Prosecutor to defend GOP boundary plan

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Now that both sides have hired legal consultants, the challenge to a plan for redrawing boundaries of county commission districts could move swiftly in the Michigan Court of Appeals, according Donald Tucker, chairman of the Oakland Demorats.

"I expect some action by the end of the month or early in November," and Tucker, a lawyer who last month filed suit against the reapportionment plan drafted by his Republican counterpart, James M. Alexander, a lawyer with Foster, Swift, Col-

lins and Smith of Birmingham.

Tucker, Alexander and three other members of the Oakland Reapportionment Committee started to the committee started to the committee started to the committee of the control of the contr

Area students offered scholarships

The University of Daytor has of-fered several local students academ-le scholarships for the 1991-92 year. The program is designed to recog-nize prospective students who have attained exceptional academic

records.

Sarah M. Porretta of Bloomfield
Hills was offered the Frank J. Jauch
Family Scholarship and Molly P.
Janik of Southfield was awarded the
Dean of Arts-Sciences Scholarship.

Stephen E. Goodman of Troy was the recipient of the Presidents Scholarship and Christopher J. Merue of West Bloomfield received the Special Achievement Award.

Janet C. Mueller of Farmington Hills was offered the University Leadership Award and Jaile Kroak of Farmington was awarded the Dean of Arts-Sciences Scholarship.

Jalle A. Rotman of Union Lake received the Dean of Arts-Sciences Scholarship.





hire another firm would be to penalize Oakland simply because I'm a member of this firm."

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Democrats, Tucker Friday defended biring Alexander's firm.

"The prosecutor's office will do most of the work," Tucker said, "with limited help from Jim's (Alexander's) firm. There's a cap of \$5,000, so we're not talking about a great deal of money.

"A client (in this case the reapportionment committee) should get to pick its own lawyers — and Foster, swift, Collins and Smith are among the best."

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Tucker said he and other members of the reapportlomment committee — Thompson, County Clerk Lynn Allen and Treasurer C. Hugh Dohany — voted to hire the firm. "Alexander abstained (from voiling to avoid any conflict of interest." Democrats, by the way, have already hired "the best (legal counsel) in the state." said Tucker, That's Ted Sachs and Mark Brewer in Lansing, at an expected cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000.

The Democratic Party will pay its

legal fees from its own coffers,
Tucker said, even though he's convinced they should be paid by the

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"This is a public policy issue," be said, "It's not Don Tucker's or the Democratic Party's. It's an issue that vitally concerns the average citizen."

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"I'm coal power. "I'm very confident my plan will
panel will take one look and rule
that we're right," said Tucker, Alter
A pause he said, "But then," I also
picked Michigan or Florida State.

said U-M would beat Florida State."

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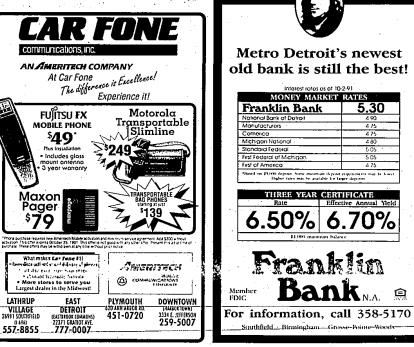
But I still think we might work out some kind of compromise with Democrats.

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Among other things, his plan reduces the number of county commission districts from 27 to 25. It also treated the proposed Republican reapportionment plan ingores residences and the proposed Republican are reapportionment plan ingores residences.

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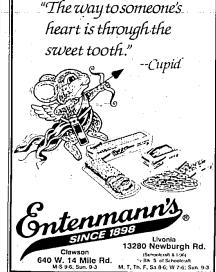
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