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Proposal 4: SEIU union pumps money into Michigan's home health ballot measure

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LANSING, MI – The Service Employees International Union has kicked in at least \$5.5 million to support Michigan's Proposal 4, according to campaign finance reports, but it's not clear if more SEIU money is involved.

Proposal 4 on the Nov. 6 ballot would amend the Michigan constitution to create a home healthcare registry and give workers some limited collective bargaining rights. The workers involved would be represented by the SEIU.

The main committee supporting Proposal 4 – Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care – reported raising roughly \$9 million overall. The money is listed as coming from



The Service Employees International Union has kicked in at least \$5.5 million to support Prop 4.

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Home Care First Inc.

According to Dohn Hoyle, co-chair of Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care: "Home Care First Inc. is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization formed and supported by Michigan's leading senior and disability rights groups. Home Care First — along with the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan, the Arc Michigan and many more — strongly supports Proposal 4 ... "

Supporters of Proposal 4 have said there's nothing secretive about their campaign. But former Attorney General Mike Cox has called Home Care First "clandestine" because there hasn't been full disclosure of donors.

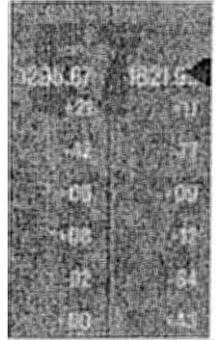
Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution is a coalition that opposes Proposal 2, 3 and 4. Nick De Leeuw, a spokesman for Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution, said \$1.4 million has been spent on Proposal 4.

Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution is a coalition that includes the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and other business groups.

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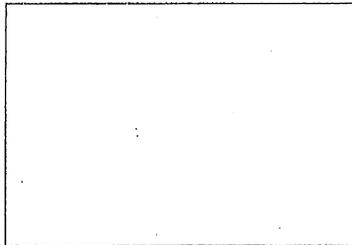


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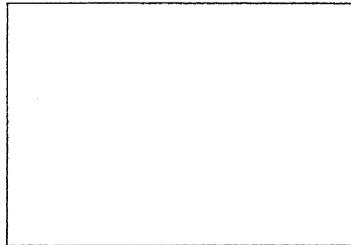
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The SEIU did get the home help providers \$1-\$3 an hour (30%) raises in 2003. As for the criminal background checks, that was a power grab away from DHS, which already can run LEIN checks through CPS.

I don't buy that the home help providers are government employees because they are paid through Medicaid funds; many doctors, CMH, transporters, and nursing homes get paid through State diverted Medicaid dollars.

A state employee is drug tested and a criminal background check is made before employment.

The State tax code had viewed home help workers's employment as contract employees in the past.

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The whole thing is nothing but yet ANOTHER Democrat party money laundering scheme.

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Much like the green energy scam, the Democrat party has set up several of these money laundering schemes - whereas money is diverted to these money launderers, they make huge donations. Quid Pro Quo.

Proof? A123 - Granholm and Obama's favorite battery plant. They went belly up, because they could not pay creditors. But, what bill DID they make sure they paid?

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That's right.

Look at Solyndra for the same exact thing:

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The SEIU is just doing the same thing - by force unionizing and dues skimming. If you are a Democrat and you are a crook, come to Michigan, because unless you are as sloppy and careless as Kwame, the Democrats in this state will defend what you do, all day, every day.

Not my opinion, just my observation.

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Gov Granholm should be held criminally liable for the theft by the SEIU.

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This is truly a conundrum. The SEIU (the Government Employees Union) gets their money from government paid employees. They are spending that money to make sure that they can take over the home health care industry funded by government for disabled people who fall below the poverty line. So, as long as the taxpayers continue to fund government and disability benefits, taxpayers will be forced to pay the SEIU. So, if this passes, Michigan families who have family members who are disabled and need based will be forced to pay union dues out of the taxpayer dollars that pay the benefits. Makes perfect sense!



