 or courts, and the qualifications, tenure, method
49 of election and salary of the judges of such court
50 or courts, and by what governmental units the
51 judges shall be paid, shall be provided by law,
52 subject to the limitations contained in this Article.

53 Statutory courts in existence at the time this
54 constitution becomes effective shall retain their
55 powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by
56 law, until they are abolished by law.

57 Sec. 27. The supreme court, the court of ap-
58 peals, the circuit court, or any justices or judges
59 thereof, shall not exercise any power of appoint-
60 ment to public office except as provided in this

constitution.

1 Sec. 28. All final decisions, findings, rulings
2 and orders of any administrative officer or agency
3 existing under the constitution or by law, which
4 are judicial or quasi-judicial and affect private
5 rights or licenses, shall be subject to direct re-
6 view by the courts as provided by law. This re-
7 view shall include, as a minimum, the determina-
8 tion whether such final decisions, findings, rulings
9 and orders are authorized by law; and, in cases in
10 which a hearing is required, whether the same
11 are supported by competent, material and sub-
12 stantial evidence on the whole record. Findings
13 of fact in workmen's compensation proceedings
14 shall be conclusive in the absence of fraud un-
15 less otherwise provided by law.

16 Sec. 29. Justices of the supreme court, judges
17 of the court of appeals, circuit judges and other
18 judges as provided by law shall be conservators
19 of the peace within their respective jurisdictions.

Article VII

Local Government

1 Sec. 1. Each organized county shall be a body
2 corporate with powers and immunities provided
3 by law.

4 Sec. 2. Any county may frame, adopt, amend
5 or repeal a county charter in a manner and with
6 powers and limitations to be provided by general
7 law, which shall among other things provide for
8 the election of a charter commission. The law
9 may permit the organization of county govern-
10 ment in form different from that set forth in this
11 constitution and shall limit the rate of ad valorem
12 property taxation for county purposes, and re-
13 strict the powers of charter counties to borrow
14 money and contract debts. Each charter county
15 is hereby granted power to levy other taxes for
16 county purposes subject to limitations and pro-
17 hibitions set forth in this constitution or law.
18 Subject to law, a county charter may authorize
19 the county through its regularly constituted
20 authority to adopt resolutions and ordinances re-
21 lating to its concerns.

22 The board of supervisors by a majority vote
23 of its members may, and upon petition of five
24 percent of the electors shall, place upon the ballot
25 the question of electing a commission to frame a
26 charter.

27 No county charter shall be adopted, amended
28 or repealed until approved by a majority of elec-
29 tors voting on the question.

30 Sec. 3. No organized county shall be reduced
31 by the organization of new counties to less than
32 16 townships as surveyed by the United States,
33 unless approved in the manner prescribed by law
34 by a majority of electors voting thereon in each
35 county to be affected.

36 Sec. 4. There shall be elected for four-year
37 terms in each organized county a sheriff, a county

clerk, a county treasurer, a register of deeds and a prosecuting attorney, whose duties and powers shall be provided by law. The board of supervisors in any county may combine the offices of county clerk and register of deeds in one office or separate the same at pleasure.

Sec. 5. The sheriff, county clerk, county treasurer and register of deeds shall hold their principal offices at the county seat.

Sec. 6. The sheriff may be required by law to renew his security periodically and in default of giving such security, his office shall be vacant. The county shall never be responsible for his acts, except that the board of supervisors may protect him against claims by prisoners for unintentional injuries received while in his custody. He shall not hold any other office except in civil defense.

Sec. 7. A board of supervisors shall be established in each organized county consisting of one member from each organized township and such representation from cities as provided by law.

Sec. 8. Boards of supervisors shall have legislative, administrative and such other powers and duties as provided by law.

Sec. 9. Boards of supervisors shall have exclusive power to fix the compensation of county officers not otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 10. A county seat once established shall not be removed until the place to which it is proposed to be moved shall be designated by two-thirds of the members of the board of supervisors and a majority of the electors voting thereon shall have approved the proposed location in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 11. No county shall incur any indebtedness which shall increase its total debt beyond 10 percent of its assessed valuation.

Sec. 12. A navigable stream shall not be bridged or dammed without permission granted by the board of supervisors of the county as provided by law, which permission shall be subject to such reasonable compensation and other conditions as may seem best suited to safeguard the rights and interests of the county and political subdivisions therein.

Sec. 13. Two or more contiguous counties may combine into a single county if approved in each affected county by a majority of the electors voting on the question.

Sec. 14. The board of supervisors of each organized county may organize and consolidate townships under restrictions and limitations provided by law.

Sec. 15. Any county, when authorized by its board of supervisors shall have the authority to enter or to intervene in any action or certificate proceeding involving the services, charges or rates of any privately owned public utility furnishing services or commodities to rate payers within the county.

Sec. 16. The legislature may provide for the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges, culverts and airports by the state and by the counties and townships thereof; and may authorize counties to take charge and control of any highway within their limits for such purposes. The legislature may provide the powers and duties of counties in relation to highways, bridges, culverts and airports; may provide for county road commissioners to be appointed or elected, with powers and duties provided by law. The ad valorem property tax imposed for road purposes by any county shall not exceed in any year one-half of one percent of the assessed valuation for the preceding year.

Sec. 17. Each organized township shall be a body corporate with powers and immunities provided by law.

Sec. 18. In each organized township there shall be elected for terms of not less than two nor more than four years as prescribed by law a supervisor, a clerk, a treasurer, and not to exceed four trustees, whose legislative and administrative powers and duties shall be provided by law.

Sec. 19. No organized township shall grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the township, unless the proposition shall first have been approved by a majority of the electors of such township voting thereon at a regular or special election.

Sec. 20. The legislature shall provide by law for the dissolution of township government whenever all the territory of an organized township is included within the boundaries of a village or villages notwithstanding that a village may include territory within another organized township and provide by law for the classification of such village or villages as cities.

Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by general laws for the incorporation of cities and villages. Such laws shall limit their rate of ad valorem property taxation for municipal purposes, and restrict the powers of cities and villages to borrow money and contract debts. Each city and village is granted power to levy other taxes for public purposes, subject to limitations and prohibitions provided by this constitution or by law.

Sec. 22. Under general laws the electors of each city and village shall have the power and authority to frame, adopt and amend its charter, and to amend an existing charter of the city or village heretofore granted or enacted by the legislature for the government of the city or village. Each such city and village shall have power to adopt resolutions and ordinances relating to its municipal concerns, property and government, subject to the constitution and law. No enumeration of powers granted to cities and villages in this constitution shall limit or restrict the general grant of authority conferred by this section.

1 Sec. 23. Any city or village may acquire, own,
2 establish and maintain, within or without its
3 corporate limits, parks, boulevards, cemeteries,
4 hospitals and all works which involve the public
5 health or safety.

6 Sec. 24. Subject to this constitution, any city
7 or village may acquire, own or operate, within
8 or without its corporate limits, public service
9 facilities for supplying water, light, heat, power,
10 sewage disposal and transportation to the municipi-
11 lity and the inhabitants thereof.

12 Any city or village may sell and deliver heat,
13 power or light without its corporate limits in an
14 amount not exceeding 25 percent of that furnished
15 by it within the corporate limits, except as greater
16 amounts may be permitted by law; may sell and
17 deliver water and provide sewage disposal services
18 outside of its corporate limits in such amount as
19 may be determined by the legislative body of the
20 city or village; and may operate transportation
21 lines outside the municipality within such limits
22 as may be prescribed by law.

23 Sec. 25. No city or village shall acquire any
24 public utility furnishing light, heat or power, or
25 grant any public utility franchise which is not
26 subject to revocation at the will of the city or
27 village, unless the proposition shall first have been
28 approved by three-fifths of the electors voting
29 thereon. No city or village may sell any public
30 utility unless the proposition shall first have been
31 approved by a majority of the electors voting
32 thereon, or a greater number if the charter shall
33 so provide.

34 Sec. 26. Except as otherwise provided in this
35 constitution, no city or village shall have the
36 power to loan its credit for any private purpose
37 or, except as provided by law, for any public pur-
38 pose.

39 Sec. 27. Notwithstanding any other provision
40 of this constitution the legislature may establish
41 in metropolitan areas additional forms of govern-
42 ment or authorities with powers, duties and juris-
43 dictions as the legislature shall provide. Where-
44 ever possible, such additional forms of govern-
45 ment or authorities shall be designed to perform
46 multi-purpose functions rather than a single
47 function.

48 Sec. 28. The legislature by general law shall
49 authorize two or more counties, townships, cities,
50 villages or districts, or any combination thereof
51 among other things to: enter into contractual
52 undertakings or agreements with one another or
53 with the state or with any combination thereof
54 for the joint administration of any of the functions
55 or powers which each would have the power to
56 perform separately; share the costs and responsi-
57 bilities of functions and services with one another
58 or with the state or with any combination thereof
59 which each would have the power to perform
60 separately; transfer functions or responsibilities

1 to one another or any combination thereof upon
2 the consent of each unit involved; cooperate with
3 one another and with state government; lend their
4 credit to one another or any combination thereof
5 as provided by law in connection with any au-
6 thorized publicly owned undertaking.

7 Any other provision of this constitution not-
8 withstanding, an officer or employee of the state
9 or any such unit of government or subdivision
10 or agency thereof, except members of the legis-
11 lature, may serve on or with any governmental
12 body established for the purposes set forth in
13 this section and shall not be required to relin-
14 quish his office or employment by reason of such
15 service.

16 Sec. 29. No person, partnership, association or
17 corporation, public or private, operating a public
18 utility shall have the right to the use of the high-
19 ways, streets, alleys or other public places of
20 any county, township, city or village for wires,
21 poles, pipes, tracks, conduits or other utility
22 facilities, without the consent of the duly con-
23 stituted authority of the county, township, city
24 or village; or to transact local business therein
25 without first obtaining a franchise from the town-
26 ship, city or village. Except as otherwise provided
27 in this constitution the right of all counties, town-
28 ships, cities and villages to the reasonable control
29 of their highways, streets, alleys and public
30 places is hereby reserved to such local units of
31 government.

32 Sec. 30. No franchise or license shall be
33 granted by any township, city or village for a
34 period longer than 30 years.

35 Sec. 31. The legislature shall not vacate or
36 alter any road, street, alley, or public place under
37 the jurisdiction of any county, township, city or
38 village.

39 Sec. 32. Any county, township, city, village,
40 authority or school district empowered by the
41 legislature or by this constitution to prepare bud-
42 gets of estimated expenditures and revenues shall
43 adopt such budgets only after a public hearing
44 in a manner prescribed by law.

45 Sec. 33. Any elected officer of a political sub-
46 division may be removed from office in the manner
47 and for the causes provided by law.

48 Sec. 34. The provisions of this constitution and
49 law concerning counties, townships, cities and vil-
50 lages shall be liberally construed in their favor.
51 Powers granted to counties and townships by this
52 constitution and by law shall include those fairly
53 implied and not prohibited by this constitution.

Article VIII Education

1 Sec. 1. Religion, morality and knowledge being
2 necessary to good government and the happiness
3 of mankind, schools and the means of education
4 shall forever be encouraged.

1 Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and sup-
 2 port a system of free public elementary and sec-
 3 ondary schools as defined by law. Every school
 4 district shall provide for the education of its
 5 pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed,
 6 race, color or national origin.

7 Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over
 8 all public education, including adult education and
 9 instructional programs in state institutions, except
 10 as to institutions of higher education granting
 11 baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board
 12 of education. It shall serve as the general plan-
 13 ning and coordinating body for all public educa-
 14 tion, including higher education, and shall advise
 15 the legislature as to the financial requirements
 16 in connection therewith.

17 The state board of education shall appoint a
 18 superintendent of public instruction whose term
 19 of office shall be determined by the board. He
 20 shall be the chairman of the board without the
 21 right to vote, and shall be responsible for the
 22 execution of its policies. He shall be the principal
 23 executive officer of a state department of educa-
 24 tion which shall have powers and duties provided
 25 by law.

26 The state board of education shall consist of
 27 eight members who shall be nominated by party
 28 conventions and elected at large for terms of
 29 eight years as prescribed by law. The governor
 30 shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the
 31 unexpired term. The governor shall be ex-officio
 32 a member of the state board of education with-
 33 out the right to vote.

34 The power of the boards of institutions of higher
 35 education provided in this constitution to super-
 36 vise their respective institutions and control and
 37 direct the expenditure of the institutions' funds
 38 shall not be limited by this section.

39 Sec. 4. The legislature shall appropriate
 40 moneys to maintain the university of Michigan,
 41 Michigan State University, Wayne State Univer-
 42 sity, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan Col-
 43 lege of Science and Technology, Central Michi-
 44 gan University, Northern Michigan University,
 45 Western Michigan University, Ferris Institute,
 46 Grand Valley State College, by whatever names
 47 such institutions may hereafter be known, and
 48 other institutions of higher education established
 49 by law. The legislature shall be given an annual
 50 accounting of all income and expenditures by each
 51 of these educational institutions. Formal sessions
 52 of governing boards of such institutions shall be
 53 open to the public.

54 Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michi-
 55 gan and their successors in office shall constitute
 56 a body corporate known as the Regents of the
 57 University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan
 58 State University and their successors in office shall
 59 constitute a body corporate known as the Board
 60 of Trustees of Michigan State University; the

governors of Wayne State University and their
 successors in office shall constitute a body corpor-
 ate known as the Board of Governors of Wayne
 State University. Each board shall have general
 supervision of its institution and the control and
 direction of all expenditures from the institution's
 funds. Each board shall, as often as necessary,
 elect a president of the institution under its su-
 pervision. He shall be the principal executive of-
 ficer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of
 the board without the right to vote and preside
 at meetings of the board. The board of each in-
 stitution shall consist of eight members who shall
 hold office for terms of eight years and who shall
 be elected as provided by law. The governor shall
 fill board vacancies by appointment. Each ap-
 pointee shall hold office until a successor has been
 nominated and elected as provided by law.

Sec. 6. Other institutions of higher education
 established by law having authority to grant
 baccalaureate degrees shall each be governed by
 a board of control which shall be a body corporate.
 The board shall have general supervision of the
 institution and the control and direction of all
 expenditures from the institution's funds. It shall,
 as often as necessary, elect a president of the in-
 stitution under its supervision. He shall be the
 principal executive officer of the institution and
 be ex-officio a member of the board without the
 right to vote. The board may elect one of its mem-
 bers or may designate the president, to preside at
 board meetings. Each board of control shall con-
 sist of eight members who shall hold office for
 terms of eight years, not more than two of which
 shall expire in the same year, and who shall be
 appointed by the governor by and with the ad-
 vice and consent of the senate. Vacancies shall
 be filled in like manner.

Sec. 7. The legislature shall provide by law
 for the establishment and financial support of
 public community and junior colleges which shall
 be supervised and controlled by locally elected
 boards. The legislature shall provide by law for
 a state board for public community and junior
 colleges which shall advise the state board of
 education concerning general supervision and plan-
 ning for such colleges and requests for annual
 appropriations for their support. The board shall
 consist of eight members who shall hold office
 for terms of eight years, not more than two of
 which shall expire in the same year, and who shall
 be appointed by the state board of education. Va-
 cancies shall be filled in like manner. The super-
 intendent of public instruction shall be ex-officio
 a member of this board without the right to vote.

Sec. 8. Institutions, programs, and services for
 the care, treatment, education or rehabilitation of
 those inhabitants who are physically, mentally, or
 otherwise seriously handicapped shall always be
 fostered and supported.

