Election Results Bring Big Ballot Access Gains

Ballot Access efforts were significantly aided by this month's election results in a number of states. Ballot status was retained in several states where it was thought to be in question and ballot status was added in several others. The positive election results around the country are estimated to have saved the LP about $250,000 in ballot access expenses.

States with ballot status as of now are California, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin. Status in Montana was still unclear at press time.

Perhaps the most positive ballot access result in the elections was in Massachusetts, where Libertarians were instrumental in passing the "Fair Ballot Access Initiative." The initiative, which slashes ballot access requirements by 75 percent, won with 52 percent of the vote. Radio ads for the initiative were done by popular Boston radio personality and Libertarian, Gene Burns. The initiative was also endorsed by both major newspapers.

There is also on-going petitioning in Maine, Alabama, and Alaska, as well as petitioning under the direction of "51-92" in North Carolina. Additional ballot drive activity is scheduled for before the Chicago convention in Arizona, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

Some of the candidates who had particularly impressive showings were:

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<td>Sandi Webb</td>
<td>Winner</td>
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<td>Eric Ewing</td>
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<td>Marana, AZ School Board</td>
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<td>Ted Brown</td>
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<td>Carol Caul</td>
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<td>Jeff Daiell</td>
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For State Board of Education

Although education has become an increasingly important issue, the state Board of Education now faces a number of challenges.

and three grandsons
Education: Graduated of Du-
Page College in Illinois.

"We're not crazy kooks with impossible ideas." Mr. DeVos is a newcomer to education issues. He has a more cautious approach to "educational excellence." Mr. DeVos supports expanding alternative certification to include individuals who have mastered certain skills before graduating. Mr. Howard, a 40-year veteran science
National service proposal deserves attention and debate
13. The Senate passed (S. 1430) on March 1. Now a conference

"We're here to stay as Geor-
gian for the next four years," Ms. Rand breaks the Liber-
paigns and bids for the Georgia
Democratic Governor. The_goal is to break up the
merger. This voucher plan and this debt cancel-
program of national service is one of the few pro-
many members of Congress who have
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For D.C. Mayor

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early the next mayor of Washington. He or she will have to deal with a budget deficit of $150 million to $200 million or more, a Congress ready to slash away at D.C. appropriations, a tawdry and entrenched local bureaucracy, a deflating economic base, a growing homeless population, a frightened violent crime rate and general disgust with city government. As the city and the nation wrestle with the problem of how to get the next mayor will have to find some way to balance the District's books, restore business confidence in the city, and hearten a public that has been torn by the various crises. Iluner's proposal for a hiring freeze has more short-term economic base, a growing homeless population, a tubby and entrenched local bureaucracy and a deflating District has a city bureaucracy second to none in this country, one that is much easier to criticize than to redeploy the city workforce. He simply wants to use rules that make such things virtually impossible. Mr. Butler wants to rebuild police force, including eight years as police chief. Ultimately, this contest comes down to Sharon Pratt Dixon and Maurice Turner. The voting issues boil down to a judgment about who can best help ease the District out of its present straits and into a position of stability and prosperity.

Maurice Turner, a Democratic running in a Democratic stronghold, had to place clear distance between himself and the Democratic establishment. He had to produce policies that could eliminate today's welfare-state establishment with one interested in free markets and economic growth. He had to build a campaign so compelling that people would flock to his side — and he had to establish the fact that he has taken refuge in blue-ribbon commissions and study panels. On some issues, he actually has run to the left of Mrs. Dixon. He has run a fine campaign, but he has failed to establish himself as a distinctly Republican or distinctly conservative candidate.

In a close call, we endorse Sharon Pratt Dixon because she thinks she stands a better chance of building the political coalition necessary to start turning the District around. We have no illusions about the task she faces. No one will get the District squared away in three, six, or even 12 months. What we do expect is a ruthless review of city programs, policies and paystructures. We expect a mayor as independent of the establishment after entering office as he or she was before. And we expect to see progress toward tidier, smaller, more accountable government. If nothing else, he has no matter who he or she is, can only make matters worse.

The Washington Post On May 20, 1987, gauging the number of signatures for major-party candidates, the Washington Post posed the question: "Yes or No on Question 4?") A Refreshing Change

If Question 4 is approved, independent candidates for statewide or federal offices would need at least 10,000 signatures — a half of 1 percent of the turnout from the previous gubernatorial election, approximately 8,000 signatures — to get on the ballot.

Opponents of the referendum fear that the easing of requirements would result in a political system fraught with confusion and in which voters would be forced to sift through a maze of little-known, peripheral candidates. Yet this does not happen in states where ballot requirements are less stringent.

More than 42 percent of Massachusetts voters are registered as independents and that they are not happy with the choices before them. A more equitable and open electoral process may generate some enthusiasm for local and national politics. The Globe recommends a yes vote on Question 4.

Liberatarian candidate files suit to join debate

At a press conference in Atlanta — Walker Chandler, the Libertarian Party's lieutenant governor candidate, filed a federal lawsuit Monday to stop a televised debate between the Republican and Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor.

Chandler, a Zebulon attorney, said he filed a motion for a temporary restraining order in U.S. District Judge Marvin Shoob. No hearing date has been set, but Chandler said he hopes there will be a hearing by Friday.

Chandler said Georgia's Public Communications Commission, which oversees Georgia Public Television, cannot bar him from the debate because he has already been on the debate. Chandler said he will continue to work on the debate.

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The Libertarian Party of West Virginia won an identical suit in 1989, forcing that state's public television network to include the Libertarian gubernatorial candidate in a debate.