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The Khoury Johnson and Leavitt team remain informed and engaged during these times of uncertainty. We are in communication with leadership in the executive, legislative and judiciary branches of state government, in addition to locals on a regular basis. Updates will continue every Friday as a mechanism to recap relevant activity from the past week.

Independent Redistricting Commission Scheduled to Meet

The 13 members of the Independent Redistricting Commission have been selected and have scheduled their first meetings for September 17 and 18. The meetings will be live streamed and more information can be obtained at the following link: https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633_91141--_,00.html

In November 2018, Michigan voters approved an amendment to the Constitution with Proposal 18-2 or the "Voters Not Politicians" ballot proposal. This amendment established "a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years." Now, the Michigan constitution empowers an independent commission of citizens to draw district lines for the Michigan Legislature and Michigan's members of Congress for the 2022 election and beyond.

The constitutional amendment establishes a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected through an application process. Of the 13 commissioners, four will affiliate with the Democratic Party, four will affiliate with the Republican Party, and five will not affiliate with either major political party.

Unemployed Michiganders to start receiving \$900 payments

The first payments are being sent out in Michigan from President Donald Trump's executive order giving \$300 extra per week to eligible unemployed workers.

Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency has started processing the payments, per a press release from the state. Many jobless workers will get a \$900 payment - before tax - since the state is processing three weeks of payments at a time.

The first batch of funds covers unemployment from the weeks ending in Aug. 1, Aug. 8 and Aug. 15.

Two Ballot Proposals Approved for November

Ballot language for legislatively approved constitutional amendments on data privacy and access to a person's electronic data and communications and state natural resources funding was approved for the November 3rd ballot by the Board of State Canvassers. SJR O, which will appear on the ballot with the designation 20-1, involves how the Natural Resources Trust Fund is used for land protection and creation, as well as maintenance of, parks, nature areas and public recreation facilities.

Here is the language as it will appear on the ballot:

Proposal 20-1

A proposed constitutional amendment to allow money from oil and gas mining on state owned lands to continue to be collected in state funds for land protection and creation and maintenance of parks, nature areas, and public recreation facilities; and to describe how money in those state funds can be spent. This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Allow the State Parks Endowment Fund to continue receiving money from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to improve, maintain and purchase land for State parks, and for Fund administration, until its balance reaches \$800,000,000.
- Require subsequent oil and gas revenue from state-owned lands to go into the Natural Resources Trust Fund.
- Require at least 20% of Endowment Fund annual spending go toward State park improvement.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund annual spending go toward parks and public recreation areas and at least 25% toward land conservation.

Also approved was ballot language SJR G, which will appear on the ballot with the designation 20-2. This proposal seeks to create a constitutional amendment to require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or communications and would prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's data or electronic communications.

Here is the language as it will appear on the ballot: "A proposed constitutional amendment to require a search warrant in order to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications." This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Prohibit unreasonable searches or seizures of a person's electronic data and electronic communications.
- Require a search warrant to access a person's electronic data or electronic communications, under the same conditions currently required for the government to obtain a search warrant to search a person's house or seize a person's things.

Language for Proposal 20-2 was adopted unanimously without any changes from the board, while language for Proposal 20-1 was adopted only after minor suggestions from a group in support of the initiative to provide further clarity on what the proposal sought to do.

\$300 Billion Relief Bill Fails in US Senate

The Senate failed to advance a slimmed-down coronavirus relief bill Thursday that senators on both sides had acknowledged was unlikely to muster the votes to pass the chamber. The bill was defeated in a 52-47 vote, and one Republican, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., voted with Democrats in opposing the bill. The estimated \$300 billion proposal, dubbed the Delivering Immediate Relief to America's Families, Schools and Small Businesses Act, included bolstered unemployment benefits, funding for schools and liability protections for businesses and health care facilities. Its failure leaves little chance a stimulus bill will pass Congress before the November election.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

- Executive Order 2020-170:
 - Temporary COVID-19 protocols for entry into Michigan Department of Corrections facilities and transfers to and from Department custody; temporary recommended COVID-19 protocols and enhanced early-release authorization
- Executive Order 2020-171:
 - Michigan Women's Commission Executive Reorganization
- Executive Order 2020-172:
 - Protecting workers who stay home, stay safe when they or their close contacts are sick
- Executive Order 2020-173:
 - Encouraging the use of electronic signatures and remote notarization, witnessing, and visitation during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Executive Order 2020-174:
 - Temporary restrictions on entry into health care facilities, residential care facilities, congregate care facilities, and juvenile justice facilities
- Executive Order 2020-175:
 - Safeguards to protect Michigan's workers from COVID-19
- Executive Order 2020-176:
 - Safe Start



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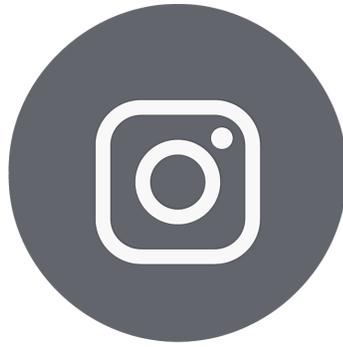
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