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dailylogic - you are 100% correct. I was an Adult Services Worker when this mess was created. They claim that the union was "voted in" - that's not true. The majority of the home help workers who got those ballots thought it was B/S and threw them away so the only votes that got sent in were for the union. The Quality Community Care Council is nothing more than a shell cover for all of this. They have been involved in approximately 7% of the home help cases - most people have a family member they want or they turn to agencies (who do their own background checks). This ballot proposal makes it sound as if that group can actually increase wages - they can't. Home help workers are NOT state employees, wages are set by our legislators. The only workers who would get more per hour would be those who are paid out-of-pocket and most of those workers already get MUCH more than anything the QCCC could get. This group also cannot get the home help workers any health benefits. The whole thing is a sham and takes money away from funds that could be used to truly help this population - like the Physical Disability Program that used to exist allowing the state to buy much-needed adaptive equipment to be safe and increase independence (such as Life Call buttons or shower chairs). We lost funding for that program as soon as this nonsense came along and sucked all the money up. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more outspoken advocate for our elderly and disabled population but even I will tell you: Dont Buy the LIES in this proposal!!!!



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Yeah, I want to be forced to join a union to take care of my parents. SEIU is one step short of being an organized crime ring.



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You ought to mention their wages when you're on the subject of collective bargaining.

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I plan to vote no, but calling GOP Bebow's Breitbart-Lite Bridge Magazine's "Truth Squad" investigative reporting really bends the definition.

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The Center for Michigan/Bridge Magazine are Center-Left.

Calling it Breitbart-lite is quite incorrect and actually about 180 degrees from being accurate.

Progress Michigan, who are the ones perpetrating this myth, is a group of far left radicals who are really classy:

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I will vote no. Do not use the constitution to try to protect your unions wages. Put together a proposal that protects all workers and I'll vote yes.

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The SEIU has no shame. The majority of home-based caregivers are mostly family members. A mother and a father whom choose to take care of a love one will be forced to pay union dues.

The home care workers will not even know they're in a union. They don't receive sick time. They don't get vacation time. They can't even file a grievance.

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The SEIU was paying people to protest at Romney rallies. Good to see their union dues going to good use...

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This proposal is all about forcing home health care employees to pay union dues to a union that formerly did nothing for them. Prior to a court decision that overturned the membership requirement they had paid in 30 million in union dues. This sweetheart deal was a payoff to the union set up by Gov. Grandholm. Vote a resounding no it has nothing to do with patient care.

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The SEIU was LIVID when our current system was able to get rid of the shame union for day care providers - they upped the anti and are lying their fool heads off.

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News from MCFN: 10/28/2012

Ballot committees have raised \$141 M

Total is 31% more than ALL Michigan state campaigns in 2010

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LANSING - Active ballot committees raised \$141.4 million in Michigan this election cycle, as of Friday, October 26th. Three of the six proposals voters will decide on November 6th have already smashed the state's previous record for a ballot contest, the 2004 campaign that established requirements for any future expansion of casino gaming. That campaign, which pitted the state's established casino operators against harness racetrack operators who were hoping to install slot machines at their facilities, cost \$27.6 million.

That total of \$141.4 million is 31 percent more than spending in 2010 for all Michigan's state campaigns. Spending last election cycle for governor, attorney general, secretary of state, state senate, state house, statewide education boards, supreme court, court of appeals, trial courts and a single ballot question was \$107.6 million.

Proposal 2 - Big money showdown of labor against business

Although there is not a clear separation of all the campaigns because the committee **Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution** is generally opposing all the constitutional amendments, the contest around Proposal 2 is the most heated. Prop 2 is the constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to collective bargaining. The proponents had raised \$21.9 million by October 26th, while the opponents had raised \$25.9 million.

The UAW Community Action Program (CAP) is the top contributor to the proponent committee, **Protect Working Families**. It has given \$3.3 million, while UAW Solidarity House has contributed another \$1,028,000. Other donors who have given at least \$1 million are: Michigan Education Association - \$2.2 million, AFL-CIO State Unity Fund - \$1.8 million, American Federation of Teachers - \$1 million, National Education Association - \$1 million and the USO Crisis Fund - \$1 million. The USO Crisis Fund is part of the overall MEA operation.