1 Sec. 9. The legislature shall provide by law for
2 the establishment and support of public libraries
3 which shall be available to all residents of the state
4 under regulations adopted by the governing bodies
5 thereof. All fines assessed and collected in the
6 several counties, cities and townships for any
7 breach of the penal laws shall be exclusively ap-
8 plied to the support of such public libraries, and
9 county law libraries as provided by law.

Article IX

Finance and Taxation

13 Sec. 1. The legislature shall impose taxes suf-
14 ficient with other resources to pay the expenses of
15 state government.

16 Sec. 2. The power of taxation shall never be
17 surrendered, suspended or contracted away.

18 Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide for the
19 uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and
20 tangible personal property not exempt by law. The
21 legislature shall provide for the determination of
22 true cash value of such property; the proportion
23 of true cash value at which such property shall
24 be uniformly assessed, which shall not, after
25 January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a sys-
26 tem of equalization of assessments. The legislature
27 may provide for alternative means of taxation of
28 designated real and tangible personal property in
29 lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax
30 other than the general ad valorem property tax
31 shall be uniform upon the class or classes on
32 which it operates.

33 Sec. 4. Property owned and occupied by non-
34 profit religious or educational organizations and
35 used exclusively for religious or educational pur-
36 poses, as defined by law, shall be exempt from
37 real and personal property taxes.

38 Sec. 5. The legislature shall provide for the
39 assessment by the state of the property of those
40 public service businesses assessed by the state
41 at the date this constitution becomes effective, and
42 of other property as designated by the legislature,
43 and for the imposition and collection of taxes
44 thereon. Property assessed by the state shall be
45 assessed at the same proportion of its true
46 cash value as the legislature shall specify for
47 property subject to general ad valorem taxation.
48 The rate of taxation on such property shall be
49 the average rate levied upon other property in this
50 state under the general ad valorem tax law, or,
51 if the legislature provides, the rate of tax applicable
52 to the property of each business enterprise assessed
53 by the state shall be the average rate of ad valorem
54 taxation levied upon other property in all counties
55 in which any of such property is situated.

56 Sec. 6. Except as otherwise provided in this
57 constitution, the total amount of general ad valo-
58 rem taxes imposed upon real and tangible per-
59 sonal property for all purposes in any one year
60 shall not exceed 15 mills on each dollar of the

1 assessed valuation of property as finally equalized.
2 Under procedures provided by law, which shall
3 guarantee the right of initiative, separate tax
4 limitations for any county and for the townships
5 and for school districts therein, the aggregate of
6 which shall not exceed 18 mills on each dollar of
7 such valuation, may be adopted and thereafter
8 altered by the vote of a majority of the qualified
9 electors of such county voting thereon, in lieu
10 of the limitation hereinbefore established. These
11 limitations may be increased to an aggregate of
12 not to exceed 50 mills on each dollar of valuation,
13 for a period of not to exceed 20 years at any one
14 time, if approved by a majority of the electors,
15 qualified under Section 6 of Article II of this
16 constitution, voting on the question.

17 The foregoing limitations shall not apply to
18 taxes imposed for the payment of principal and
19 interest on bonds or other evidences of indebted-
20 ness or for the payment of assessments or con-
21 tract obligations in anticipation of which bonds
22 are issued, which taxes may be imposed without
23 limitation as to rate or amount; or to taxes im-
24 posed for any other purpose by any city, vil-
25 lage, charter county, charter township, charter
26 authority or other authority, the tax limitations
27 of which are provided by charter or by general
28 law.

29 In any school district which extends into two
30 or more counties, property taxes at the highest
31 rate available in the county which contains the
32 greatest part of the area of the district may be
33 imposed and collected for school purposes through-
34 out the district.

35 Sec. 7. No income tax graduated as to rate
36 or base shall be imposed by the state or any of
37 its subdivisions.

38 Sec. 8. The legislature shall not impose a
39 sales tax on retailers at a rate of more than
40 four percent of their gross taxable sales of
41 tangible personal property.

42 Sec. 9. All specific taxes, except general sales
43 and use taxes and regulatory fees, imposed di-
44 rectly or indirectly on fuels sold or used
45 to propel motor vehicles upon highways and on
46 registered motor vehicles shall, after the payment
47 of necessary collection expenses, be used exclusi-
48 vely for highway purposes as defined by law.

49 Sec. 10. One-eighth of all taxes imposed on
50 retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible
51 personal property shall be used exclusively for
52 assistance to townships, cities and villages, on
53 a population basis as provided by law. In de-
54 termining population the legislature may exclude
55 any portion of the total number of persons who
56 are wards, patients or convicts in any tax sup-
57 ported institution.

58 Sec. 11. There shall be established a state
59 school aid fund which shall be used exclusively
60 for the support of public education and school

employees' retirement systems, as provided by law. One-half of all taxes imposed on retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal property, and other tax revenues provided by law, shall be dedicated to this fund. Payments from this fund shall be made in full on a scheduled basis, as provided by law.

Sec. 12. No evidence of state indebtedness shall be issued except for debts authorized pursuant to this constitution.

Sec. 13. Public bodies corporate shall have power to borrow money and to issue their securities evidencing debt, subject to this constitution and law.

Sec. 14. To meet obligations incurred pursuant to appropriations for any fiscal year, the legislature may by law authorize the state to issue its full faith and credit notes in which case it shall pledge undedicated revenues to be received within the same fiscal year for the repayment thereof. Such indebtedness in any fiscal year shall not exceed 15 percent of undedicated revenues received by the state during the preceding fiscal year and such debts shall be repaid at the time the revenues so pledged are received, but not later than the end of the same fiscal year.

Sec. 15. The state may borrow money for specific purposes in amounts as may be provided by acts of the legislature adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house, and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any general election. The question submitted to the electors shall state the amount to be borrowed, the specific purpose to which the funds shall be devoted, and the method of repayment.

Sec. 16. The state, in addition to any other borrowing power, may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

The term "qualified bonds" means general obli-

gation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section.

After a school district has received loans from the state, each year thereafter it shall levy for debt service, exclusive of levies for nonqualified bonds, not less than 13 mills or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, until the amount loaned has been repaid, and any tax collections therefrom in any year over and above the minimum requirements for principal and interest on qualified bonds shall be used toward the repayment of state loans. In any year when such levy would produce an amount in excess of the requirements and the amount due to the state, the levy may be reduced by the amount of the excess.

Subject to the foregoing provisions, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe and to limit the procedure, terms and conditions for the qualification of bonds, for obtaining and making state loans, and for the repayment of loans.

The power to tax for the payment of principal and interest on bonds hereafter issued which are the general obligations of any school district, including refunding bonds, and for repayment of any state loans made to school districts, shall be without limitation as to rate or amount.

All rights acquired under Sections 27 and 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908, by holders of bonds heretofore issued, and all obligations assumed by the state or any school district under these sections, shall remain unimpaired.

Sec. 17. No money shall be paid out of the state treasury except in pursuance of appropriations made by law.

Sec. 18. The credit of the state shall not be granted to, nor in aid of any person, association or corporation, public or private, except as authorized in this constitution.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the investment of public funds until needed for current requirements or the investment of funds accumulated to provide retirement or pension benefits for public officials and employees, as provided by law.

Sec. 19. The state shall not subscribe to, nor be interested in the stock of any company, association or corporation, except that funds accumulated to provide retirement or pension benefits for public officials and employees may be invested as provided by law; and endowment funds created for charitable or educational purposes may be invested as provided by law governing the investment of funds held in trust by trustees.

Sec. 20. No state money shall be deposited in banks other than those organized under the national or state banking laws. No state money

1 shall be deposited in any bank in excess of 50
2 percent of the capital and surplus of such bank.
3 Any bank receiving deposits of state money shall
4 show the amount of state money so deposited as
5 a separate item in all published statements.

6 Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by law
7 for the annual accounting for all public moneys,
8 state and local, and may provide by law for interim
9 accounting.

10 The legislature shall provide by law for the
11 maintenance of uniform accounting systems by
12 units of local government and the auditing of
13 county accounts by competent state authority
14 and other units of government as provided by law.

15 Sec. 22. Procedures for the examination and
16 adjustment of claims against the state shall be
17 prescribed by law.

18 Sec. 23. All financial records, accountings,
19 audit reports and other reports of public moneys
20 shall be public records and open to inspection. A
21 statement of all revenues and expenditures of pub-
22 lic moneys shall be published and distributed
23 annually, as provided by law.

24 Sec. 24. The accrued financial benefits of each
25 pension plan and retirement system of the state
26 and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual
27 obligation thereof which shall not be diminished
28 or impaired thereby.

29 Financial benefits arising on account of service
30 rendered in each fiscal year shall be funded during
31 that year and such funding shall not be used for
32 financing unfunded accrued liabilities.

Article X Property

33 Sec. 1. The disabilities of coverture as to prop-
34 erty are abolished. The real and personal estate of
35 every woman acquired before marriage and all
36 real and personal property to which she may after-
37 wards become entitled shall be and remain the
38 estate and property of such woman, and shall not
39 be liable for the debts, obligations or engagements
40 of her husband, and may be dealt with and dis-
41 posed of by her as if she were unmarried. Dower
42 may be relinquished or conveyed as provided by
43 law.

44 Sec. 2. Private property shall not be taken for
45 public use without just compensation therefor
46 being first made or secured in a manner prescribed
47 by law. The amount of compensation shall be
48 determined in proceedings in a court of record.

49 Sec. 3. A homestead in the amount of not less
50 than \$3,500 and personal property of every resi-
51 dent of this state in the amount of not less than
52 \$750, as defined by law, shall be exempt from
53 forced sale on execution or other process of any
54 court. Such exemptions shall not extend to any
55 lien thereon excluded from exemption by law.

56 Sec. 4. Procedures relating to escheats and to
57 the custody and disposition of escheated property

shall be prescribed by law.

58 Sec. 5. The legislature shall have general su-
59 pervisory jurisdiction over all state owned lands
60 useful for forest preserves, game areas and recrea-
61 tional purposes; shall require annual reports as
62 to such lands from all departments having super-
63 vision or control thereof; and shall by general law
64 provide for the sale, lease or other disposition of
65 such lands.

66 The legislature by an act adopted by two-thirds
67 of the members elected to and serving in each
68 house may designate any part of such lands as
69 a state land reserve. No lands in the state land
70 reserve may be removed from the reserve, sold,
71 leased or otherwise disposed of except by an act
72 of the legislature.

73 Sec. 6. Aliens who are residents of this state
74 shall enjoy the same rights and privileges in
75 property as citizens of this state.

Article XI

Public Officers and Employment

76 Sec. 1. All officers, legislative, executive and
77 judicial, before entering upon the duties of their
78 respective offices, shall take and subscribe the
79 following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear
80 (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution
81 of the United States and the constitution of this
82 state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties
83 of the office of according to the best of
84 my ability. No other oath, affirmation, or any
85 religious test shall be required as a qualification
86 for any office or public trust.

87 Sec. 2. The terms of office of elective state
88 officers, members of the legislature and justices
89 and judges of courts of record shall begin at twelve
90 o'clock noon on the first day of January next suc-
91 ceeding their election, except as otherwise provided
92 in this constitution. The terms of office of county
93 officers shall begin on the first day of January
94 next succeeding their election, except as otherwise
95 provided by law.

96 Sec. 3. Neither the legislature nor any poli-
97 tical subdivision of this state shall grant or author-
98 ize extra compensation to any public officer, agent
99 or contractor after the service has been rendered
100 or the contract entered into.

101 Sec. 4. No person having custody or control of
102 public moneys shall be a member of the legislature,
103 or be eligible to any office of trust or profit under
104 this state, until he shall have made an accounting,
105 as provided by law, of all sums for which he may
106 be liable.

107 Sec. 5. The classified state civil service shall
108 consist of all positions in the state service except
109 those filled by popular election, heads of principal
110 departments, members of boards and commis-
111 sions, the principal executive officer of boards and
112 commissions heading principal departments, em-
113 ployees of courts of record, employees of the legis-

lature, employees of the state institutions of higher education, all persons in the armed forces of the state, eight exempt positions in the office of the governor, and within each principal department, when requested by the department head, two other exempt positions, one of which shall be policy-making. The civil service commission may exempt three additional positions of a policy-making nature within each principal department.

The civil service commission shall be non-salaried and shall consist of four persons, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party, appointed by the governor for terms of eight years, no two of which shall expire in the same year.

The administration of the commission's powers shall be vested in a state personnel director who shall be a member of the classified service and who shall be responsible to and selected by the commission after open competitive examination.

The commission shall classify all positions in the classified service according to their respective duties and responsibilities, fix rates of compensation for all classes of positions, approve or disapprove disbursements for all personal services, determine by competitive examination and performance exclusively on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness the qualifications of all candidates for positions in the classified service, make rules and regulations covering all personnel transactions, and regulate all conditions of employment in the classified service.

No person shall be appointed to or promoted in the classified service who has not been certified by the commission as qualified for such appointment or promotion. No appointments, promotions, demotions or removals in the classified service shall be made for religious, racial or partisan considerations.

Increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission may be effective only at the start of a fiscal year and shall require prior notice to the governor, who shall transmit such increases to the legislature as part of his budget. The legislature may, by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, waive the notice and permit increases in rates of compensation to be effective at a time other than the start of a fiscal year. Within 60 calendar days following such transmission, the legislature may, by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, reject or reduce increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission. Any reduction ordered by the legislature shall apply uniformly to all classes of employees affected by the increases and shall not adjust pay differentials already established by the civil service commission. The legislature may not reduce rates of compensation below those in effect at the time of the transmission of increases author-

ized by the commission.

The appointing authorities may create or abolish positions for reasons of administrative efficiency without the approval of the commission. Positions shall not be created nor abolished except for reasons of administrative efficiency. Any employee considering himself aggrieved by the abolition of a position shall have a right of appeal to the commission through established grievance procedures.

The civil service commission shall recommend to the governor and to the legislature rates of compensation for all appointed positions within the executive department not a part of the classified service.

To enable the commission to exercise its powers, the legislature shall appropriate to the commission for the ensuing fiscal year a sum not less than one percent of the aggregate payroll of the classified service for the preceding fiscal year, as certified by the commission. Within six months after the conclusion of each fiscal year the commission shall return to the state treasury all moneys unexpended for that fiscal year.

The commission shall furnish reports of expenditures, at least annually, to the governor and the legislature and shall be subject to annual audit as provided by law.

No payment for personal services shall be made or authorized until the provisions of this constitution pertaining to civil service have been complied with in every particular. Violation of any of the provisions hereof may be restrained or observance compelled by injunctive or mandamus proceedings brought by any citizen of the state.

Sec. 6. By ordinance or resolution of its governing body which shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, unless otherwise provided by charter, each county, township, city, village, school district and other governmental unit or authority may establish, modify or discontinue a merit system for its employees other than teachers under contract or tenure. The state civil service commission may on request furnish technical services to any such unit on a reimbursable basis.

Sec. 7. The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeaching civil officers for corrupt conduct in office or for crimes or misdemeanors, but a majority of the members elected and serving shall be necessary to direct an impeachment.

When an impeachment is directed, the house of representatives shall elect three of its members to prosecute the impeachment.

Every impeachment shall be tried by the senate immediately after the final adjournment of the legislature. The senators shall take an oath or affirmation truly and impartially to try and determine the impeachment according to the evi-

1 dence. When the governor or lieutenant governor
2 is tried, the chief justice of the supreme court
3 shall preside.

4 No person shall be convicted without the con-
5 currence of two-thirds of the senators elected and
6 serving. Judgment in case of conviction shall not
7 extend further than removal from office, but the
8 person convicted shall be liable to punishment
9 according to law.

10 No judicial officer shall exercise any of the
11 functions of his office after an impeachment is
12 directed until he is acquitted.

