

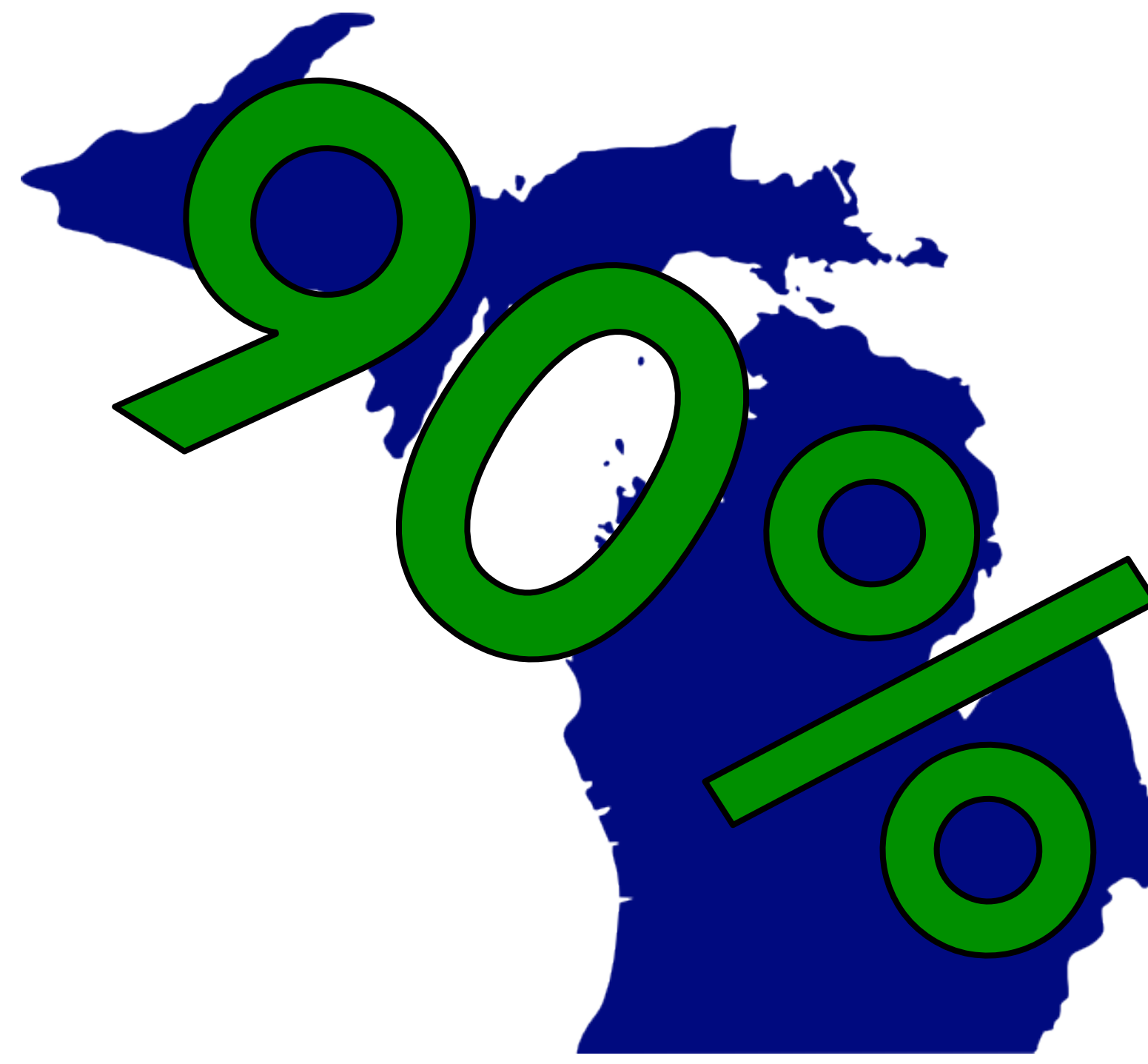
Legislative Productivity: How efficient is your government?

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The History

Michigan voters approved term limits after incumbent legislators were reelected at a rate of 90%.

If new legislators are brought in every two years due to term limits, could a learning curve negatively impact our government?