Literally scores of union locals and central organizations have provided financial support to the effort.

The opponents to Proposal 2 are led by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. It has given \$5.4 million to the committee **Protecting Michigan Taxpayers** and \$1.6 million to Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution from its corporate treasury. It has given an additional \$2.7 million to Protecting Michigan Taxpayers and \$698,000 to Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution from its ballot committee, Chamber PAC II (top donors to Chamber PAC II include the Michigan Republican Party - \$2.5 million, and Meijer, Inc. - \$300,000).

Other leading contributors to Protecting Michigan Taxpayers include Michigan Alliance for Business Growth - \$3.5 million, Sheldon and Miriam Adelson - \$2 million, and the DeVos family - \$2 million.

The Michigan Republican Party has given \$1.5 million to Protecting Michigan's Constitution from its administrative account.

Extensive lists of contributors to all three committees are attached to this release.

Proposal 3 - Enviro against the utilities

Proposal 3, the proposed constitutional amendment to require Michigan to use 25 percent renewable energy by 2025, is the second most expensive ballot campaign. It pits a long list of environmental organizations against the state's leading utilities, Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, and their allies from the carbon energy industry.

Top donors to the proponents, **Michigan Energy, Michigan Jobs**, include the Michigan League of Conservation Voters - \$3.1 million, the national League of Conservation Voters - \$1.8 million, Green Tech Action Fund - \$1.7 million, Blue Green Alliance - \$1.4 million, American Wind Energy Association - \$1 million and Julian H. Robertson, Jr. - \$1 million. A number of state-based environmental organizations that have supported the proposal with in-kind staff support, or that otherwise have not contributed all their resources to the main committee, are listed separately in the accompanying list of financial supporters.

The opponents to Proposal 3 operate under the name **Clean Affordable Renewable Energy (CARE)** for Michigan. Consumers Energy has given \$11,634,000 to the committee. DTE Energy has contributed \$11,570,000. Wolverine Electric Cooperative gave \$100,000 through the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association (MECA).

Proposals 5 & 6 - DIBC's amendments

Proposals 5 and 6 are creations of the Detroit International Bridge Company. It has poured \$31.6 million into the committee, **The People Should Decide**, which is the proponent for a constitutional amendment to require approval by popular vote of Michigan citizens for construction of any future international bridge or tunnel to Canada. The official campaign follows a \$9 million television ad campaign DIBC ran opposing the bridge that played out over 2011 and the first half of 2012.

The committee opposing Proposal 6 is **Taxpayers Against Monopolies**. It has raised \$914,000. Its top donors include General Motors - \$500,000, Chrysler - \$100,000 and Meijer, Inc. - \$100,000.

Funding for Proposal 5, which would require voter approval, or a two-thirds legislative majority, to increase any state tax, is similarly dominated by the financial empire of DIBC owner Manuel J. "Matty" Moroun. DIBC gave \$944,000 to **Michigan Alliance for Prosperity** through the Proposal 6 committee, People Should Decide. The remaining \$272,000 raised by that committee was donated by Americans for Prosperity, the nonprofit political committee closely associated with David and Charles Koch.

The second committee pushing Prop 5, **Americans for Prosperity Michigan Ballot Committee**, has raised all but \$15,000 of its \$3.5 million from Liberty Bell Insurance Agency, another arm of the Moroun family financial holdings.

Defend Michigan Democracy is the committee opposing Proposal 5. It has raised \$2 million. Its top contributors include the Michigan Health and Hospital Association - \$400,000, the National Education Association - \$400,000, Michigan Municipal League - \$269,000 and the American Federation of Teachers - \$250,000.

Proposal 4 - Unionization of home care faces little opposition

The committee **Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care** is the proponent for Proposal 4, which would establish a registry of unionized home health care providers. This constitutional amendment would reestablish a system that was established during the Granholm administration, but subsequently eliminated. All the committee's funds, \$7,998,000, were provided by Home Care First, Inc.