Article XII

Amendment & Revision

13 Sec. 1. Amendments to this constitution may
14 be proposed in the senate or house of representa-
15 tives. Proposed amendments agreed to by two-
16 thirds of the members elected to and serving in
17 each house on a vote with the names and vote of
18 those voting entered in the respective journals
19 shall be submitted, not less than 60 days there-
20 after, to the electors at the next general election
21 or special election as the legislature shall direct.
22 If a majority of electors voting on a proposed
23 amendment approve the same, it shall become
24 part of the constitution and shall abrogate or
25 amend existing provisions of the constitution at
26 the end of 45 days after the date of the election
27 at which it was approved.

28 Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this
29 constitution by petition of the registered electors
30 of this state. Every petition shall include the full
31 text of the proposed amendment, and be signed by
32 registered electors of the state equal in number to
33 at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for
34 all candidates for governor at the last preceding
35 general election at which a governor was elected.
36 Such petitions shall be filed with the person au-
37 thorized by law to receive the same at least 120
38 days before the election at which the proposed
39 amendment is to be voted upon. Any such petition
40 shall be in the form, and shall be signed and
41 circulated in such manner, as prescribed by law.
42 The person authorized by law to receive such peti-
43 tion shall upon its receipt determine, as provided
44 by law, the validity and sufficiency of the signa-
45 tures on the petition, and make an official an-
46 nouncement thereof at least 60 days prior to the
47 election at which the proposed amendment is to be
48 voted upon.

49 Any amendment proposed by such petition shall
50 be submitted, not less than 120 days after it was
51 filed, to the electors at the next general election.
52 Such proposed amendment, existing provisions of
53 the constitution which would be altered or abro-
54 gated thereby, and the question as it shall appear
55 on the ballot shall be published in full as provided
56 by law. Copies of such publication shall be posted
57 in each polling place and furnished to news media

as provided by law.

58 The ballot to be used in such election shall con-
59 tain a statement of the purpose of the proposed
60 amendment, expressed in not more than 100 words,
exclusive of caption. Such statement of purpose
and caption shall be prepared by the person au-
thorized by law, and shall consist of a true and
impartial statement of the purpose of the amend-
ment in such language as shall create no prejudice
for or against the proposed amendment.

61 If the proposed amendment is approved by a
62 majority of the electors voting on the question,
63 it shall become part of the constitution, and
64 shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of
65 the constitution at the end of 45 days after
66 the date of the election at which it was ap-
67 proved. If two or more amendments approved by
68 the electors at the same election conflict, that
69 amendment receiving the highest affirmative vote
70 shall prevail.

71 Sec. 3. At the general election to be held in
72 the year 1978, and in each 16th year thereafter
73 and at such times as may be provided by law, the
74 question of a general revision of the constitution
75 shall be submitted to the electors of the state. If
76 a majority of the electors voting on the question
77 decide in favor of a convention for such purpose,
78 at an election to be held not later than six months
79 after the proposal was certified as approved, the
80 electors of each representative district as then
81 organized shall elect one delegate and the elec-
82 tors of each senatorial district as then organized
83 shall elect one delegate at a partisan election.
84 The delegates so elected shall convene at the seat
85 of government on the first Tuesday in October
86 next succeeding such election or at an earlier date
87 if provided by law.

88 The convention shall choose its own officers,
89 determine the rules of its proceedings and judge
90 the qualifications, elections and returns of its mem-
91 bers. The governor shall appoint a qualified
92 resident of the same district to fill a vacancy
93 in the office of any delegate who shall be a mem-
94 ber of the same party as the delegate vacating
95 the office. The convention shall have power to ap-
96 point such officers, employees and assistants as
97 it deems necessary and to fix their compensation;
98 to provide for the printing and distribution of its
99 documents, journals and proceedings; to explain
100 and disseminate information about the proposed
constitution and to complete the business of the
convention in an orderly manner. Each delegate
shall receive for his services compensation pro-
vided by law.

101 No proposed constitution or amendment adopted
102 by such convention shall be submitted to the
103 electors for approval as hereinafter provided un-
104 less by the assent of a majority of all the delegates
105 elected to and serving in the convention, with the
106 names and vote of those voting entered in the

journal. Any proposed constitution or amendments adopted by such convention shall be submitted to the qualified electors in the manner and at the time provided by such convention not less than 90 days after final adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of such constitution or amendments by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon the constitution or amendments shall take effect as provided by the convention.

Schedule and Temporary Provisions

To insure the orderly transition from the constitution of 1908 to this constitution the following schedule and temporary provisions are set forth to be effective for such period as are thereby required.

Sec. 1. The attorney general shall recommend to the legislature as soon as practicable such changes as may be necessary to adapt existing laws to this constitution.

Sec. 2. All writs, actions, suits, proceedings, civil or criminal liabilities, prosecutions, judgments, sentences, orders, decrees, appeals, causes of action, contracts, claims, demands, titles and rights existing on the effective date of this constitution shall continue unaffected except as modified in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

Sec. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, all officers filling any office by election or appointment shall continue to exercise their powers and duties until their offices shall have been abolished or their successors selected and qualified in accordance with this constitution or the laws enacted pursuant thereto.

No provision of this constitution, or of law or of executive order authorized by this constitution shall shorten the term of any person elected to state office at a statewide election on or prior to the date on which this constitution is submitted to a vote. In the event the duties of any such officers shall not have been abolished or incorporated into one or more of the principal departments at the expiration of his term, such officer shall continue to serve until his duties are so incorporated or abolished.

Sec. 4. All officers elected at the same election that this constitution is submitted to the people for adoption shall take office and complete the term to which they were elected under the 1908 constitution and existing laws and continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified pursuant to this constitution or law.

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision in this constitution, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the secretary of state, the attorney general, and state senators shall be elected at the general election in 1964 to serve for two year terms beginning on the first day of January next

succeeding their election. The first election of such officers for four-year terms under this constitution shall be held at the general election in 1966.

Sec. 6. The state shall be districted for the purpose of electing senators in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Article IV of this constitution, after the official publication of the total population count of the 1970 decennial federal census. Until the apportionment of the senate following the 1970 census, the senatorial districts under the 1908 constitution shall remain intact except that upon the adoption of this constitution each of the counties of Kent, Genesee, Macomb and Oakland shall be divide by the apportionment commission into two senatorial districts and Wayne county into eight senatorial districts in accordance with this constitution. The legislature may give prior effect to Section 2 of Article IV of this constitution, which action shall not be subject to veto by the governor.

Sec. 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of this constitution that the supreme court shall consist of seven justices it shall consist of eight justices until the time that a vacancy occurs as a result of death, retirement or resignation of a justice. The first such vacancy shall not be filled.

Sec. 8. Any judge of probate serving on the effective date of this constitution may serve the remainder of the term and be eligible to succeed himself for election regardless of other provisions in this constitution requiring him to be licensed to practice law in this state.

Sec. 9. The provisions of Article VI providing that terms of judicial offices shall not all expire at the same time, shall be implemented by law providing that at the next election for such offices judges shall be elected for terms of varying length, none of which shall be shorter than the regular term provided for the office.

Sec. 10. The members of the state board of education provided for in Section 3 of Article VIII of this constitution shall first be elected at the first general election after the effective date of this constitution for the following terms: two shall be elected for two years, two for four years, two for six years, and two for eight years as prescribed by law.

The State Board of Education provided for in the constitution of 1908 is abolished at twelve o'clock noon January 1 of the year following the first general election under this constitution and the terms of members thereof shall then expire.

Sec. 11. The provisions of this constitution providing for members of boards of control of institutions of higher education and the State Board of Public Community and Junior Colleges shall be implemented by law. The law may provide that the term of each member in office on the date of the vote on this constitution may be

extended, and may further provide that the initial terms of office of members may be less than eight years.

Sec. 12. The provisions of this constitution increasing the number of members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University and of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University to eight, and of their term of office to eight years, shall be implemented by law. The law may provide that the term of each member in office on the date of the vote on this constitution may be extended one year, and may further provide that the initial terms of office of the additional members may be less than eight years.

Sec. 13. The initial allocation of departments by law pursuant to Section 2 of Article V of this constitution, shall be completed within two years after the effective date of this constitution. If such allocation shall not have been completed within such period, the governor, within one year thereafter, by executive order, shall make the initial allocation.

Sec. 14. Contractual obligations of the state incurred pursuant to the constitution of 1908 shall continue to be obligations of the state.

For the retirement of notes and bonds issued under Section 26 of Article X of the 1908 constitution, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund each year during their life a sum equal to the amount of principal and interest payments due and payable in each year.

Sec. 15. The legislature by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house may provide that the state may bor-

row money and may pledge its full faith and credit for refunding any bonds issued by the Mackinac Bridge Authority and at the time of refunding the Mackinac Bridge Authority shall be abolished and the operation of the bridge shall be assumed by the state highway department. The legislature may implement this section by law.

Sec. 16. This constitution shall be submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1962. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state forthwith to give notice of such submission to all other officers required to give or publish any notice in regard to a general election. He shall give notice that this constitution will be duly submitted to the electors at such election. The notice shall be given in the manner required for the election of governor.

Sec. 17. Every registered elector may vote on the adoption of the constitution. The board of election commissioners in each county shall cause to be printed on a ballot separate from the ballot containing the names of the nominees for office, the words: Shall the revised constitution be adopted? () Yes. () No. All votes cast at the election shall be taken, counted, canvassed and returned as provided by law for the election of state officers. If the revised constitution so submitted receives more votes in its favor than were cast against it, it shall be the supreme law of the state on and after the first day of January of the year following its adoption.

against the secretary of state, by Mr. Van Dusen, chairman, submits the following report:

In accordance with Resolution 96, the committee on action against secretary of state on May 14, 1962, filed with the circuit court for the county of Ingham, a petition for declaration of rights in an action entitled, Stephen S. Nisbet, President of the Michigan Constitutional Convention of 1961-1962 v. James M. Hare, Secretary of State. The relief sought was a declaration that the convention has the right to provide for submission of the proposed new constitution to the electors at the general election to be held November 6, 1962. The summons and petition were served on the secretary of state on the same day.

On May 22, having had no response from the attorney general, petitioner filed a motion for the entry of a decree. On May 25, the secretary of state appeared specially by the attorney general and moved to dismiss the petition on the ground that the case did not present an actual controversy. The trial court heard argument on the attorney general's motion on June 1 and on June 6 rendered an opinion denying the motion to dismiss. An order to that effect was entered on June 11.

Instead of proceeding to file an answer, the attorney general then filed an application to the supreme court for leave to appeal. This application was granted by the supreme court and the attorney general, on July 2, filed a claim of appeal.

The attorney general has not yet filed a brief and he states that he does not intend to do so until after August 7.

It is obvious that no judicial determination of the right of the constitutional convention to require submission of the proposed constitution to the electors on November 6 will be made in time to be useful to the convention. Accordingly, the committee recommends:

1) That section 15 [formerly section 16] of the schedule and temporary provisions of the proposed constitution be amended by striking from the first sentence the words "Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1962" and inserting "first Monday in April, 1963."

2) That the committee be authorized to discontinue the action entitled, Nisbet v. Hare.

Richard C. Van Dusen, chairman.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the report.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Van Dusen that the report be adopted. Those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no.

The report is adopted. Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN: Mr. President, in compliance with our rules, I think it would now be necessary to take a roll call vote on the amendment to the constitution changing the date.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Mr. Chase will read the amendment.

SECRETARY CHASE: The amendment recommended in the report is as follows:

1. Amend the schedule, section 15 [formerly section 16] (column 2) line 11, after "held on the" by striking out "Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1962.", and inserting "first Monday in April, 1963."

PRESIDENT NISBET: The secretary will call the roll. Those in favor of the amendment will vote aye as your name is called. Those opposed will vote no.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas—141

Allen	Goebel	Page
Andrus, Miss	Gover	Pellow
Anspach	Greene	Perlich
Austin	Gust	Perras
Baginski	Habermehl	Plank
Balcer	Hanna, W. F.	Pollock
Barthwell	Hannah, J. A.	Powell
Batchelor	Hart, Miss	Prettie
Beaman	Haskill	Pugsley
Bentley	Hatch	Radka

Binkowski	Hatcher, Mrs.
Blandford	Heideman
Bledsoe	Higgs
Bonisteel	Hood
Boothby	Howes
Bowens	Hoxie
Bradley	Hubbs
Brake	Hutchinson
Brown, G. E.	Iverson
Brown, T. S.	Jones
Buback	Judd, Mrs.
Butler, Mrs.	Karn
Conklin, Mrs.	Kelsey
Cudlip	Kirk, S.
Cushman, Mrs.	Knirk, B.
Danhof	Koeze, Mrs.
Dehnke	Krolkowski
Dell	Kuhn
DeVries	Lawrence
Donnelly, Miss	Lebrand
Doty, Dean	Leppien
Doty, Donald	Lesinski
Douglas	Liberato
Downs	Madar
Durst	Mahinske
Elliott, A. G.	Martin
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy	McAllister
Erickson	McCauley
Everett	McGowan, Miss
Farnsworth	McLogan
Faxon	Millard
Figy	Mosier
Finch	Murphy
Follo	Nisbet
Ford	Nord
Gadola	Norris
Garvin	Ostrow

Nays—0

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the amendment, the yeas are 141; the nays are none.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The amendment is adopted. The question now is on the final passage of the constitution as amended this morning. Those who are in favor will answer aye as your names are called. Those opposed will answer nay. The secretary will call the roll.

The roll was called and the delegates voted as follows:

Yeas—98

Allen	Gover	Powell
Andrus, Miss	Gust	Prettie
Anspach	Habermehl	Pugsley
Balcer	Hanna, W. F.	Radka
Batchelor	Hannah, J. A.	Rajkovich
Beaman	Haskill	Richards, J. B.
Bentley	Hatch	Richards, L. W.
Blandford	Heideman	Romney
Bonisteel	Higgs	Rood
Boothby	Howes	Rush
Brake	Hoxie	Seyferth
Brown, G. E.	Hubbs	Shackleton
Butler, Mrs.	Hutchinson	Shaffer
Conklin, Mrs.	Iverson	Sharpe
Cudlip	Judd, Mrs.	Sleder
Cushman, Mrs.	Karn	Spitler
Danhof	Kirk, S.	Stafseth
Dehnke	Knirk, B.	Staiger
Dell	Koeze, Mrs.	Stamm
DeVries	Kuhn	Sterrett
Donnelly, Miss	Lawrence	Stevens
Doty, Dean	Leppien	Thomson
Doty, Donald	Martin	Tubbs
Durst	McCauley	Turner
Elliott, A. G.	McGowan, Miss	Tweedie
Erickson	McLogan	Upton
Everett	Millard	Van Dusen
Farnsworth	Mosier	Wanger
Figy	Nisbet	White
Finch	Page	Wood

Follo
Gadola
Goebel

Perras
Plank
Pollock

Woolfenden
Yeager

Nays—43

Austin
Baginski
Barthwell
Binkowski
Bledsoe
Bowens
Bradley
Brown, T. S.
Buback
Douglas
Downs
Elliott, Mrs. Daisy
Faxon
Ford
Garvin

Greene
Hart, Miss
Hatcher, Mrs.
Hood
Jones
Kelsey
Krolikowski
Leibrand
Lesinski
Liberato
Madar
Mahinske
McAllister
Murphy

Nord
Norris
Ostrow
Pellow
Perlich
Sablich
Shanahan
Snyder
Stopczynski
Suzore
Walker
Wilkowski
Young
Youngblood

SECRETARY CHASE: On the adoption of the constitution as amended, the yeas are 98; the nays are 43. (applause)
PRESIDENT NISBET: The **constitution** is adopted.

For the constitution as adopted, see below, page 3317.

