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OPINION

"To each a voice and a choice."

'Silver Haired' Legislature Reps. To Be Elected

An election will be held May 23, to elect candidates to the Silver Haired Legislature.

This election is held for qualified voters 60 years of age or older. The election will be held at the office of the Supervisor of Elections Citrus County, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (The voting will be done on paper ballots) The following is information on the election:

The Silver-Haired Legislature is a new and exciting program in which 100 elected Representatives (60 years of age and over) will come to Tallahassee on July 10 to 14, for an educational mock Legislative Session.

The purpose of the Silver-Haired Legislature will be that of developing an on-going Legislative educational

program which will aid in determining the needs and priorities of Senior Citizens throughout Florida. Caucuses and elections will occur locally throughout the State in May 1978, elected Representatives will then, in July, travel to Tallahassee for convening of the session.

Who can be elected to the Silver-Haired Legislative

Session? The representatives will be State of Florida residents aged 60 years and over. One Senator, two representatives.

The League of Women Voters will run all local caucuses and elections. Those eligible to vote will be Senior Citizens 60 years of age and over, and Residents of Florida. Caucuses will be May 9, with

local elections, May 23. Silver-Haired Legislative Session will convene on July 10 to 14. Among those participating in planning for

the Silver-Haired Legislature are: Governor/Ruebin Askew; Secretary of State Bruce Smathers (Division of Elections); President of the Senate, Lew Brantley; Speaker of the House, Donald

Tucker. Ch. of Senate HRS Committee, Jon Thomas; Ch. House HRS Committee, Elaine Gordon and Secretary of Department of HRS, William Page.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting: OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, CITRUS COUNTY PHONE 726-8500 Extensions 59, 60, and 69.

Rapport Tops Vote Getters In 'Gray Haired' Balloting

Marion and Citrus county vote totals for the Silver Haired Legislature elections Tuesday show Ben Rapport, Citrus County, ahead with 277.

The second highest total was that of Edith Schwartz, Marion County, with 238 and the third highest was that of Charlie Fuller, Marion County, with 224.

Nine candidates ran in the District Three race for the over-60 representation on the mock legislature to convene in July in Tallahassee.

District Three includes Marion, Citrus, Lake, Levy and Hernando counties. Senior citizens in Levy and Hernando apparently did not vote Tuesday, according to officials in those counties.

Results of the Lake County balloting were not available.

Three persons from District Three will go to Tallahassee. Two will serve as representatives and one as a senator.

Here are the candidates that ran in the election and their Marion and

Citrus vote totals, the Marion County total coming first.

Charles Davis, 61, 7. Marian Fuller, 120, 8. Charlie Griffin, 214, 10. John Hankinson, 94, 2. Edith Schwartz, 228, 10. Myles Tierman, 58, 2. Jesse Wright, 185, 15. Gladys Manolaros, 50, 7. Ben Rapport, 36, 241.

The representatives to the Silver Haired Legislature will be responsible for presenting five bills during the session on subjects that affect senior citizens.

The first of its kind for Florida senior citizens, the Silver Haired Legislature is to teach senior citizens how to work with lobbyists, how to draw up a bill and how to get response to the concerns of senior citizens.

The mock legislature is sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the adult services section of the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.