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Con-Con Has Little Support

Call for Constitutional Convention Supported by Only 25%

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Only a quarter of likely Michigan voters support having a constitutional convention to draft a new Michigan Constitution according to a telephone poll of 1,390 likely voters conducted by Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc.. When read the exact language that will be on the ballot, just 25% support the con-con while 44% oppose the plan. Another 31% are undecided. The Interactive Voice Response (automated) telephone poll was conducted October 11, 2010 and has a Margin of Error of + or – 2.63% at the 95% level of confidence. The question was commissioned by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

“Since undecided voters almost always vote no, it is very doubtful Michigan voters are going to vote for a new constitutional convention. It looks as though we will have the 1963 Constitution for another 16 years,” Steve Mitchell, president of Mitchell Research & Communications, Inc. said.

A provision of the 1963 constitution was that voters would be allowed to vote every 16 years on whether or not there should be a new convention to draft a new constitution. The call for a con-con has lost by large margins every other time it has been on the ballot.

Highlights of the trial ballot question for a Con- Con are:

- There are no differences by age.
- There are almost no differences by area.
- Support by Democrats and Republicans is identical at 24% while 34% of the independents support Con-Con.
- African-Americans (18%) are less supportive than white voters (26%)
- By a 10% margin, men (30%) are more likely to support than women (20%).

“It is very clear that con-con not going to pass this year,” Steve Mitchell, concluded.

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