PROP 2 SUPPORTERS LOOK TO DEFEND PROPOSAL IN COURT – Supporters of the Proposal 2 ballot measure, which would prevent large utility companies and organizations that receive direct state funding from contributing to political campaigns, are looking to defend the claim that the measure is unconstitutional in court.

The bigger picture: The ballot proposal passed with 81% of the vote last week. Immediately after Proposal 2 was adopted by voters, two lawsuits were filed by utilities and a public policy group that are now pending action. Organizations behind the proposal have asked the U.S. District Court for permission to intervene. The lawsuits claim that the ballot measure violates the First Amendment, however supporters believe that the measure will hold up in court.

To read more, please click here.

MDE AWARDS SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MENTORSHIP GRANTS – The ***Michigan Department of Education*** announced that over 200 school district across the state will receive state funds to improve mentorship and induction programs or obtain services to meet mentorship requirements.

The bigger picture: Nearly $10 million in the 2025-26 fiscal year budget is being allocated to 239 districts. $8.5 million will be going to 199 districts for stipends and materials to support mentoring new teachers. $1.5 million will be going to 118 districts that currently have an approved provider of mentoring administrator services.

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ELECTIONS

- Election officials are calling to move primary elections to May from August. Officials believe that changing that date would allow for voters to have more time to learn who the candidates are before voting in the general election. The officials include Lansing City Clerk ***Chris Swope*** and former Elections Director ***Chris Thomas.*** Both of which support the change in primary date.

ODDS AND ENDS

- ***Senate Majority Leader-elect Darrin Camilleri (D-Trenton)*** announced that ***Desmond Miller*** will serve as his Chief of Staff for the upcoming term. ***Mr. Miller*** has been with ***Senate Democrats*** since 2023 working as policy director. He began working in the ***Legislature*** in 2015.