The ballot committee of the **Service Employees International Union (SEIU)** has given Home Care First \$5,705,000. The sources of the balance of donations to Home Care First, a nonprofit corporation, are not known.

There is no focused financial opposition to Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care, beyond the general, "Say, no," campaign of Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution.

Proposal 1 - Referendum on the Emergency Manager Act

Proposal 1 is notable for the relatively low cost incurred in collecting sufficient petition signatures to reach the ballot. While most other committees spend roughly \$2 million for successful petition circulation, the committee **Stand Up for Democracy** succeeded while spending less than \$200,000. As a referendum, its petition requirements were less than a constitutional amendment, but it was evident that it mobilized considerable grassroots support for its effort.

Stand Up for Democracy has raised \$1,962,000. American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Michigan Council 25 has given \$1,826,000 of that amount. AFSCME Oregon Council 75 has given \$50,000, as the second biggest donor.

There has been no focused financial opposition to Proposal 1 since it survived a legal challenge put forth by **Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility**. If the referendum on Proposal 1 fails to uphold the Emergency Manager Act, it is widely expected that it will be rewritten by the legislature during its lame duck session after Election Day.

Two committees - powder dry

Two active ballot committees that have raised substantial amounts of money have not begun to spend.

League of Responsible Voters has raised \$845,000 from union sources but hasn't indicated which issues it will address. Its donors to date are National Education Association - \$585,000, the UAW - \$100,744, SEIU - \$100,000 and MEA - \$60,000.

Protect MI Constitution has raised \$100,000 from Greektown Casino. It has not indicated yet how it will spend its funds.

Failed proposals

The committee **Citizens for More Michigan Jobs** hoped to be a seventh ballot proposal but it was denied access to the ballot in a 4-3 decision by the Michigan Supreme Court because the proposal's effect was ruled to be too expansive. The committee would have put expansion of casino gaming at specific locations before the voters. The committee raised \$3.5 million. The identities of its donors could not be determined because their funds were routed through a nonprofit corporation before going to the ballot committee.

Opposition to the casino proposal came from the established casino industry through the committee, **Protect MI Vote**. Protect MI Vote raised just less than \$2 million. Its top donor was MGM Grand Casino - \$625,000. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe - \$325,000, Motor City Casino, - \$306,000, Four Winds - \$297,000, Firekeepers - \$274,000, and Greektown - \$265,000, also fed the fund.

Lastly, the **Right to Know Committee** announced in the spring that it would pursue a corporate accountability constitutional amendment. The proposal was shelved within two business days. It raised \$73,452, \$69,500 from the Michigan Democratic Party.

Context: What other proposals cost

The extraordinary scale of this year's ballot proposal campaigns is clear when they are compared to others of the recent past. Here are some examples:

- Michigan's 2008 Stem Cell proposal cost a total of \$16.3 million; \$9.7 million in support, \$6.6 million in opposition.
- The 2008 Medical Marijuana proposal cost \$2.3 million; \$2 million in support, \$309,000 in opposition.
- The 2006 ban of Affirmative Action cost \$6.7 million; \$4.9 million in support, \$1.66 million in opposition.
- The 2004 Casino proposal cost \$27.6 million; \$19.7 million in support, \$6.9 million in opposition.
- The 2004 ban of Marriage Equality cost \$2.7 million; \$1.8 million in support, \$901,000 in opposition.

Michigan will not have the most expensive proposal this year. The results of ballot proposals in other states provide additional informative context:

- California's Prop 29 earlier this year would have created a new tax on cigarettes to fund cancer research. It was defeated. Total cost was \$66 million; \$18.3 million in support; \$47.7 million in opposition.
- Ohio Issue 2 in 2011 overturned restrictions on collective bargaining. Total cost was \$54 million. Opponents of the law spent \$42 million, supporters of the law spent \$12 million.
- California's 2008 Prop 7 was a renewable energy proposal that was defeated. Total cost was \$39.1 million; \$9.4 million in support, \$29.8 in opposition. PG&E and the Edison Institute combined to give opponents \$27.6 million.

