

Subway foes will bypass appeal route

Last week's Oakland Circuit Court decision removing four public transportation advisory questions from the Nov. 4 ballot won't be appealed.

County Commissioner Anne Hobart, R-Waterford Township, a co-author of the referendums, told the Board of Commissioners Thursday she was "frustrated and outraged" by Circuit Judge William Beer's ruling, but added that the ruling wouldn't be challenged.

Beer last Wednesday ordered the advisory questions off the ballot because he said the county board had no legal authority to put them there. Beer's decision was in response to a suit brought by the Detroit Metropolitan Area League of Women Voters.

The four questions addressed funding of a regional transportation system as proposed by the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA); creation of a county-operated transit system, and the county's continued membership in SEMTA, a seven-county regional authority.

"THE PRO-SUBWAY forces have denied the citizens a voice in how \$1 billion of their tax dollars will be spent," said Hobart, chairman of the county board's Republican Caucus.

One advisory question asked if Oakland County should be taxed for a "transit system including a subway as proposed by SEMTA."

The subway portion of a rapid-rail line, part of the estimated \$1.5-billion regional transportation plan, is opposed by Oakland and Macomb county officials.

SEMTA was recently granted initial federal funding to develop a light-rail rapid-transit line. It will run underground from downtown Detroit to McNichols (Six Mile) Road and on surface from Six Mile to Eleven Mile Road in Royal Oak.

HOWARD ALTMAN, county elections director, said a sticker will be placed over the transit referendums on punch-card ballots used for voting in seven Oakland communities including Southfield, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield and Avon townships, Royal Oak and part of Troy.

The referendums have already been removed from voting machines.

DIA sponsors competition

The deadline for southeastern Michigan artists to enter the largest state-wide artists' competition ever held in the United States is rapidly approaching, a Detroit Institute of Arts spokesperson said.

"Michigan Artists 80/81" — a series of four regional exhibitions — has a deadline of Oct. 20 for artists in the counties of Genesee, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Shiawassee, Washtenaw and Wayne.

"We anticipate an unprecedented number of entries from the Southeast Region," said Nancy Gordon, art institute exhibition coordinator for the competitions.

She said that artists should submit entry forms, fees and any five slides representative of their work to the Detroit Institute of Arts by the

deadline.

"Michigan Artists 80/81" is open to all media and is a means of showcasing the many talented artists living and working in Michigan. Nationally recognized jurors — museum directors and curators from across the United States — will judge works submitted by the deadline. Winners will participate in an exhibition scheduled for March 8 to April 12 with the Cranbrook Academy of Art, Museum, Sill Gallery of Eastern Michigan University, Flint Art Institute and the University of Michigan Museum of Art as hosts.

Ms. Gordon said an all-state exhibition featuring selected artists from the regional competitions will be treated as a major exhibition and held at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Sept. 15 to Nov. 8, 1981.

Overcrowding prompts prison ballot question

From Michigan State University state and local government specialist.

The proceeds from this increase would be earmarked for demolition of the Michigan reformatory at Ionia by 1990, construction of four new regional correctional facilities, and development of preventive crime programs.

The proposal was placed on the ballot by the state Legislature following recommendations by the Joint Legislative Executive Task Force on Prison Overcrowding.

U-M figures up

A total of 47,081 students are enrolled at The University of Michigan this fall, 401 more than a year ago.

The total includes 35,670 students at the Ann Arbor campus, including those enrolled in graduate centers at other locations, an increase of 247; 6,360 at the U-M-Dearborn, a decrease of 40;

4,410 at the U-M-Flint, an increase of 288; and 641 enrolled in credit extension courses throughout the state, a decrease of 94.

Of the 35,670 total enrollment at the Ann Arbor campus, 22,498, or 63 percent of the total, are undergraduates; and 13,172, or 37 percent, are graduate students.

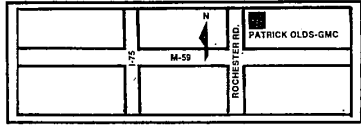


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