Because of the hour, it being almost noon, the Chair recognizes Mr. Van Dusen.

MR. VANDUSEN: Mr. President, I move that the convention now stand in recess until 2:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT NISBET: The question is on the motion of Mr. Van Dusen that we recess until 2:00 p.m. Those in favor will say aye. Opposed, no.

The motion prevails. We are recessed until 2:00 o'clock.

[Whereupon, at 11:50 o'clock a.m., the convention recessed; and, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., reconvened.]

Will the delegates please take their seats. The convention will please come to order.

SECRETARY CHASE: Mr. President, a quorum of the convention is present.

PRESIDENT NISBET: I think we should recognize the fact that many of our employees are voluntarily back with us today, meeting with the delegates. I'm sure all of us are very happy to have them here. It brings about a happy result to see them and I think we ought to give them a good hand. (applause) Mr. Chase has an announcement.

SECRETARY CHASE: There are 3 announcements that possibly should have been made before we recessed for lunch.

First, there is mail for all of the delegates in the mail room downstairs.

Just prior to the May 11 adjournment, several of the delegates took out, on loan, sets of convention slides which have not been returned. Missing from our files are 12 complete sets of slides. Since we frequently have call from other delegates for the use of these slides, we would appreciate their return as soon as possible. Ink White, chairman of the committee on public information.

I am sure the delegates recall the lady on the civic center staff who took such good care of keeping the windows clean and the place well slicked up, who had to go to the hospital for a very critical operation. A number of the delegates contributed to a fund to help her over her financial difficulties. I have the following card:

It is very difficult to express my appreciation to all the wonderful people of con. con. Let me say, with my heart, your kindness and generosity will always be remembered.

Sincerely,
Freda Adams.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Since the adjournment on May 11, we have added 2 new associate members to the delegation: Mrs. Charles Follo and Mrs. Gil Wanger.

I asked Charlie if Mrs. Follo was present so that he might present her, but he said she isn't. We are sorry, Charlie, she couldn't be with us.

Mr. Wanger, is your associate delegate present? Would you present her?

[Whereupon, the delegates accorded Mrs. Wanger a standing ovation.]

At the final session before the long recess the president was authorized to name a reunion committee for the constitutional convention. Accordingly, the **president appoints**, as members of the reunion committee: Mr. Erickson, Mrs. Koeze, Messrs. Jones, Bowens, Brake, Mrs. Conklin, Mr. Dean Doty, Mrs. Daisy Elliott, Messrs. Faxon, Kelsey, Kuhn, Powell, Sharpe, Wanger, White and Norris.

Without objection, the appointments are approved. You will notice that most of these delegates are within the area of Lansing, Detroit or Grand Rapids for their ease in getting together when they have to meet. Mr. Claud Erickson is chairman of the committee.

Returning to the order of business, **approval of address to people**. We will take up the **report of the committee on public information**. Mr. White, chairman.

MR. WHITE: Mr. President, under date of June 26, 1962, each delegate was mailed proof copies of the proposed address to the people. Since that time our committee has received numerous suggestions for corrections, additions, deletions and so on. Our committee has met and gone over these suggestions and they have been, for the most part, agreed to. I might say, parenthetically, the address in its present corrected form represents the writing and editing of upwards of 50 of our delegates.

Under date of July 27, 1962, each of you was mailed a 16 page multilith report which outlined in detail some 108 corrections. This communication also carried the recommendation that we be authorized to correct the text of the constitution as it appears in the address to conform with the style and drafting changes adopted at today's session, and to offer comments accordingly, if necessary. All of this material has been delivered again to each delegate's desk today. Additionally, you have a single white multilith sheet from our committee containing brief addenda to this 16 page report.

It seems to me, Mr. President, the delegates have had ample time to consider these matters, and to expedite our final deliberations, I move that the report of the public information committee, with the recommended addenda, be considered read.

PRESIDENT NISBET: Without objection, it is so ordered.

Following is the report as submitted and considered read:

After careful consideration of suggestions from delegates, your committee on public information recommends the adoption of the following changes in the proof copy of the address to the people:

For document incorporating following changes, see below, page 3355. Page numbers in report refer to document pages.

1. Amend page 2, second full paragraph, line 3, after "that one" by striking out "must" and inserting "should"; to improve phraseology.

2. Amend page 2, third full paragraph, line 1, by striking out "Ordered by popular vote, its delegates selected by the people on the basis of one from each senatorial and representative district, the Constitutional Convention of 1961-62 met in Lansing on October 3, 1961.", and inserting "The convention was ordered by popular vote in April of 1961. There were 144 delegates, representing Michigan's 34 State Senatorial districts and 110 State Representative seats. They were elected in statewide voting on September 12, 1961, and convened at Lansing on October 3, 1961."; to improve awkward sentence construction and correct error by indicating "seats" rather than representative "districts."

3. Amend page 2, fifth full paragraph, line 2, after "overlapped" by striking out "each other"; to improve phraseology.

4. Amend page 2, fifth full paragraph, line 6, after

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**as finally adopted
by the Convention
August 1, 1962**

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I

Declaration of Rights

Sec. 1. All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security and protection.

Sec. 2. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or national origin. The legislature shall implement this section by appropriate legislation.

Sec. 3. The people have the right peaceably to assemble, to consult for the common good, to instruct their representatives and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

Sec. 4. Every person shall be at liberty to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, or, against his consent, to contribute to the erection or support of any place of religious worship, or to pay tithes, taxes or other rates for the support of any minister of the gospel or teacher of religion. No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious sect or society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the state be appropriated for any such purpose. The civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of no person shall be diminished or enlarged on account of his religious belief.

Sec. 5. Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

Sec. 6. Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state.

Sec. 7. The military shall in all cases and at all times be in strict subordination to the civil power.

Sec. 8. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner or occupant, nor in time of war, except in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 9. Neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude unless for the punishment of crime, shall ever be tolerated in this state.

Sec. 10. No bill of attainder, ex post facto law or law impairing the obligation of contract shall be enacted.

Sec. 11. The person, houses, papers and possessions of every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them, nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to bar from evidence in any criminal proceeding any narcotic drug, firearm, bomb, explosive or any other dangerous weapon, seized by a peace officer outside the curtilage of any dwelling house in this state.

Sec. 12. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

Sec. 13. A suitor in any court of this state has the right to prosecute or defend his suit, either in his own proper person or by an attorney.

Sec. 14. The right of trial by jury shall remain, but shall be waived in all civil cases unless demanded by one of the parties in the manner prescribed by law. In all civil cases tried by 12 jurors a verdict shall be received when 10 jurors agree.

Sec. 15. No person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy. All persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for murder and treason when the proof is evident or the presumption great.

Sec. 16. Excessive bail shall not be required; excessive fines shall not be imposed; cruel or unusual punishment shall not be inflicted; nor shall witnesses be unreasonably detained.

Sec. 17. No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law. The right of all individuals, firms, corporations and voluntary associations to fair and just treatment in the course of legislative and executive investigations and hearings shall not be infringed.

Sec. 18. No person shall be rendered incompetent to be a witness on account of his opinions on matters of religious belief.

Sec. 19. In all prosecutions for libels the truth may be given in evidence to the jury; and, if it appears to the jury that the matter charged as libelous is true and was published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the accused shall be acquitted.

Sec. 20. In every criminal prosecution, the accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury, which may consist of less than 12 jurors in all courts not of record; to be informed of the nature of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor; to have the assistance of counsel for his defense; to have an appeal as a matter of right; and in courts of record, when the trial court so orders, to have such reasonable assistance as may be necessary to perfect and prosecute an appeal.

Sec. 21. No person shall be imprisoned for debt arising out of or founded on contract, express or implied, except in cases of fraud or breach of trust.

Sec. 22. Treason against the state shall consist only in levying war against it or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless upon the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act or on confession in open court.

Sec. 23. The enumeration in this constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

ARTICLE II

Elections

Sec. 1. Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years, who has resided in this state six months, and who meets the requirements of local residence provided by law, shall be an elector and qualified to vote in any election except as otherwise provided in this constitution. The legislature shall define residence for voting purposes.

Sec. 2. The legislature may by law exclude persons from voting because of mental incompetence or commitment to a jail or penal institution.

Sec. 3. For purposes of voting in the election for president and vice-president of the United States only, the legislature may by law establish lesser residence requirements for citizens who have resided in this state for less than six months and may waive residence requirements for former citizens of this state who have removed herefrom. The legislature shall not permit voting by any person who meets the voting residence requirements of the state to which he has removed.

Sec. 4. The legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place and manner of all nominations and elections, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the constitution and laws of the United States. The legislature shall enact laws to preserve the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective franchise, and to provide for a system of voter registration and absentee voting. No law shall be enacted which permits a candidate in any partisan primary or partisan election to have a ballot designation except when required for identification of candidates for the same office who have the same or similar surnames.

Sec. 5. Except for special elections to fill vacancies, or as otherwise provided in this constitution, all elections for national, state, county and township offices shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year or on such other date as members of the congress of the United States are regularly elected.

Sec. 6. Whenever any question is required to be submitted by a political subdivision to the electors for the increase of the ad valorem tax rate limitation imposed by Section 6 of Article IX for a period of more than five years, or for the issue of bonds, only electors in, and who have property assessed for any ad valorem taxes in, any part of the district or territory to be affected by the result of such election or electors who are the lawful husbands or wives of such persons shall be entitled to vote thereon. All electors in the district or territory affected may vote on all other questions.

Sec. 7. A board of state canvassers of four members shall be established by law. No candidate for an office to be canvassed nor any inspector of elections shall be eligible to serve as a member of a board of canvassers. A majority of any board of canvassers shall not be composed of members of the same political party.

Sec. 8. Laws shall be enacted to provide for the recall of all elective officers except judges of courts of record upon petition of electors equal in number to 25 percent of the number of persons voting in the last preceding election for the office of governor in the electoral district of the officer sought to be recalled. The sufficiency of any statement of reasons or grounds procedurally required shall be a political rather than a judicial question.

Sec. 9. The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws, called the initiative, and the power to approve or reject laws enacted by the legislature, called the referendum. The power of initiative extends only to laws which the legislature may enact under this constitution. The power of referendum does not extend to acts making appropriations for state institutions or to meet deficiencies in state funds and must be invoked in the manner prescribed by law within 90 days following the final adjournment of the legislative session at which the law was enacted. To invoke the initiative or referendum, petitions signed by a number of registered electors, not less than eight percent for initiative and five percent for referendum of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected shall be required.

No law as to which the power of referendum properly has been invoked shall be effective thereafter unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at the next general election.

Any law proposed by initiative petition shall be either enacted or rejected by the legislature without change or amendment within 40 session days from the time such petition is received by the legislature. If any law proposed by such petition shall be enacted by the legislature it shall be subject to referendum, as hereinafter provided.

If the law so proposed is not enacted by the legislature within the 40 days, the state officer authorized by law shall submit such proposed law to the people for approval or rejection at the next general election. The legislature may reject any measure so proposed by initiative petition and propose a different measure upon the same subject by a yea and nay vote upon separate roll calls, and in such event both measures shall be submitted by such state officer to the electors for approval or rejection at the next general election.

Any law submitted to the people by either initiative or referendum petition and approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon at any election shall take effect 10 days after the date of the official declaration of the vote. No law initiated or adopted by the people shall be subject to the veto power of the governor, and no law adopted by the people at the polls under the initiative provisions of this section shall be amended or repealed, except by a vote of the electors unless otherwise provided in the initiative measure or by three-fourths of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. Laws approved by the people under the referendum provision of this section may be amended by the legislature at any subsequent session thereof. If two or more measures approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

The legislature shall implement the provisions of this section.

ARTICLE III

General Government

Sec. 1. The seat of government shall be at Lansing.

Sec. 2. The powers of government are divided into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. No person exercising powers of one branch shall exercise powers properly belonging to another branch except as expressly provided in this constitution.

Sec. 3. There shall be a great seal of the State of Michigan and its use shall be provided by law.

Sec. 4. The militia shall be organized, equipped and disciplined as provided by law.

Sec. 5. Subject to provisions of general law, this state or any political subdivision thereof, any governmental authority or any combination thereof may enter into agreements for the performance, financing or execution of their respective functions, with any one or more of the other states, the United States, the Dominion of Canada, or any political subdivision thereof unless otherwise provided in this constitution. Any other provision of this constitution notwithstanding, an officer or employee of the state or of any such unit of government or subdivision or agency thereof may serve on or with any governmental body established for the purposes set forth in this section and shall not be required to relinquish his office or employment by reason of such service. The legislature may impose such restrictions, limitations or conditions on such service as it may deem appropriate.

Sec. 6. The state shall not be a party to, nor be financially interested in, any work of internal improvement, nor engage in carrying on any such work, except for public internal improvements provided by law.

Sec. 7. The common law and the statute laws now in force, not repugnant to this constitution, shall remain in force until they expire by their own limitations, or are changed, amended or repealed.

Sec. 8. Either house of the legislature or the governor may request the opinion of the supreme court on important questions of law upon solemn occasions as to the constitutionality of legislation after it has been enacted into law but before its effective date.

ARTICLE IV

Legislative Branch

Sec. 1. The legislative power of the State of Michigan is vested in a senate and a house of representatives.

Sec. 2. The senate shall consist of 38 members to be elected from single member districts at the same election as the governor for four-year terms concurrent with the term of office of the governor.

In districting the state for the purpose of electing senators after the official publication of the total population count of each federal decennial census, each county shall be assigned apportionment factors equal to the sum of its percentage of the state's population as shown by the last regular federal decennial census computed to the nearest one-one hundredth of one percent multiplied by four and its percentage of the state's land area computed to the nearest one-one hundredth of one percent.

In arranging the state into senatorial districts, the apportionment commission shall be governed by the following rules:

(1) Counties with 13 or more apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole number. After each such county has been allocated one senator, the remaining senators to which this class of counties is entitled shall be distributed among such counties by the method of equal proportions applied to the apportionment factors.

(2) Counties having less than 13 apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole number. Such counties shall thereafter be arranged into senatorial districts that are compact, convenient, and contiguous by land, as rectangular in shape as possible, and having as nearly as possible 13 apportionment factors, but in no event less than 10 or more than 16. Insofar as possible, existing senatorial districts at the time of reapportionment shall not be altered unless there is a failure to comply with the above standards.

(3) Counties entitled to two or more senators shall be divided into single member districts. The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the county by the number of senators to which it is entitled. Each such district shall follow incorporated city or township boundary lines to the extent possible and shall be compact, contiguous, and as nearly uniform in shape as possible.

Sec. 3. The house of representatives shall consist of 110 members elected for two-year terms from single member districts apportioned on a basis of population as provided in this article. The districts shall consist of compact and convenient territory contiguous by land.

Each county which has a population of not less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall constitute a separate representative area. Each county having less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall be combined with another county or counties to form a representative area of not less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state. Any county which is isolated under the initial allocation as provided in this section shall be joined with that contiguous representative area having the smallest percentage of the state's population. Each such representative area shall be entitled initially to one representative.

After the assignment of one representative to each of the representative areas, the remaining house seats shall be apportioned among the representative areas on the basis of population by the method of equal proportions.

Any county comprising a representative area entitled to two or more representatives shall be divided into single member representative districts as follows:

(1) The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the representative area by the number of representatives to which it is entitled.

(2) Such single member districts shall follow city and township boundaries where applicable and shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly square in shape as possible.

Any representative area consisting of more than one county, entitled to more than one representative, shall be divided into single member districts as equal as possible in population, adhering to county lines.