Data on Michigan ballot committees were compiled by the Michigan Campaign Finance Network from reports filed with the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

- [Summary of Funds Raised by Active Michigan Ballot Committees, through 10/26/2012](#)
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Union dues can no longer be withheld from home health care workers

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Union dues will no longer be withheld from state payments to about 60,000 Michigan home health care workers after Attorney General Bill Schuette's office said Friday the payments are illegal under a law enacted last month.

Angela Minicuci, spokeswoman for the Department of Community Health, said Friday that dues withholding will stop "immediately" based on the statement from Schuette's office upholding legislation that declared that employees hired to provide personal care services to Medicaid recipients are not government employees subject to union organizing.

The law was enacted by Republican majorities in the Legislature, over vigorous opposition from the Service Employees International Union and other labor organizations, and signed by Gov. Rick Snyder on April 10. But dues withholding continued because of concerns that ending the practice might be a violation of the contract. The attorney general's letter struck down that objection, saying home health care workers were never eligible to form a union as public employees since they did not work for a government agency.

The decision was welcomed by officials with the Mackinac Center Legal Foundation, who have repeatedly challenged union efforts to organize home health and day-care workers into public sector unions, and said SEIU collected \$30 million in dues over the last six years. "This episode demonstrates how government-sector unions often act in ways that benefit themselves at the cost of taxpayers and their shanghaied members," said the foundation's director, Patrick J. Wright. "The independent contractors and family members who provide aid to the developmentally disabled were never government employees and should not have been paying dues in the first place."

But SEIU Healthcare Michigan President Marge Robinson-Faville said in a statement that the attorney general's letter was a "brazenly political move ... yet another attack against seniors and people with disabilities and the people who take care of them." The statement said the union will pursue legal redress.

SEIU is also leading an effort to collect signatures for a ballot proposal to amend the state constitution to specifically authorize the unionization of home health care workers.

Home health ballot proposal: Is it about patient safety or union dues?

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LANSING, MI – Supporters who collected 550,000 signatures say their **ballot measure** would re-establish a registry helping Medicaid recipients find health aides to provide cheaper care in their residences instead of expensive nursing homes.

Opponents counter that it would “hijack” the state constitution to line the pockets of a labor union.

The lines were drawn Thursday upon the announcement that Citizens for Affordable Quality Home Care had gathered what likely will be **more than enough signatures to qualify for the November statewide ballot**. The coalition plans to turn them in before Monday’s deadline.

“We’ve been working on trying to get a registry because we watched people not be able to find the care they wanted for a number of years,” said Don Hoyle, treasurer and co-chairman of the ballot effort and executive director of Arc Michigan, a statewide disability rights group.

The **Keep Home Care a Safe Choice** proposal also would lock collective bargaining rights of 42,000 self-employed home health care workers who serve about 60,000 low-income and disabled people into the state constitution – effectively keeping alive a union headed toward extinction – but Hoyle denied that was a motivating factor behind the ballot initiative. The registry, he said, came before the formation of the union.

“The fact that the workers organized subsequently, I can hardly blame them. They’re the lowest-paid people across the field. People who provide the most important services are the lowest paid,” he told reporters at a Lansing news conference. Similar events were held in Detroit and Grand Rapids.

In 2011, the GOP-led Legislature tried to stop the deduction of union dues by defunding an agency that oversees the registry of providers and training. And in April, Gov. Rick Snyder signed Republican-backed legislation to disband the union of home health workers authorized in 2005.

The way **SEIU Healthcare Michigan’s** home health union was created has long been criticized by the conservative **Mackinac Center for Public Policy** and Republicans as a stealthy, unusual “forced unionization” of people unaware of the process – many of whom are just caring for relatives or friends in their homes.

A federal judge last month ruled in favor of the union – at least for now – blocking Snyder’s plan to stop deducting dues from paychecks immediately. The existing contract runs through February 2013.

