

SBT gripes to be heard statewide

By TIM RICHARD

Suburban business and professional people will be able to bring their gripes to representatives of the new Single Business Tax (SBT) by 11:30 a.m. Tuesday and a special panel of the state.

Gov. William M. Koch's SBT advisory panel, which has been in session for two weeks, will hold a special panel of hearings.

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from efforts and with relatively low capital investments.

The 1978 tax eliminated eight other taxes on business, including the corporate income tax and the local personal property tax on equipment and inventory. It substituted a single 2.5 percent levy on value added—essentially payroll profits, interest and some depreciation.

While the governor and most legislators have no intention of repealing SBT, they will listen to ideas for modifying it so that it can be a source of revenue for the state.

Persons unable to testify at the hearings may write the advisory panel in care of: G.V. Dunham, 123 State Capitol Building, Lansing 48909.

ABOUT 20 business and professional people are expected to testify at the opening hearing Nov. 26 in Flint, according to John Hagen of Dunham's staff.

A business consultant said his small business clients found the forms too complex and had to hire help to complete them. About 50 percent are paying more tax, the consultant said.

An architect told the panel he was paying three to eight times more state tax and that SBT is a deterrent to labor-intensive companies.

A restaurant owner said his taxes are way up.

A Saginaw school librarian said the revenue tax from repeal of the personal property tax was so severe that the district will need additional millage to recover it.

A county treasurer added that his county lost \$250 million in tax base.

"EVERYONE WHO wanted to testify had a chance," said Hagen of the Flint meeting.

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