Sec. 4. In counties having more than one representative or senatorial district, the territory in the same county annexed to or merged with a city between apportionments shall become a part of a contiguous representative or senatorial district in the city with which it is combined, if provided by ordinance of the city. The district or districts with which the territory shall be combined shall be determined by such ordinance certified to the secretary of state. No such change in the boundaries of a representative or senatorial district shall have the effect of removing a legislator from office during his term.

Sec. 5. Island areas are considered to be contiguous by land to the county of which they are a part.

Sec. 6. A commission on legislative apportionment is hereby established consisting of eight electors, four of whom shall be selected by the state organizations of each of the two political parties whose candidates for governor received the highest vote at the last general election at which a governor was elected preceding each apportionment. If a candidate for governor of a third political party has received at such election more than 25 percent of such gubernatorial vote, the commission shall consist of 12 members, four of whom shall be selected by the state organization of the third political party. One resident of each of the following four regions shall be selected by each political party organization: (1) the upper peninsula; (2) the northern part of the lower peninsula, north of a line drawn along the northern boundaries of the counties of Bay, Midland, Isabella, Mecosta, Newaygo and Oceana; (3) southwestern Michigan, those counties south of region (2) and west of a line drawn along the western boundaries of the counties of Bay, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Ingham, Jackson and Hillsdale; (4) southeastern Michigan, the remaining counties of the state.

No officers or employees of the federal, state or local governments, excepting notaries public and members of the armed forces reserve, shall be eligible for membership on the commission. Members of the commission shall not be eligible for election to the legislature until two years after the apportionment in which they participated becomes effective.

The commission shall be appointed immediately after the adoption of this constitution and whenever apportionment or districting of the legislature is required by the provisions of this constitution. Members of the commission shall hold office until each apportionment or districting plan becomes effective. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as for original appointment.

The secretary of state shall be secretary of the commission without vote, and in that capacity shall furnish, under the direction of the commission, all necessary technical services. The commission shall elect its own chairman, shall make its own rules of procedure, and shall receive compensation provided by law. The legislature shall appropriate funds to enable the commission to carry out its activities.

Within 30 days after the adoption of this constitution, and after the official total population count of each federal decennial census of the state and its political subdivisions is available, the secretary of state shall issue a call convening the commission not less than 30 nor more than 45 days thereafter. The commission shall complete its work within 180 days after all necessary census information is available. The commission shall proceed to district and apportion the senate and house of representatives according to the provisions of this constitution. All final decisions shall require the concurrence of a majority of the members of the commission. The commission shall hold public hearings as may be provided by law.

Each final apportionment and districting plan shall be published as provided by law within 30 days from the date of its adoption and shall become law 60 days after

publication. The secretary of state shall keep a public record of all the proceedings of the commission and shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of each plan.

If a majority of the commission cannot agree on a plan, each member of the commission, individually or jointly with other members, may submit a proposed plan to the supreme court. The supreme court shall determine which plan complies most accurately with the constitutional requirements and shall direct that it be adopted by the commission and published as provided in this section.

Upon the application of any elector filed not later than 60 days after final publication of the plan, the supreme court, in the exercise of original jurisdiction, shall direct the secretary of state or the commission to perform their duties, may review any final plan adopted by the commission, and shall remand such plan to the commission for further action if it fails to comply with the requirements of this constitution.

Sec. 7. Each senator and representative must be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age, and an elector of the district he represents. The removal of his domicile from the district shall be deemed a vacation of the office. No person who has been convicted of subversion or who has within the preceding 20 years been convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be eligible for either house of the legislature.

Sec. 8. No person holding any office, employment or position under the United States or this state or a political subdivision thereof, except notaries public and members of the armed forces reserve, may be a member of either house of the legislature.

Sec. 9. No person elected to the legislature shall receive any civil appointment within this state from the governor, except notaries public, from the legislature, or from any other state authority, during the term for which he is elected.

Sec. 10. No member of the legislature nor any state officer shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the state or any political subdivision thereof which shall cause a substantial conflict of interest. The legislature shall further implement this provision by appropriate legislation.

Sec. 11. Senators and representatives shall be privileged from civil arrest and civil process during sessions of the legislature and for five days next before the commencement and after the termination thereof. They shall not be questioned in any other place for any speech in either house.

Sec. 12. The compensation and expense allowances of the members of the legislature shall be determined by law. Changes in compensation or expense allowances shall become effective only when legislators commence their terms of office after a general election.

Sec. 13. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.

Sec. 14. A majority of the members elected to and serving in each house shall constitute a quorum to do business. A smaller number in each house may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and with penalties as each house may prescribe.

Sec. 15. There shall be a bi-partisan legislative council consisting of legislators appointed in the manner prescribed by law. The legislature shall appropriate funds for the council's operations and provide for its staff which shall maintain bill drafting, research and other services for the members of the legislature. The council shall periodically examine and recommend to the legislature revision of the various laws of the state.

Sec. 16. Each house, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine the rules of its proceedings, but shall not adopt any rule that will prevent a majority of the members elected thereto and serving therein from discharging a committee from the further consideration of any measure. Each house shall be the sole judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its members, and may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected thereto and serving therein, expel a member. The reasons for such expulsion shall be entered in the journal, with the votes and names of the members voting upon the question. No member shall be expelled a second time for the same cause.

Sec. 17. Each house of the legislature may establish the committees necessary for the efficient conduct of its business and the legislature may create joint committees. On all actions on bills and resolutions in each committee, names and votes of members shall be recorded. Such vote shall be available for public inspection. Notice of all committee hearings and a clear statement of all subjects to be considered at each hearing shall be published in the journal in advance of the hearing.

Sec. 18. Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and publish the same unless the public security otherwise requires. The record of the vote and name of the members of either house voting on any question shall be entered in the journal at the request of one-fifth of the members present. Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act, proceeding or resolution which he deems injurious to any person or the public, and have the reason for his dissent entered in the journal.

Sec. 19. All elections in either house or in joint convention and all votes on appointments submitted to the senate for advice and consent shall be published by vote and name in the journal.

Sec. 20. The doors of each house shall be open unless the public security otherwise requires.

Sec. 21. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than two intervening calendar days, nor to any place other than where the legislature may then be in session.

Sec. 22. All legislation shall be by bill and may originate in either house.

Sec. 23. The style of the laws shall be: The People of the State of Michigan enact.

Sec. 24. No law shall embrace more than one object, which shall be expressed in its title. No bill shall be altered or amended on its passage through either house so as to change its original purpose as determined by its total content and not alone by its title.

Sec. 25. No law shall be revised, altered or amended by reference to its title only. The section or sections of the act altered or amended shall be re-enacted and published at length.

Sec. 26. No bill shall be passed or become a law at any regular session of the legislature until it has been printed or reproduced and in the possession of each house for

at least five days. Every bill shall be read three times in each house before the final passage thereof. No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of the members voting thereon shall be entered in the journal.

Sec. 27. No act shall take effect until the expiration of 90 days from the end of the session at which it was passed, but the legislature may give immediate effect to acts by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.

Sec. 28. When the legislature is convened on extraordinary occasions in special session no bill shall be passed on any subjects other than those expressly stated in the governor's proclamation or submitted by special message.

Sec. 29. The legislature shall pass no local or special act in any case where a general act can be made applicable, and whether a general act can be made applicable shall be a judicial question. No local or special act shall take effect until approved by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house and by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the district affected. Any act repealing local or special acts shall require only a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house and shall not require submission to the electors of such district.

Sec. 30. The assent of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature shall be required for the appropriation of public money or property for local or private purposes.

Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed.

Sec. 32. Every law which imposes, continues or revives a tax shall distinctly state the tax.

Sec. 33. Every bill passed by the legislature shall be presented to the governor before it becomes law, and the governor shall have 14 days measured in hours and minutes from the time of presentation in which to consider it. If he approves, he shall within that time sign and file it with the secretary of state and it shall become law. If he does not approve, and the legislature has within that time finally adjourned the session at which the bill was passed, it shall not become law. If he disapproves, and the legislature continues the session at which the bill was passed, he shall return it within such 14-day period with his objections, to the house in which it originated. That house shall enter such objections in full in its journal and reconsider the bill. If two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in that house pass the bill notwithstanding the objections of the governor, it shall be sent with the objections to the other house for reconsideration. The bill shall become law if passed by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in that house. The vote of each house shall be entered in the journal with the votes and names of the members voting thereon. If any bill is not returned by the governor within such 14-day period, the legislature continuing in session, it shall become law as if he had signed it.

Sec. 34. Any bill passed by the legislature and approved by the governor, except a bill appropriating money, may provide that it will not become law unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Sec. 35. All laws enacted at any session of the legislature shall be published in book form within 60 days after final adjournment of the session, and shall be distributed in the manner provided by law. The prompt publication of judicial decisions shall be provided by law. All laws and judicial decisions shall be free for publication by any person.

Sec. 36. No general revision of the laws shall be made. The legislature may provide for a compilation of the laws in force, arranged without alteration, under appropriate heads and titles.

Sec. 37. The legislature may by concurrent resolution empower a joint committee of the legislature, acting between sessions, to suspend any rule or regulation promulgated by an administrative agency subsequent to the adjournment of the last preceding regular legislative session. Such suspension shall continue no longer than the end of the next regular legislative session.

Sec. 38. The legislature may provide by law the cases in which any office shall be vacant and the manner of filling vacancies where no provision is made in this constitution.

Sec. 39. In order to insure continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of emergency only, resulting from disasters occurring in this state caused by enemy attack on the United States, the legislature may provide by law for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices, of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents of which may become unavailable for carrying on the powers and duties of such offices; and enact other laws necessary and proper for insuring the continuity of governmental operations. Notwithstanding the power conferred by this section, elections shall always be called as soon as possible to fill any vacancies in elective offices temporarily occupied by operation of any legislation enacted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 40. The legislature may by law establish a liquor control commission which, subject to statutory limitations, shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof. The legislature may provide for an excise tax on such sales. Neither the legislature nor the commission may authorize the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages in any county in which a majority of the electors voting thereon shall prohibit the same.

Sec. 41. The legislature shall not authorize any lottery nor permit the sale of lottery tickets.

Sec. 42. The legislature may provide for the incorporation of ports and port districts, and confer power and authority upon them to engage in work of internal improvements in connection therewith.

Sec. 43. No general law providing for the incorporation of trust companies or corporations for banking purposes, or regulating the business thereof, shall be enacted, amended or repealed except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house.

Sec. 44. The legislature may authorize a trial by a jury of less than 12 jurors in civil cases.

Sec. 45. The legislature may provide for indeterminate sentences as punishment for crime and for the detention and release of persons imprisoned or detained under such sentences.

Sec. 46. No law shall be enacted providing for the penalty of death.

Sec. 47. The legislature may authorize the employment of chaplains in state institutions of detention or confinement.

Sec. 48. The legislature may enact laws providing for the resolution of disputes concerning public employees, except those in the state classified civil service.

Sec. 49. The legislature may enact laws relative to the hours and conditions of employment.

Sec. 50. The legislature may provide safety measures and regulate the use of atomic energy and forms of energy developed in the future, having in view the general welfare of the people of this state.

Sec. 51. The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health.

Sec. 52. The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction.

Sec. 53. The legislature by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, shall appoint an auditor general, who shall be a certified public accountant licensed to practice in this state, to serve for a term of eight years. He shall be ineligible for appointment or election to any other public office in this state from which compensation is derived while serving as auditor general and for two years following the termination of his service. He may be removed for cause at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house. The auditor general shall conduct post audits of financial transactions and accounts of the state and of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities and institutions of the state established by this constitution or by law, and performance post audits thereof.

The auditor general upon direction by the legislature may employ independent accounting firms or legal counsel and may make investigations pertinent to the conduct of audits. He shall report annually to the legislature and to the governor and at such other times as he deems necessary or as required by the legislature. He shall be assigned no duties other than those specified in this section.

Nothing in this section shall be construed in any way to infringe the responsibility and constitutional authority of the governing boards of the institutions of higher education to be solely responsible for the control and direction of all expenditures from the institutions' funds.

The auditor general, his deputy and one other member of his staff shall be exempt from classified civil service. All other members of his staff shall have classified civil service status.

ARTICLE V

Executive Branch

Sec. 1. The executive power is vested in the governor.

Sec. 2. All executive and administrative offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the executive branch of state government and their respective functions, powers and

duties, except for the office of governor and lieutenant governor and the governing bodies of institutions of higher education provided for in this constitution, shall be allocated by law among and within not more than 20 principal departments. They shall be grouped as far as practicable according to major purposes.

Subsequent to the initial allocation, the governor may make changes in the organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration. Where these changes require the force of law, they shall be set forth in executive orders and submitted to the legislature. Thereafter the legislature shall have 60 calendar days of a regular session, or a full regular session if of shorter duration, to disapprove each executive order. Unless disapproved in both houses by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, each order shall become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the governor.

Sec. 3. The head of each principal department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided in this constitution or by law. The single executives heading principal departments shall include a secretary of state, a state treasurer and an attorney general. When a single executive is the head of a principal department, unless elected or appointed as otherwise provided in this constitution, he shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate and he shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

When a board or commission is at the head of a principal department, unless elected or appointed as otherwise provided in this constitution, the members thereof shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The term of office and procedure for removal of such members shall be as prescribed in this constitution or by law.

Terms of office of any board or commission created or enlarged after the effective date of this constitution shall not exceed four years except as otherwise authorized in this constitution. The terms of office of existing boards and commissions which are longer than four years shall not be further extended except as provided in this constitution.

Sec. 4. Temporary commissions or agencies for special purposes with a life of no more than two years may be established by law and need not be allocated within a principal department.

Sec. 5. A majority of the members of an appointed examining or licensing board of a profession shall be members of that profession.

Sec. 6. Appointment by and with the advice and consent of the senate when used in this constitution or laws in effect or hereafter enacted means appointment subject to disapproval by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in the senate if such action is taken within 60 session days after the date of such appointment. Any appointment not disapproved within such period shall stand confirmed.

Sec. 7. Vacancies in any office, appointment to which requires advice and consent of the senate, shall be filled by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. A person whose appointment has been disapproved by the senate shall not be eligible for an interim appointment to the same office.

Sec. 8. Each principal department shall be under the supervision of the governor unless otherwise provided by this constitution. The governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. He shall transact all necessary business with the officers of

government and may require information in writing from all executive and administrative state officers, elective and appointive, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

The governor may initiate court proceedings in the name of the state to enforce compliance with any constitutional or legislative mandate, or to restrain violations of any constitutional or legislative power, duty or right by any officer, department or agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions. This authority shall not be construed to authorize court proceedings against the legislature.

Sec. 9. Single executives heading principal departments and the chief executive officers of principal departments headed by boards or commissions shall keep their offices at the seat of government except as otherwise provided by law, superintend them in person and perform duties prescribed by law.

Sec. 10. The governor shall have power and it shall be his duty to inquire into the condition and administration of any public office and the acts of any public officer, elective or appointive. He may remove or suspend from office for gross neglect of duty or for corrupt conduct in office, or for any other misfeasance or malfeasance therein, any elective or appointive state officer, except legislative or judicial, and shall report the reasons for such removal or suspension to the legislature.

Sec. 11. The governor may make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy occasioned by the suspension of an appointed or elected officer, other than a legislative or judicial officer, until he is reinstated or until the vacancy is filled in the manner prescribed by law or this constitution.

Sec. 12. The governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces and may call them out to execute the laws, suppress insurrection and repel invasion.

Sec. 13. The governor shall issue writs of election to fill vacancies in the senate or house of representatives. Any such election shall be held in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 14. The governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after convictions for all offenses, except cases of impeachment, upon such conditions and limitations as he may direct, subject to procedures and regulations prescribed by law. He shall inform the legislature annually of each reprieve, commutation and pardon granted, stating reasons therefor.