"This ballot proposal has nothing to do with creating a home help care program to keep people out of nursing homes," said state Rep. Paul Opsommer, R-DeWitt. "That program is already in existence, and gives many people an option to stay in familiar surroundings with loved ones. What this ballot proposal is instead about is the SEIU trying to hijack the federal Home Help Program, twisting it for its own purposes, and then milking it for everything it can."

The ballot measure would create the Michigan Quality Home Care Council – similarly named to the agency that is no longer being funded – to oversee a registry linking patients with pre-screened home care providers in their area. The workers would have collective bargaining rights but would not be considered a public employee for any other purpose and could not go on strike.

Patients could still select, supervise, train, direct or fire an individual provider.

"This is very much about safety and it's about safety in two ways," said Alison Hirschel, with the **Michigan Campaign for Quality Care**. "The first way is we know that the workers, the providers on the registry will be vetted and have rigorous background checks. And we know that they'll have the opportunity for training that home care workers might not otherwise provide. In both those ways, we're ensuring a safer future for long-term care consumers."

SEIU Healthcare has said its members are making at least one-third more than before they joined the union. The average pay now is about \$8 an hour.

Citizens Protecting Michigan's Constitution, a coalition of business groups already fighting a separate ballot initiative to enshrine collective bargaining rights in the constitution and roll back laws affecting public workers' benefits, also opposes the home health care proposal.

"This brazen attempt to hijack Michigan's constitution would line the pockets of special interests at taxpayers' expense," said Rich Studley, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

SEIU contends that is a false claim because home help providers voted to have a union and authorized the dues deductions - an argument backed up by U.S. District Judge Nancy Edmunds in her June ruling.

Critics have questioned the unionization, though, saying most members care for a single family member or friend - and are not professional workers with multiple clients. They also say the creation of a registry is a "cover story" for "skimming" dues.

Once the signatures are submitted, the Board of State Canvassers will decide if enough are valid. Organizers needed 322,609, so they appear well on their way to the putting the issue before voters.

Home Health Care Ballot Initiative Would Usurp Power From the Governor

SEIU-backed proposal would lock union perks into the state constitution

By JACK SPENCER | July 31, 2012



Wording in a proposal to lock a forced home health care worker unionization scheme into the state constitution could also usurp power from Gov. Rick Snyder.

It looks likely that the union-backed proposal “Keep Home Care Safe” will be on the November ballot. The proposal is an attempt by the Service Employees International Union to continue receiving dues money from the Medicaid checks of people in the federal Home Help Program. Language in the proposal would constitutionally place current members of the Michigan Quality Community Care Council (MQC3) board onto the board of a new entity, called the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). What’s more, it locks those members into new four-year terms.

Gov. Snyder can name, replace and remove members of the MQC3 board. However, if the SEIU-backed proposal passes, he wouldn’t be able to do that for at least four years.

“Some people have to stop thinking of the constitution as a coloring book where if they don’t like something they just try to change it,” said Rep. Al Pscholka, R-Stevensville, chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Sara Wurfel, a spokeswoman for Gov. Snyder, said all the potential ballot proposals are being reviewed by the governor’s office but could not comment further until that process was complete.

In 2005, the SEIU targeted Michigan’s share of the federal Home Help Program as a dues-producing source. Under the federal Home Help Program, elderly patients and others suffering from various ailments and afflictions can be cared for at home instead of being placed in nursing homes or other institutions.

While Jennifer Granholm was governor, an “election” was held that set up the MQC3 as the dummy employer that made the scheme possible. Most of those who were unionized didn’t know they were being sent ballots.

As a result, Michigan's 44,000 Home Help Program participants (since then it's been as many as 61,000) were labeled as "home health care workers." Dues started being deducted from their Medicaid checks after the forced unionization was accomplished. The union has taken more than \$31 million from unsuspecting workers and, as its lawyer stated in a court hearing, is using that money largely for political purposes.

Roughly 75 percent of these so-called "home health care workers" are relatives or friends of the patients.

It is no coincidence that the dummy employer (MQC3) in the 2005 forced unionization and the MQHCC, which would be created by the proposal, have similar-sounding names. Basically, the proposal would place the framework of the SEIU scheme right into the constitution, with MQHCC serving as the new dummy employer.

