Brotherton fights for county reform

State Rep. Sandy Brotherton (R-Farmington) has introduced legislation which incorporates changes in the County Executive Act.

The bill would abolish the road and parks and recreation commissions and put those activities under the direct control of the county sexuative.

It would give the board of commissioners the authority to set up departments to handle functions currently handled by these commissions. The board would also set policies under which the county executive would be expected to administer the activities of these two departments.

This would give the county the same kind of organization and administrative individual of the county of the county which has been followed by major cities where they have a department of public works and department of parks and recreation, both of whom report either to a city mayor or to a mayor.

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Obtaine to operate unexpected of the country executive's direction." says brotherion.

"I realize abolishing the road commission and "he parks and recreation commission will meet with great resistance," says Brotherion.

"I am convinced, however, that if the tapapers of those counties who wish to adopt the county executive form of government are to get the kind form of government and accountability they work, the county executive must be convex all reports all the parts of the country, and certainly that includes maintenace of our roads and parks systems," he said.

Recommendations incorporated into this bill were made by the Oakland Courty executive and the Oakland Courty Beard of Cournisson.

Although the voters of Oakland County seem generally satisfied with the decision to adopt the county executive form of government, some portions of the original act were unclear with respect to the role of the county executive and the role of the board of commissioners, according to Brotherton.

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Brotherton's bill attempts to clarify those areas as well as provided language which more clearly spells out action to be taken when the county executive is unable to serve out his full term. The County Executive Act was enacted by the legislature to give counties the opportunity to adopt a unified form of county government with an appointed manager or an elected county executive.

The main purpose of either form was to establish an executive or administrative head for the county departments and thereby establish clear cut innes of authority, says Brotherton.

The pointed out that while Oakiand County has made impressive strides in this direction since adopting-the county and the county of Public Act 130 to performent, failure of Public Act 130 to performent, failure of Public Act 130 to perform the recreation commission make it impossible for the residents of Cakland County to hold the county executive accountable for these two functions.

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The present law also is unclear as to when a newly elected county executive begins his term. The legislation introduced by Brotherton would make the term begin Jan. I following the election—the same time the term of the other county executive officers begin.

Seminar handles job relations

Personnel practices, legal contracts, grievances, arbitrations and other topics related to employee relations will be the theme of several workshops offered at Madorma College in Livonia during March and April.

The four meetings will include a dis-cussion of non-union employers, per-sonnel practices and legal contracts on March 34, and negotiating a labor con-tract on March 17-18.

Administering contracts, grievances and arbitration will be discussed April 7-8 and equal employment opportunity programs will be on the agenda April 21-22.

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The sessions will be 6-10 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday in room 115 in the academic building.

Registration can be completed before the workshop at the student service center.

Attorney David Sarkozy, the instruc-tor, has had industrial relations and employee managment positions in sev-eral large corporations and is cur-

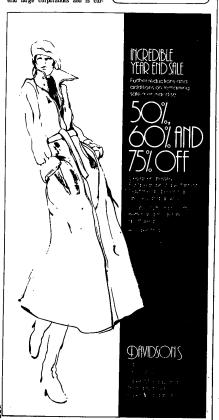
rently a National Labor Relations Board attorney.

The non-credit fee for each session is \$25. Students enrolled at Madomna can apply for one credit for each workshop.

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