Sec. 15. The governor may convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions.

Sec. 16. The governor may convene the legislature at some other place when the seat of government becomes dangerous from any cause.

Sec. 17. The governor shall communicate by message to the legislature at the beginning of each session and may at other times present to the legislature information as to the affairs of the state and recommend measures he considers necessary or desirable.

Sec. 18. The governor shall submit to the legislature at a time fixed by law, a budget for the ensuing fiscal period setting forth in detail, for all operating funds, the proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the state. Proposed expenditures from any fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue thereof. On the same date, the governor shall submit to the legislature general appropriation bills to embody the proposed expenditures and any necessary bill or bills to provide new or additional revenues to meet proposed expenditures. The amount of any surplus created or deficit incurred in any fund during the last preceding fiscal period shall be entered as an item in the budget and in one of the appropriation bills. The governor may submit amendments to appropriation bills to be offered in either house during consideration of the bill by that house, and shall submit bills to meet deficiencies in current appropriations.

Sec. 19. The governor may disapprove any distinct item or items appropriating moneys in any appropriation bill. The part or parts approved shall become law, and the item or items disapproved shall be void unless re-passed according to the method prescribed for the passage of other bills over the executive veto.

Sec. 20. No appropriation shall be a mandate to spend. The governor, with the approval of the appropriating committees of the house and senate, shall reduce expenditures authorized by appropriations whenever it appears that actual revenues for a fiscal period will fall below the revenue estimates on which appropriations for that period were based. Reductions in expenditures shall be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by law. The governor may not reduce expenditures of the legislative and judicial branches or from funds constitutionally dedicated for specific purposes.

Sec. 21. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be elected for four-year terms at the general election in each alternate even-numbered year.

The lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be nominated by party conventions in a manner prescribed by law. In the general election one vote shall be cast jointly for the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor nominated by the same party.

Vacancies in the office of the secretary of state and attorney general shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

Sec. 22. To be eligible for the office of governor or lieutenant governor a person must have attained the age of 30 years, and have been a registered elector in this state for four years next preceding his election.

Sec. 23. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall each receive the compensation provided by law in full payment for all services performed and expenses incurred during his term of office. Such compensation shall not be changed during the term of office except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

Sec. 24. An executive residence suitably furnished shall be provided at the seat of government for the use of the governor. He shall receive an allowance for its maintenance as provided by law.

Sec. 25. The lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided. He may perform duties requested of him by the governor, but no power vested in the governor shall be delegated.

Sec. 26. In case of the conviction of the governor on impeachment, his removal from office, his resignation or his death, the lieutenant governor, the elected secretary of state, the elected attorney general and such other persons designated by law shall in that order be governor for the remainder of the governor's term.

In case of the death of the governor-elect, the lieutenant governor-elect, the secretary of state-elect, the attorney general-elect and such other persons designated by law shall become governor in that order at the commencement of the governor-elect's term.

If the governor or the person in line of succession to serve as governor is absent from the state, or suffering under an inability, the powers and duties of the office of governor shall devolve in order of precedence until the absence or inability giving rise to the devolution of powers ceases.

The inability of the governor or person acting as governor shall be determined by a majority of the supreme court on joint request of the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Such determination shall be final

and conclusive. The supreme court shall upon its own initiative determine if and when the inability ceases.

Sec. 27. The legislature shall provide that the salary of any state officer while acting as governor shall be equal to that of the governor.

Sec. 28. There is hereby established a state highway commission, which shall administer the state highway department and have jurisdiction and control over all state trunkline highways and appurtenant facilities, and such other public works of the state, as provided by law.

The state highway commission shall consist of four members, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. They shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for four-year terms, no two of which shall expire in the same year, as provided by law.

The state highway commission shall appoint and may remove a state highway director, who shall be a competent highway engineer and administrator. He shall be the principal executive officer of the state highway department and shall be responsible for executing the policy of the state highway commission.

Sec. 29. There is hereby established a civil rights commission which shall consist of eight persons, not more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, for four-year terms not more than two of which shall expire in the same year. It shall be the duty of the commission in a manner which may be prescribed by law to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin in the enjoyment of the civil rights guaranteed by law and by this constitution, and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination. The legislature shall provide an annual appropriation for the effective operation of the commission.

The commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and of general laws governing administrative agencies, to promulgate rules and regulations for its own procedures, to hold hearings, administer oaths, through court authorization to require the attendance of witnesses and the submission of records, to take testimony, and to issue appropriate orders. The commission shall have other powers provided by law to carry out its purposes. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to diminish the right of any party to direct and immediate legal or equitable remedies in the courts of this state.

Appeals from final orders of the commission, including cease and desist orders and refusals to issue complaints, shall be tried de novo before the circuit court having jurisdiction provided by law.

ARTICLE VI

Judicial Branch

Sec. 1. The judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice which shall be divided into one supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, one probate court, and courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.

Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices elected at non-partisan elections as provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not more than

two terms of office shall expire at the same time. Nominations for justices of the supreme court shall be in the manner prescribed by law. Any incumbent justice whose term is to expire may become a candidate for re-election by filing an affidavit of candidacy, in the form and manner prescribed by law, not less than 180 days prior to the expiration of his term.

Sec. 3. One justice of the supreme court shall be selected by the court as its chief justice as provided by rules of the court. He shall perform duties required by the court. The supreme court shall appoint an administrator of the courts and other assistants of the supreme court as may be necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of this state. The administrator shall perform administrative duties assigned by the court.

Sec. 4. The supreme court shall have general superintending control over all courts; power to issue, hear and determine prerogative and remedial writs; and appellate jurisdiction as provided by rules of the supreme court. The supreme court shall not have the power to remove a judge.

Sec. 5. The supreme court shall by general rules establish, modify, amend and simplify the practice and procedure in all courts of this state. The distinctions between law and equity proceedings shall, as far as practicable, be abolished. The office of master in chancery is prohibited.

Sec. 6. Decisions of the supreme court, including all decisions on prerogative writs, shall be in writing and shall contain a concise statement of the facts and reasons for each decision and reasons for each denial of leave to appeal. When a judge dissents in whole or in part he shall give in writing the reasons for his dissent.

Sec. 7. The supreme court may appoint, may remove, and shall have general supervision of its staff. It shall have control of the preparation of its budget recommendations and the expenditure of moneys appropriated for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the court or the performance of activities of its staff except that the salaries of the justices shall be established by law. All fees and perquisites collected by the court staff shall be turned over to the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

Sec. 8. The court of appeals shall consist initially of nine judges who shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections from districts drawn on county lines and as nearly as possible of equal population, as provided by law. The supreme court may prescribe by rule that the court of appeals sit in divisions and for the terms of court and the times and places thereof. Each such division shall consist of not fewer than three judges. The number of judges comprising the court of appeals may be increased, and the districts from which they are elected may be changed by law.

Sec. 9. Judges of the court of appeals shall hold office for a term of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office for the judges in each district shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

Sec. 10. The jurisdiction of the court of appeals shall be provided by law and the practice and procedure therein shall be prescribed by rules of the supreme court.

Sec. 11. The state shall be divided into judicial circuits along county lines in each of which there shall be elected one or more circuit judges as provided by law. Sessions of the circuit court shall be held at least four times in each year in every county organized for judicial purposes. Each circuit judge shall hold court in the county or

counties within the circuit in which he is elected, and in other circuits as may be provided by rules of the supreme court. The number of judges may be changed and circuits may be created, altered and discontinued by law and the number of judges shall be changed and circuits shall be created, altered and discontinued on recommendation of the supreme court to reflect changes in judicial activity. No change in the number of judges or alteration or discontinuance of a circuit shall have the effect of removing a judge from office during his term.

Sec. 12. Circuit judges shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections in the circuit in which they reside, and shall hold office for a term of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In circuits having more than one circuit judge their terms of office shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

Sec. 13. The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction in all matters not prohibited by law; appellate jurisdiction from all inferior courts and tribunals except as otherwise provided by law; power to issue, hear and determine prerogative and remedial writs; supervisory and general control over inferior courts and tribunals within their respective jurisdictions in accordance with rules of the supreme court; and jurisdiction of other cases and matters as provided by rules of the supreme court.

Sec. 14. The clerk of each county organized for judicial purposes or other officer performing the duties of such office as provided in a county charter shall be clerk of the circuit court for such county. The judges of the circuit court may fill a vacancy in an elective office of county clerk or prosecuting attorney within their respective jurisdictions.

Sec. 15. In each county organized for judicial purposes there shall be a probate court. The legislature may create or alter probate court districts of more than one county if approved in each affected county by a majority of the electors voting on the question. The legislature may provide for the combination of the office of probate judge with any judicial office of limited jurisdiction within a county with supplemental salary as provided by law. The jurisdiction, powers and duties of the probate court and of the judges thereof shall be provided by law. They shall have original jurisdiction in all cases of juvenile delinquents and dependents, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 16. One or more judges of probate as provided by law shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections in the counties or the probate districts in which they reside and shall hold office for terms of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In counties or districts with more than one judge the terms of office shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

Sec. 17. No judge or justice of any court of this state shall be paid from the fees of his office nor shall the amount of his salary be measured by fees, other moneys received or the amount of judicial activity of his office.

Sec. 18. Salaries of justices of the supreme court, of the judges of the court of appeals, of the circuit judges within a circuit, and of the probate judges within a county or district, shall be uniform, and may be increased but shall not be decreased during a term of office except and only to the extent of a general salary reduction in all other branches of government.

Each of the judges of the circuit court shall receive an annual salary as provided by law. In addition to the salary received from the state, each circuit judge may receive from any county in which he regularly holds court an additional salary as determined

from time to time by the board of supervisors of the county. In any county where an additional salary is granted, it shall be paid at the same rate to all circuit judges regularly holding court therein.

Sec. 19. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and other courts designated as such by the legislature shall be courts of record and each shall have a common seal. Justices and judges of courts of record must be persons who are licensed to practice law in this state. No person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years.

Sec. 20. Whenever a justice or judge removes his domicile beyond the limits of the territory from which he was elected, he shall have vacated his office.

Sec. 21. Any justice or judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service and for one year thereafter.

Sec. 22. Any elected judge of the court of appeals, circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is the incumbent by filing an affidavit of candidacy in the form and manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 23. A vacancy in the elective office of a judge of any court of record shall be filled at a general or special election as provided by law. The supreme court may authorize persons who have served as judges and who have retired, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified. Such persons shall be ineligible for election to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 24. There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each elected incumbent justice or judge who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office the designation of that office.

Sec. 25. For reasonable cause, which is not sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. The cause for removal shall be stated at length in the resolution.

Sec. 26. The offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace are abolished at the expiration of five years from the date this constitution becomes effective or may within this period be abolished by law. Their jurisdiction, compensation and powers within this period shall be as provided by law. Within this five-year period, the legislature shall establish a court or courts of limited jurisdiction with powers and jurisdiction defined by law. The location of such court or courts, and the qualifications, tenure, method of election and salary of the judges of such court or courts, and by what governmental units the judges shall be paid, shall be provided by law, subject to the limitations contained in this article.

Statutory courts in existence at the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until they are abolished by law.

Sec. 27. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, or any justices or judges thereof, shall not exercise any power of appointment to public office except as provided in this constitution.

Sec. 28. All final decisions, findings, rulings and orders of any administrative officer or agency existing under the constitution or by law, which are judicial or quasi-judicial and affect private rights or licenses, shall be subject to direct review by the courts as

provided by law. This review shall include, as a minimum, the determination whether such final decisions, findings, rulings and orders are authorized by law; and, in cases in which a hearing is required, whether the same are supported by competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record. Findings of fact in workmen's compensation proceedings shall be conclusive in the absence of fraud unless otherwise provided by law.

In the absence of fraud, error of law or the adoption of wrong principles, no appeal may be taken to any court from any final agency provided for the administration of property tax laws from any decision relating to valuation or allocation.

Sec. 29. Justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, circuit judges and other judges as provided by law shall be conservators of the peace within their respective jurisdictions.

ARTICLE VII

Local Government

Sec. 1. Each organized county shall be a body corporate with powers and immunities provided by law.

Sec. 2. Any county may frame, adopt, amend or repeal a county charter in a manner and with powers and limitations to be provided by general law, which shall among other things provide for the election of a charter commission. The law may permit the organization of county government in form different from that set forth in this constitution and shall limit the rate of ad valorem property taxation for county purposes, and restrict the powers of charter counties to borrow money and contract debts. Each charter county is hereby granted power to levy other taxes for county purposes subject to limitations and prohibitions set forth in this constitution or law. Subject to law, a county charter may authorize the county through its regularly constituted authority to adopt resolutions and ordinances relating to its concerns.

The board of supervisors by a majority vote of its members may, and upon petition of five percent of the electors shall, place upon the ballot the question of electing a commission to frame a charter.

No county charter shall be adopted, amended or repealed until approved by a majority of electors voting on the question.

Sec. 3. No organized county shall be reduced by the organization of new counties to less than 16 townships as surveyed by the United States, unless approved in the manner prescribed by law by a majority of electors voting thereon in each county to be affected.

Sec. 4. There shall be elected for four-year terms in each organized county a sheriff, a county clerk, a county treasurer, a register of deeds and a prosecuting attorney, whose duties and powers shall be provided by law. The board of supervisors in any county may combine the offices of county clerk and register of deeds in one office or separate the same at pleasure.

Sec. 5. The sheriff, county clerk, county treasurer and register of deeds shall hold their principal offices at the county seat.

Sec. 6. The sheriff may be required by law to renew his security periodically and in default of giving such security, his office shall be vacant. The county shall never be responsible for his acts, except that the board of supervisors may protect him against

claims by prisoners for unintentional injuries received while in his custody. He shall not hold any other office except in civil defense.

Sec. 7. A board of supervisors shall be established in each organized county consisting of one member from each organized township and such representation from cities as provided by law.

Sec. 8. Boards of supervisors shall have legislative, administrative and such other powers and duties as provided by law.

Sec. 9. Boards of supervisors shall have exclusive power to fix the compensation of county officers not otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 10. A county seat once established shall not be removed until the place to which it is proposed to be moved shall be designated by two-thirds of the members of the board of supervisors and a majority of the electors voting thereon shall have approved the proposed location in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 11. No county shall incur any indebtedness which shall increase its total debt beyond 10 percent of its assessed valuation.

Sec. 12. A navigable stream shall not be bridged or dammed without permission granted by the board of supervisors of the county as provided by law, which permission shall be subject to such reasonable compensation and other conditions as may seem best suited to safeguard the rights and interests of the county and political subdivisions therein.

Sec. 13. Two or more contiguous counties may combine into a single county if approved in each affected county by a majority of the electors voting on the question.

Sec. 14. The board of supervisors of each organized county may organize and consolidate townships under restrictions and limitations provided by law.

Sec. 15. Any county, when authorized by its board of supervisors shall have the authority to enter or to intervene in any action or certificate proceeding involving the services, charges or rates of any privately owned public utility furnishing services or commodities to rate payers within the county.

Sec. 16. The legislature may provide for the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges, culverts and airports by the state and by the counties and townships thereof; and may authorize counties to take charge and control of any highway within their limits for such purposes. The legislature may provide the powers and duties of counties in relation to highways, bridges, culverts and airports; may provide for county road commissioners to be appointed or elected, with powers and duties provided by law. The ad valorem property tax imposed for road purposes by any county shall not exceed in any year one-half of one percent of the assessed valuation for the preceding year.

Sec. 17. Each organized township shall be a body corporate with powers and immunities provided by law.