Currently, the MQC3 board serves at the pleasure of the governor. Gov. Snyder could replace the members, but he has not chosen to do so. He could do so anytime before the November election.

If Snyder fails to act before the election and the proposal is added to the ballot and passes, the current MQC3 board members would start serving constitutionally mandated terms on the new MQHCC. Those terms would last through 2016.

Having a board appointed by Gov. Snyder that was less sympathetic to the SEIU's forced unionization could make a difference even if the proposal were to reach the ballot and pass. It would conceivably give Gov. Snyder a voice in issues such as turning down contract extensions, asking for a new unionization election and reducing the administration fee, which is the amount of money that would come out of the Medicaid checks for those who choose to leave the union.

The pertinent language in the proposal reads as follows:

The Council shall be governed by a board of eleven (11) members, including:

a) Nine individuals appointed by the governor with expertise regarding participant needs, no fewer than seven of whom shall be current or former program participants, participant representatives, or participant advocates; however such positions shall initially be filled by those similarly qualified members of the Michigan Quality Community Care Council board who last filled those positions prior to the passage of this section. Upon expiration of each such initial member's term of appointment, the position to be filled under this paragraph shall have a term of four years.

SEIU Ballot Proposal Raises Questions

By JARRETT SKORUP | July 24, 2012 |  [Follow Jarrett Skorup on Twitter](#)

Why is the SEIU involved in a ballot initiative that would seemingly have little to do with them? That should be the question media members and taxpayers ask themselves as we get closer to November when voters may be asked to decide on whether to enshrine into our state constitution the "Michigan Quality Home Care Council."

The proposal is purposefully innocuous sounding, which covers up the end result of this initiative: The continuing flow of millions of dollars to a union.

As Jack Spencer reports in CapCon, the ballot proposal ensures that "The Service Employees International Union would get millions in cash, but the people it 'represents' wouldn't get state employee benefits if a constitutional amendment the union is pushing is passed by voters in November."

In short, the ballot proposal ensures only things that are already allowed and being done by the state. Allow the existences of a "Home Help Program"? Check. Allow a criminal registry to help with background checks? This has been done for years. Ensure that elderly and senior citizens can stay in their homes? This is a favorite selling point for the SEIU and its allies, but the vast majority of those receiving state Medicaid money are already in their homes and will retain that ability. Especially since many of these recipients are being cared for by their own families in their own homes.

The media coverage on this issue is understandable: It is a confusing scheme and the union and groups behind the signature collections have it in their interest to cloud the issue. If the ballot initiative fails, it boils down to this: The home health care providers and patients will have all of the same rights and abilities that they have always had — they will simply not be sending money out of each paycheck to a union most were unaware of.

The only difference between whether voters pass the initiative or not? Whether the SEIU continues to receive millions of dollars every single year to add to its coffers.

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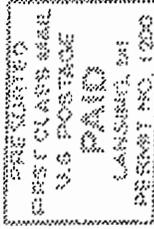
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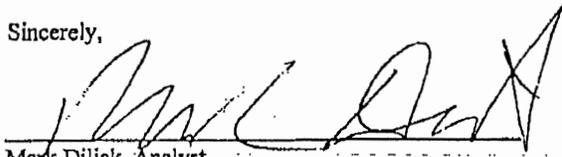
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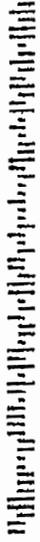


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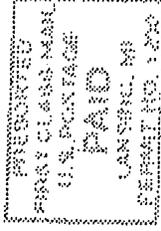
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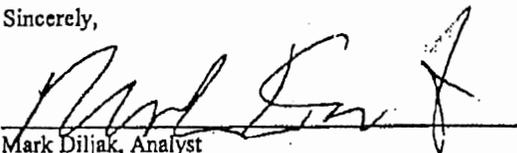
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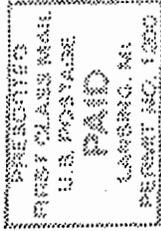
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