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Sketchiest Etching

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State legislators placed Proposal 1 on the Michigan ballot to weaken their own term limits. It would let current incumbents stay up to twice as long in a single office and allow termedout former legislators to return.

Nonetheless, its elite backers insist that it makes term limits tougher.

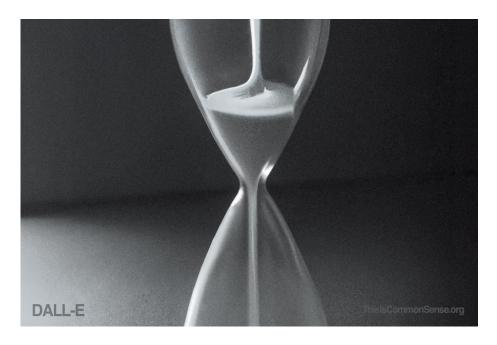
To give proponents something to talk about other than this term limits scam, Proposal 1 also adds weak financial disclosure requirements for legislators — similar to (but weaker than) the rules that keep the U.S. Congress... so clean and honest.

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"Never have so few applied so much lipstick to such a pig," is how one Michigan term limits activist describes it.

That's big lie #1 on the Great Lakes State ballot.

Big lie #2 is Proposal 2, leftists' feel-good voting rights measure funded by \$10 million (and counting) in outside dark money (which I thought they abhorred). It guarantees stuff like a ballot



dropbox on every corner and free postage for mailing back absentee ballots, etc., etc., etc.

Its real purpose is to place a new right into the Michigan Constitution: The right to vote WITHOUT showing any official photo identification. In fact, no ID whatsoever. Instead, the amendment establishes that simply signing a statement that, aw shucks, you are who you say you are, is all that can be required.

With Proposal 2 making any actual voter ID requirement unconstitutional, what's their pitch to Michiganders?

"Proposal 2 etches voter ID into our state constitution," declares one television spot.

Another proclaims Proposal 2 puts "voter ID requirements" into "our constitution" to make elections "safe and secure."

Michigan's Etch-a-Sketchiest insiders are actually promoting a prohibition of voter I.D. as a demand for that very thing. That's the audacity of . . . fraud.

This is Common Sense, I'm Paul Jacob.