Sec. 18. In each organized township there shall be elected for terms of not less than two nor more than four years as prescribed by law a supervisor, a clerk, a treasurer, and not to exceed four trustees, whose legislative and administrative powers and duties shall be provided by law.

Sec. 19. No organized township shall grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the township, unless the proposition shall first have been approved by a majority of the electors of such township voting thereon at a regular or special election.

Sec. 20. The legislature shall provide by law for the dissolution of township government whenever all the territory of an organized township is included within the boundaries of a village or villages notwithstanding that a village may include territory within another organized township and provide by law for the classification of such village or villages as cities.

Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by general laws for the incorporation of cities and villages. Such laws shall limit their rate of ad valorem property taxation for municipal purposes, and restrict the powers of cities and villages to borrow money and contract debts. Each city and village is granted power to levy other taxes for public purposes, subject to limitations and prohibitions provided by this constitution or by law.

Sec. 22. Under general laws the electors of each city and village shall have the power and authority to frame, adopt and amend its charter, and to amend an existing charter of the city or village heretofore granted or enacted by the legislature for the government of the city or village. Each such city and village shall have power to adopt resolutions and ordinances relating to its municipal concerns, property and government, subject to the constitution and law. No enumeration of powers granted to cities and villages in this constitution shall limit or restrict the general grant of authority conferred by this section.

Sec. 23. Any city or village may acquire, own, establish and maintain, within or without its corporate limits, parks, boulevards, cemeteries, hospitals and all works which involve the public health or safety.

Sec. 24. Subject to this constitution, any city or village may acquire, own or operate, within or without its corporate limits, public service facilities for supplying water, light, heat, power, sewage disposal and transportation to the municipality and the inhabitants thereof.

Any city or village may sell and deliver heat, power or light without its corporate limits in an amount not exceeding 25 percent of that furnished by it within the corporate limits, except as greater amounts may be permitted by law; may sell and deliver water and provide sewage disposal services outside of its corporate limits in such amount as may be determined by the legislative body of the city or village; and may operate transportation lines outside the municipality within such limits as may be prescribed by law.

Sec. 25. No city or village shall acquire any public utility furnishing light, heat or power, or grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the city or village, unless the proposition shall first have been approved by three-fifths of the electors voting thereon. No city or village may sell any public utility unless the proposition shall first have been approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, or a greater number if the charter shall so provide.

Sec. 26. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, no city or village shall have the power to loan its credit for any private purpose or, except as provided by law, for any public purpose.

Sec. 27. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution the legislature may establish in metropolitan areas additional forms of government or authorities with powers, duties and jurisdictions as the legislature shall provide. Wherever possible, such additional forms of government or authorities shall be designed to perform multi-purpose functions rather than a single function.

Sec. 28. The legislature by general law shall authorize two or more counties, townships, cities, villages or districts, or any combination thereof among other things to:

enter into contractual undertakings or agreements with one another or with the state or with any combination thereof for the joint administration of any of the functions or powers which each would have the power to perform separately; share the costs and responsibilities of functions and services with one another or with the state or with any combination thereof which each would have the power to perform separately; transfer functions or responsibilities to one another or any combination thereof upon the consent of each unit involved; cooperate with one another and with state government; lend their credit to one another or any combination thereof as provided by law in connection with any authorized publicly owned undertaking.

Any other provision of this constitution notwithstanding, an officer or employee of the state or any such unit of government or subdivision or agency thereof, except members of the legislature, may serve on or with any governmental body established for the purposes set forth in this section and shall not be required to relinquish his office or employment by reason of such service.

Sec. 29. No person, partnership, association or corporation, public or private, operating a public utility shall have the right to the use of the highways, streets, alleys or other public places of any county, township, city or village for wires, poles, pipes, tracks, conduits or other utility facilities, without the consent of the duly constituted authority of the county, township, city or village; or to transact local business therein without first obtaining a franchise from the township, city or village. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution the right of all counties, townships, cities and villages to the reasonable control of their highways, streets, alleys and public places is hereby reserved to such local units of government.

Sec. 30. No franchise or license shall be granted by any township, city or village for a period longer than 30 years.

Sec. 31. The legislature shall not vacate or alter any road, street, alley or public place under the jurisdiction of any county, township, city or village.

Sec. 32. Any county, township, city, village, authority or school district empowered by the legislature or by this constitution to prepare budgets of estimated expenditures and revenues shall adopt such budgets only after a public hearing in a manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 33. Any elected officer of a political subdivision may be removed from office in the manner and for the causes provided by law.

Sec. 34. The provisions of this constitution and law concerning counties, townships, cities and villages shall be liberally construed in their favor. Powers granted to counties and townships by this constitution and by law shall include those fairly implied and not prohibited by this constitution.

ARTICLE VIII

Education

Sec. 1. Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law. Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin.

Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

The state board of education shall appoint a superintendent of public instruction whose term of office shall be determined by the board. He shall be the chairman of the board without the right to vote, and shall be responsible for the execution of its policies. He shall be the principal executive officer of a state department of education which shall have powers and duties provided by law.

The state board of education shall consist of eight members who shall be nominated by party conventions and elected at large for terms of eight years as prescribed by law. The governor shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The governor shall be ex-officio a member of the state board of education without the right to vote.

The power of the boards of institutions of higher education provided in this constitution to supervise their respective institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

Sec. 4. The legislature shall appropriate moneys to maintain the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan College of Science and Technology, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Ferris Institute, Grand Valley State College, by whatever names such institutions may hereafter be known, and other institutions of higher education established by law. The legislature shall be given an annual accounting of all income and expenditures by each of these educational institutions. Formal sessions of governing boards of such institutions shall be open to the public.

Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan State University and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University; the governors of Wayne State University and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Governors of Wayne State University. Each board shall have general supervision of its institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. Each board shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the institution under its supervision. He shall be the principal executive officer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of the board without the right to vote and preside at meetings of the board. The board of each institution shall consist of eight members who shall hold office for terms of eight years and who shall be elected as provided by law. The governor shall fill board vacancies by appointment. Each appointee shall hold office until a successor has been nominated and elected as provided by law.

Sec. 6. Other institutions of higher education established by law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees shall each be governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate. The board shall have general supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. It shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the institution under its supervision.

He shall be the principal executive officer of the institution and be ex-officio a member of the board without the right to vote. The board may elect one of its members or may designate the president, to preside at board meetings. Each board of control shall consist of eight members who shall hold office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which shall expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

Sec. 7. The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and financial support of public community and junior colleges which shall be supervised and controlled by locally elected boards. The legislature shall provide by law for a state board for public community and junior colleges which shall advise the state board of education concerning general supervision and planning for such colleges and requests for annual appropriations for their support. The board shall consist of eight members who shall hold office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which shall expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the state board of education. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner. The superintendent of public instruction shall be ex-officio a member of this board without the right to vote.

Sec. 8. Institutions, programs and services for the care, treatment, education or rehabilitation of those inhabitants who are physically, mentally or otherwise seriously handicapped shall always be fostered and supported.

Sec. 9. The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and support of public libraries which shall be available to all residents of the state under regulations adopted by the governing bodies thereof. All fines assessed and collected in the several counties, townships and cities for any breach of the penal laws shall be exclusively applied to the support of such public libraries, and county law libraries as provided by law.

ARTICLE IX

Finance and Taxation

Sec. 1. The legislature shall impose taxes sufficient with other resources to pay the expenses of state government.

Sec. 2. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away.

Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law. The legislature shall provide for the determination of true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall not, after January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a system of equalization of assessments. The legislature may provide for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible personal property in lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform upon the class or classes on which it operates.

Sec. 4. Property owned and occupied by non-profit religious or educational organizations and used exclusively for religious or educational purposes, as defined by law, shall be exempt from real and personal property taxes.

Sec. 5. The legislature shall provide for the assessment by the state of the property of those public service businesses assessed by the state at the date this constitution becomes effective, and of other property as designated by the legislature,

and for the imposition and collection of taxes thereon. Property assessed by the state shall be assessed at the same proportion of its true cash value as the legislature shall specify for property subject to general ad valorem taxation. The rate of taxation on such property shall be the average rate levied upon other property in this state under the general ad valorem tax law, or, if the legislature provides, the rate of tax applicable to the property of each business enterprise assessed by the state shall be the average rate of ad valorem taxation levied upon other property in all counties in which any of such property is situated.

Sec. 6. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed 15 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized. Under procedures provided by law, which shall guarantee the right of initiative, separate tax limitations for any county and for the townships and for school districts therein, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 18 mills on each dollar of such valuation, may be adopted and thereafter altered by the vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such county voting thereon, in lieu of the limitation hereinbefore established. These limitations may be increased to an aggregate of not to exceed 50 mills on each dollar of valuation, for a period of not to exceed 20 years at any one time, if approved by a majority of the electors, qualified under Section 6 of Article II of this constitution, voting on the question.

The foregoing limitations shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other evidences of indebtedness or for the payment of assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued, which taxes may be imposed without limitation as to rate or amount; or to taxes imposed for any other purpose by any city, village, charter county, charter township, charter authority or other authority, the tax limitations of which are provided by charter or by general law.

In any school district which extends into two or more counties, property taxes at the highest rate available in the county which contains the greatest part of the area of the district may be imposed and collected for school purposes throughout the district.

Sec. 7. No income tax graduated as to rate or base shall be imposed by the state or any of its subdivisions.

Sec. 8. The legislature shall not impose a sales tax on retailers at a rate of more than four percent of their gross taxable sales of tangible personal property.

Sec. 9. All specific taxes, except general sales and use taxes and regulatory fees, imposed directly or indirectly on fuels sold or used to propel motor vehicles upon highways and on registered motor vehicles shall, after the payment of necessary collection expenses, be used exclusively for highway purposes as defined by law.

Sec. 10. One-eighth of all taxes imposed on retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal property shall be used exclusively for assistance to townships, cities and villages, on a population basis as provided by law. In determining population the legislature may exclude any portion of the total number of persons who are wards, patients or convicts in any tax supported institution.

Sec. 11. There shall be established a state school aid fund which shall be used exclusively for aid to school districts, higher education and school employees' retirement systems, as provided by law. One-half of all taxes imposed on retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal property, and other tax revenues provided by law, shall

be dedicated to this fund. Payments from this fund shall be made in full on a scheduled basis, as provided by law.

Sec. 12. No evidence of state indebtedness shall be issued except for debts authorized pursuant to this constitution.

Sec. 13. Public bodies corporate shall have power to borrow money and to issue their securities evidencing debt, subject to this constitution and law.

Sec. 14. To meet obligations incurred pursuant to appropriations for any fiscal year, the legislature may by law authorize the state to issue its full faith and credit notes in which case it shall pledge undedicated revenues to be received within the same fiscal year for the repayment thereof. Such indebtedness in any fiscal year shall not exceed 15 percent of undedicated revenues received by the state during the preceding fiscal year and such debts shall be repaid at the time the revenues so pledged are received, but not later than the end of the same fiscal year.

Sec. 15. The state may borrow money for specific purposes in amounts as may be provided by acts of the legislature adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house, and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any general election. The question submitted to the electors shall state the amount to be borrowed, the specific purpose to which the funds shall be devoted, and the method of repayment.

Sec. 16. The state, in addition to any other borrowing power, may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

The term "qualified bonds" means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section.

After a school district has received loans from the state, each year thereafter it shall levy for debt service, exclusive of levies for nonqualified bonds, not less than 13 mills or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, until the amount loaned has been repaid, and any tax collections therefrom in any year over and above the minimum requirements for principal and interest on qualified bonds shall be used toward the repayment of state loans. In any year when such levy would produce an amount in excess of the requirements and the amount due to the state, the levy may be reduced by the amount of the excess.

Subject to the foregoing provisions, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe and to limit the procedure, terms and conditions for the qualification of bonds, for obtaining and making state loans, and for the repayment of loans.

The power to tax for the payment of principal and interest on bonds hereafter issued which are the general obligations of any school district, including refunding bonds, and for repayment of any state loans made to school districts, shall be without limitation as to rate or amount.

All rights acquired under Sections 27 and 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908, by holders of bonds heretofore issued, and all obligations assumed by the state or any school district under these sections, shall remain unimpaired.

Sec. 17. No money shall be paid out of the state treasury except in pursuance of appropriations made by law.

Sec. 18. The credit of the state shall not be granted to, nor in aid of any person, association or corporation, public or private, except as authorized in this constitution.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the investment of public funds until needed for current requirements or the investment of funds accumulated to provide retirement or pension benefits for public officials and employees, as provided by law.

Sec. 19. The state shall not subscribe to, nor be interested in the stock of any company, association or corporation, except that funds accumulated to provide retirement or pension benefits for public officials and employees may be invested as provided by law; and endowment funds created for charitable or educational purposes may be invested as provided by law governing the investment of funds held in trust by trustees.

Sec. 20. No state money shall be deposited in banks other than those organized under the national or state banking laws. No state money shall be deposited in any bank in excess of 50 percent of the capital and surplus of such bank. Any bank receiving deposits of state money shall show the amount of state money so deposited as a separate item in all published statements.

Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by law for the annual accounting for all public moneys, state and local, and may provide by law for interim accounting.

The legislature shall provide by law for the maintenance of uniform accounting systems by units of local government and the auditing of county accounts by competent state authority and other units of government as provided by law.

Sec. 22. Procedures for the examination and adjustment of claims against the state shall be prescribed by law.

Sec. 23. All financial records, accountings, audit reports and other reports of public moneys shall be public records and open to inspection. A statement of all revenues and expenditures of public moneys shall be published and distributed annually, as provided by law.

Sec. 24. The accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual obligation thereof which shall not be diminished or impaired thereby.

Financial benefits arising on account of service rendered in each fiscal year shall be funded during that year and such funding shall not be used for financing unfunded accrued liabilities.

ARTICLE X

Property

Sec. 1. The disabilities of coverture as to property are abolished. The real and personal estate of every woman acquired before marriage and all real and personal

property to which she may afterwards become entitled shall be and remain the estate and property of such woman, and shall not be liable for the debts, obligations or engagements of her husband, and may be dealt with and disposed of by her as if she were unmarried. Dower may be relinquished or conveyed as provided by law.

Sec. 2. Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation therefor being first made or secured in a manner prescribed by law. Compensation shall be determined in proceedings in a court of record.

Sec. 3. A homestead in the amount of not less than \$3,500 and personal property of every resident of this state in the amount of not less than \$750, as defined by law, shall be exempt from forced sale on execution or other process of any court. Such exemptions shall not extend to any lien thereon excluded from exemption by law.

Sec. 4. Procedures relating to escheats and to the custody and disposition of escheated property shall be prescribed by law.

Sec. 5. The legislature shall have general supervisory jurisdiction over all state owned lands useful for forest preserves, game areas and recreational purposes; shall require annual reports as to such lands from all departments having supervision or control thereof; and shall by general law provide for the sale, lease or other disposition of such lands.

The legislature by an act adopted by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house may designate any part of such lands as a state land reserve. No lands in the state land reserve may be removed from the reserve, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of except by an act of the legislature.

Sec. 6. Aliens who are residents of this state shall enjoy the same rights and privileges in property as citizens of this state.

ARTICLE XI

Public Officers and Employment

Sec. 1. All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of according to the best of my ability. No other oath, affirmation, or any religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust.

Sec. 2. The terms of office of elective state officers, members of the legislature and justices and judges of courts of record shall begin at twelve o'clock noon on the first day of January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise provided in this constitution. The terms of office of county officers shall begin on the first day of January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 3. Neither the legislature nor any political subdivision of this state shall grant or authorize extra compensation to any public officer, agent or contractor after the service has been rendered or the contract entered into.

Sec. 4. No person having custody or control of public moneys shall be a member of the legislature, or be eligible to any office of trust or profit under this state, until he shall have made an accounting, as provided by law, of all sums for which he may be liable.