Why Productivity?

Every state Legislature is different,

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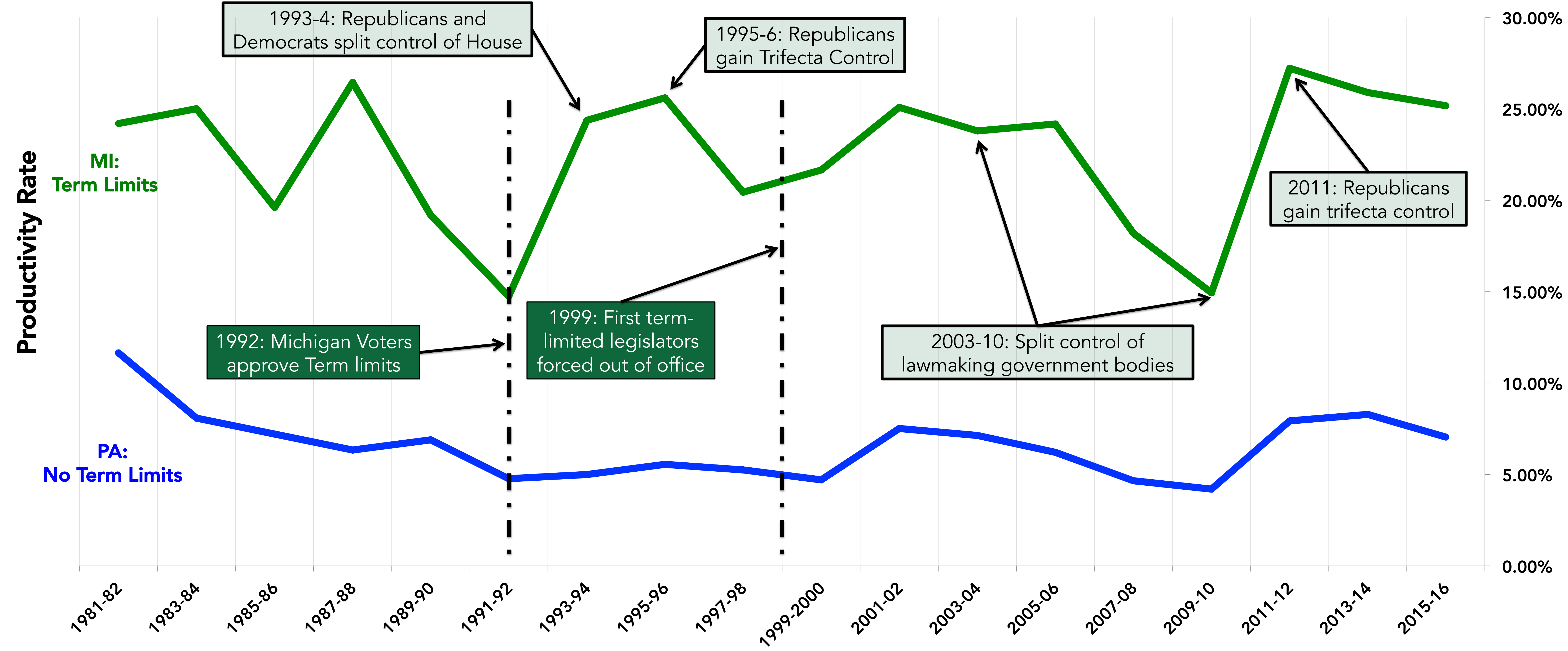
Every state shares the same job function: introduce bills, work them through the process, and get them signed into law.

$$\frac{\text{Bills signed into law}}{\text{Bills Introduced}} = \text{Productivity Ratio}$$

Michigan and Pennsylvania let us compare productivity of two similar states with one key difference: term limits.

Crunching the Numbers for MI and PA

Productivity Rates per Legislative Session



What Does This Tell Us?

Between the two time periods, Pennsylvania's productivity fell by 16.22%, but Michigan's productivity only fell by 0.86%.



Michigan's Legislature is more productive today than it was before term limits took effect.

The Takeaway

Legislative Productivity is the great equalizer – it is a reliable metric that can be used to compare legislative activity between all states.