

Ted Golden, M.D. for Michigan Senate, District 12
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Seeking Your Vote and Not Special Interest Endorsements

Michigan must reorganize and it must start at the top with its constitution. Voting to rewrite Michigan's Constitution in November is the start of the process.

- 1. Downsize Michigan's Government:** The new Michigan Constitution should downsize government by creating a unicameral legislature with a 55 member House of Representatives. The representatives should be limited to five two year terms. The Michigan Supreme Court should be downsized from seven to five justices. The justices should be limited to two six year terms.
- 2. Citizen Control of Vital Government Functions:** Citizens must control vital government functions instead of special interest groups or professions. Michigan's new constitution must include the **Golden Legal Oversight Amendment**, which will create an independently elected board to police the Michigan legal system instead of the Michigan Supreme Court as currently mandated by our outdated constitution. The **majority** of members of boards regulating professions in Michigan should not be from the group it regulates as currently specified by a clause inserted in our 1963 Constitution.
- 3. Retention Elections:** Incumbent judges should be held accountable and run against themselves in retention elections. In Illinois after the incumbent judge's name the voter is asked, "Should this judge be retained for another term? Yes or No. The judge needs a 60% approval in order to serve another term in Illinois.
- 4. Commissions to Evaluate Judges:** The Arizona Constitution mandates commissions to evaluate in an unbiased manner the performance of all judges, and the information is given to voters prior to retention elections.
- 5. Start of the Fiscal Year:** The Constitution should state July 1, before schools start.
- 6. Graduated State Income Tax:** Most states have a graduated state income tax.

Legislative Agenda: Reduce government induce anxiety and stress.

- 1. Reform Process of Divorce:** The adversarial process and conflict must be reduced. Judges, Referees, attorneys, and others servicing the divorce industry must meet higher standards, and be held accountable by citizens, and not their peers as is presently the case.
- 2. Speed Traps:** Prohibit highway robbery on illegally marked roads.
- 3. Testing of Police Officers:** Require periodic physical and psychological testing of all police officers, which is currently not the standard and not done in your community.
- 4. Antabuse for Drunk Drivers:** Require drunk drivers to take Antabuse in order to help them stop drinking.
- 5. Improve Michigan Business Climate:** Laws that make Michigan non-competitive in attracting and retaining business when compared to other states should be modified.
- 6. Michigan Consumer Protection Act:** The current Act is almost worthless because Justice Robert Young ruled most consumer complaints must go to peer dominated state regulatory boards. I will rewrite the 1970s Act in order to restore its original intent.
- 7. Health of Individuals:** I am a Dermatologist. I see expensive health care in the future for many unhealthy individuals. The public will pick up the tab. Your help is needed to improve the health of our citizens. I am open to suggestions.
- 8. Education:** Education must be individualized to each child in order to realize one's full potential.

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