Sec. 5. The classified state civil service shall consist of all positions in the state service except those filled by popular election, heads of principal departments, members of boards and commissions, the principal executive officer of boards and commissions heading principal departments, employees of courts of record, employees of the legislature, employees of the state institutions of higher education, all persons in the armed forces of the state, eight exempt positions in the office of the governor, and within each principal department, when requested by the department head, two other exempt positions, one of which shall be policy-making. The civil service commission may exempt three additional positions of a policy-making nature within each principal department.

The civil service commission shall be non-salaried and shall consist of four persons, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party, appointed by the governor for terms of eight years, no two of which shall expire in the same year.

The administration of the commission's powers shall be vested in a state personnel director who shall be a member of the classified service and who shall be responsible to and selected by the commission after open competitive examination.

The commission shall classify all positions in the classified service according to their respective duties and responsibilities, fix rates of compensation for all classes of positions, approve or disapprove disbursements for all personal services, determine by competitive examination and performance exclusively on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness the qualifications of all candidates for positions in the classified service, make rules and regulations covering all personnel transactions, and regulate all conditions of employment in the classified service.

No person shall be appointed to or promoted in the classified service who has not been certified by the commission as qualified for such appointment or promotion. No appointments, promotions, demotions or removals in the classified service shall be made for religious, racial or partisan considerations.

Increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission may be effective only at the start of a fiscal year and shall require prior notice to the governor, who shall transmit such increases to the legislature as part of his budget. The legislature may, by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, waive the notice and permit increases in rates of compensation to be effective at a time other than the start of a fiscal year. Within 60 calendar days following such transmission, the legislature may, by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, reject or reduce increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission. Any reduction ordered by the legislature shall apply uniformly to all classes of employees affected by the increases and shall not adjust pay differentials already established by the civil service commission. The legislature may not reduce rates of compensation below those in effect at the time of the transmission of increases authorized by the commission.

The appointing authorities may create or abolish positions for reasons of administrative efficiency without the approval of the commission. Positions shall not be created nor abolished except for reasons of administrative efficiency. Any employee considering himself aggrieved by the abolition or creation of a position shall have a right of appeal to the commission through established grievance procedures.

The civil service commission shall recommend to the governor and to the legislature rates of compensation for all appointed positions within the executive department not a part of the classified service.

To enable the commission to exercise its powers, the legislature shall appropriate to the commission for the ensuing fiscal year a sum not less than one percent of the aggregate payroll of the classified service for the preceding fiscal year, as certified by the commission. Within six months after the conclusion of each fiscal year the commission shall return to the state treasury all moneys unexpended for that fiscal year.

The commission shall furnish reports of expenditures, at least annually, to the governor and the legislature and shall be subject to annual audit as provided by law.

No payment for personal services shall be made or authorized until the provisions of this constitution pertaining to civil service have been complied with in every particular. Violation of any of the provisions hereof may be restrained or observance compelled by injunctive or mandamus proceedings brought by any citizen of the state.

Sec. 6. By ordinance or resolution of its governing body which shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, unless otherwise provided by charter, each county, township, city, village, school district and other governmental unit or authority may establish, modify or discontinue a merit system for its employees other than teachers under contract or tenure. The state civil service commission may on request furnish technical services to any such unit on a reimbursable basis.

Sec. 7. The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeaching civil officers for corrupt conduct in office or for crimes or misdemeanors, but a majority of the members elected thereto and serving therein shall be necessary to direct an impeachment.

When an impeachment is directed, the house of representatives shall elect three of its members to prosecute the impeachment.

Every impeachment shall be tried by the senate immediately after the final adjournment of the legislature. The senators shall take an oath or affirmation truly and impartially to try and determine the impeachment according to the evidence. When the governor or lieutenant governor is tried, the chief justice of the supreme court shall preside.

No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the senators elected and serving. Judgment in case of conviction shall not extend further than removal from office, but the person convicted shall be liable to punishment according to law.

No judicial officer shall exercise any of the functions of his office after an impeachment is directed until he is acquitted.

ARTICLE XII

Amendment and Revision

Sec. 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in the senate or house of representatives. Proposed amendments agreed to by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house on a vote with the names and vote of those voting entered in the respective journals shall be submitted, not less than 60 days thereafter, to the electors at the next general election or special election as the legislature shall direct. If a majority of electors voting on a proposed amendment approve the same, it shall become part of the constitution and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved.

Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this constitution by petition of the registered electors of this state. Every petition shall include the full text of the proposed amendment, and be signed by registered electors of the state equal in number to at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected. Such petitions shall be filed with the person authorized by law to receive the same at least 120 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. Any such petition shall be in the form, and shall be signed and circulated in such manner, as prescribed by law. The person authorized by law to receive such petition shall upon its receipt determine, as provided by law, the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition, and make an official announcement thereof at least 60 days prior to the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

Any amendment proposed by such petition shall be submitted, not less than 120 days after it was filed, to the electors at the next general election. Such proposed amendment, existing provisions of the constitution which would be altered or abrogated thereby, and the question as it shall appear on the ballot shall be published in full as provided by law. Copies of such publication shall be posted in each polling place and furnished to news media as provided by law.

The ballot to be used in such election shall contain a statement of the purpose of the proposed amendment, expressed in not more than 100 words, exclusive of caption. Such statement of purpose and caption shall be prepared by the person authorized by law, and shall consist of a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the amendment in such language as shall create no prejudice for or against the proposed amendment.

If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, it shall become part of the constitution, and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved. If two or more amendments approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that amendment receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

Sec. 3. At the general election to be held in the year 1978, and in each 16th year thereafter and at such times as may be provided by law, the question of a general revision of the constitution shall be submitted to the electors of the state. If a majority of the electors voting on the question decide in favor of a convention for such purpose, at an election to be held not later than six months after the proposal was certified as approved, the electors of each representative district as then organized shall elect one delegate and the electors of each senatorial district as then organized shall elect one delegate at a partisan election. The delegates so elected shall convene at the seat of government on the first Tuesday in October next succeeding such election or at an earlier date if provided by law.

The convention shall choose its own officers, determine the rules of its proceedings and judge the qualifications, elections and returns of its members. To fill a vacancy in the office of any delegate, the governor shall appoint a qualified resident of the same district who shall be a member of the same party as the delegate vacating the office. The convention shall have power to appoint such officers, employees and assistants as it deems necessary and to fix their compensation; to provide for the printing and distribution of its documents, journals and proceedings; to explain and disseminate information about the proposed constitution and to complete the business of

the convention in an orderly manner. Each delegate shall receive for his services compensation provided by law.

No proposed constitution or amendment adopted by such convention shall be submitted to the electors for approval as hereinafter provided unless by the assent of a majority of all the delegates elected to and serving in the convention, with the names and vote of those voting entered in the journal. Any proposed constitution or amendments adopted by such convention shall be submitted to the qualified electors in the manner and at the time provided by such convention not less than 90 days after final adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of such constitution or amendments by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon the constitution or amendments shall take effect as provided by the convention.

Schedule and Temporary Provisions

To insure the orderly transition from the constitution of 1908 to this constitution the following schedule and temporary provisions are set forth to be effective for such period as are thereby required.

Sec. 1. The attorney general shall recommend to the legislature as soon as practicable such changes as may be necessary to adapt existing laws to this constitution.

Sec. 2. All writs, actions, suits, proceedings, civil or criminal liabilities, prosecutions, judgments, sentences, orders, decrees, appeals, causes of action, contracts, claims, demands, titles and rights existing on the effective date of this constitution shall continue unaffected except as modified in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

Sec. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, all officers filling any office by election or appointment shall continue to exercise their powers and duties until their offices shall have been abolished or their successors selected and qualified in accordance with this constitution or the laws enacted pursuant thereto.

No provision of this constitution, or of law or of executive order authorized by this constitution shall shorten the term of any person elected to state office at a statewide election on or prior to the date on which this constitution is submitted to a vote. In the event the duties of any such officers shall not have been abolished or incorporated into one or more of the principal departments at the expiration of his term, such officer shall continue to serve until his duties are so incorporated or abolished.

Sec. 4. All officers elected at the same election that this constitution is submitted to the people for adoption shall take office and complete the term to which they were elected under the 1908 constitution and existing laws and continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified pursuant to this constitution or law.

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision in this constitution, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the secretary of state, the attorney general and state senators shall be elected at the general election in 1964 to serve for two-year terms beginning on the first day of January next succeeding their election. The first election of such officers for four-year terms under this constitution shall be held at the general election in 1966.

Sec. 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this constitution that the supreme court shall consist of seven justices it shall consist of eight justices until the time that a vacancy occurs as a result of death, retirement or resignation of a justice. The first such vacancy shall not be filled.

Sec. 7. Any judge of probate serving on the effective date of this constitution may serve the remainder of the term and be eligible to succeed himself for election

regardless of other provisions in this constitution requiring him to be licensed to practice law in this state.

Sec. 8. The provisions of Article VI providing that terms of judicial offices shall not all expire at the same time, shall be implemented by law providing that at the next election for such offices judges shall be elected for terms of varying length, none of which shall be shorter than the regular term provided for the office.

Sec. 9. The members of the state board of education provided for in Section 3 of Article VIII of this constitution shall first be elected at the first general election after the effective date of this constitution for the following terms: two shall be elected for two years, two for four years, two for six years, and two for eight years as prescribed by law.

The state board of education provided for in the constitution of 1908 is abolished at twelve o'clock noon January 1 of the year following the first general election under this constitution and the terms of members thereof shall then expire.

Sec. 10. The provisions of this constitution providing for members of boards of control of institutions of higher education and the state board of public community and junior colleges shall be implemented by law. The law may provide that the term of each member in office on the date of the vote on this constitution may be extended, and may further provide that the initial terms of office of members may be less than eight years.

Sec. 11. The provisions of this constitution increasing the number of members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University and of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University to eight, and of their term of office to eight years, shall be implemented by law. The law may provide that the term of each member in office on the date of the vote on this constitution may be extended one year, and may further provide that the initial terms of office of the additional members may be less than eight years.

Sec. 12. The initial allocation of departments by law pursuant to Section 2 of Article V of this constitution, shall be completed within two years after the effective date of this constitution. If such allocation shall not have been completed within such period, the governor, within one year thereafter, by executive order, shall make the initial allocation.

Sec. 13. Contractual obligations of the state incurred pursuant to the constitution of 1908 shall continue to be obligations of the state.

For the retirement of notes and bonds issued under Section 26 of Article X of the 1908 constitution, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund each year during their life a sum equal to the amount of principal and interest payments due and payable in each year.

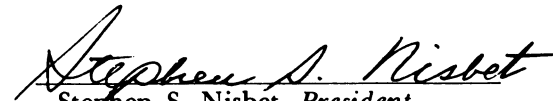
Sec. 14. The legislature by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house may provide that the state may borrow money and may pledge its full faith and credit for refunding any bonds issued by the Mackinac Bridge Authority and at the time of refunding the Mackinac Bridge Authority shall be abolished and the operation of the bridge shall be assumed by the state highway department. The legislature may implement this section by law.

Sec. 15. This constitution shall be submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on the first Monday in April, 1963. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state forthwith to give notice of such submission to all

other officers required to give or publish any notice in regard to a general election. He shall give notice that this constitution will be duly submitted to the electors at such election. The notice shall be given in the manner required for the election of governor.

Sec. 16. Every registered elector may vote on the adoption of the constitution. The board of election commissioners in each county shall cause to be printed on a ballot separate from the ballot containing the names of the nominees for office, the words: Shall the revised constitution be adopted? () Yes. () No. All votes cast at the election shall be taken, counted, canvassed and returned as provided by law for the election of state officers. If the revised constitution so submitted receives more votes in its favor than were cast against it, it shall be the supreme law of the state on and after the first day of January of the year following its adoption.

Adopted by the Constitutional Convention of nineteen hundred sixty-one at Constitution Hall in Lansing on the first day of August, nineteen hundred sixty-two.


Stephen S. Nisbet, *President*


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[ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE]

***What the Proposed
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shall be courts of record and each shall have a common seal. Justices ** and judges of courts of record ** must **** be persons who are licensed to practice law in this state. No person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years.

This is a revision of Sec. 17, Article VII, of the present constitution. It includes among courts of record the new court of appeals and any lower courts so designated by the legislature. The section also provides that all judges of such courts must be lawyers. In the case of probate judges, an exception is made in Sec. 7 of the Schedule and Temporary Provisions of this document which permits non-lawyers holding such offices to be candidates for re-election.

Judge; removal of domicile.

Sec. 20. Whenever a justice or judge removes his domicile beyond the limits of the territory from which he was elected, **** he shall have vacated his office.

This is a revision of Sec. 19, Article VII, of the present constitution clarifying the previous language. The word "territory" has been substituted for "jurisdiction", inasmuch as the section refers to physical moving.

Judges; ineligibility for other office.

Sec. 21. Any justice or judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service and for one year thereafter.

This is a revision of the concluding sentence of Sec. 9, Article VII, of the present constitution and extends its provisions to all judges of courts of record. Such judges are prohibited from holding other than a judicial office for their term and an additional year. This continues the principle of divorcing the judiciary from the political arena.

Candidacy of incumbents; affidavit.

Sec. 22. Any elected judge of the court of appeals, circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is the incumbent by filing an affidavit of candidacy in the form and manner prescribed by law.

This is a new section permitting elected judges of the court of appeals, circuit and probate courts to become candidates in the primary election for the offices of which they are incumbents by filing an affidavit of candidacy. It eliminates the necessity for incumbent judges to file nominating petitions.

Vacancy; courts of record.

Sec. 23. * A vacancy * in the elective office of a judge of any court of record * shall be filled **** at a general or special election as provided by law. The supreme court may authorize persons who have served as judges and who have retired, to perform judicial duties for the limited period of time from the occurrence of the vacancy until the successor is elected and qualified. Such persons shall be ineligible for election to fill the vacancy.

This section is a revision of Sec. 20, Article VII, of the present constitution. It provides that vacancies in the office of an elected judge of any court of record shall be filled by a general or special election. This is a significant change and removes from the governor the power to appoint judges to fill vacancies.

The change is made in order to maintain consistency in the idea that this state should have an elected judiciary. The present system of appointment by the governor to fill vacancies, bestowing on the appointee the incumbency designation, has had an overwhelming tendency to insure the election of the appointee. This has created in effect an appointive judiciary.

The section also provides that the supreme court may fill judicial vacancies temporarily by utilizing the services of judges who have retired. These temporary appointees will not be eligible for election to fill the vacancy.

Judges; ballot designation.

Sec. 24. There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each elected incumbent justice or judge who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office the designation of that office.

This is a revision of the last paragraph of Sec. 23, Article VII, of the present constitution. The word "elected" has been inserted in front of "incumbent". Hence it provides that only judges who have been elected are eligible for the incumbency designation.

Removal.

Sec. 25. For reasonable cause, which is not * sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. * The cause for ** removal shall be stated at length in the resolution.

No change from Sec. 6, Article IX, of the present constitution except for improvement in phraseology.

Certain offices abolished.

Sec. 26. The offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace are abolished at the expiration of five years from the date this constitution becomes effective or may within this period be abolished by law. Their jurisdiction, compensation and powers within this period shall be as provided by law. Within this five-year period, the legislature shall establish a court or courts of limited jurisdiction with powers and jurisdiction defined by law. The location of such court or courts, and the qualifications, tenure, method of election and salary of the judges of such court or courts, and by what governmental units the judges shall be paid, shall be provided by law, subject to the limitations contained in this article.

Statutory courts in existence at the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until they are abolished by law.