

Area piano teachers help win skirmish in Lansing

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Piano teachers and child care providers applauded each others' testimony before a state Senate panel Tuesday as they sought to remain in business.

And the Senate Local Government Committee advanced bills to keep cities from shutting them down in residential neighborhoods.

"Music teachers don't have lobbyists," said Jerome Stasson, husband of West Bloomfield Township piano teacher Betty Stasson, who once was told by an ordinance officer not to give lessons at home.

"The last place you want government is sticking its nose in your home," agreed committee chair David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, sponsor of two of the bills to clip local governments' wings. Protecting the bills were lobbyists for the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association.

THE COMMITTEE sent to the Senate floor:

• Three bills preventing municipalities, townships and counties from prohibiting music lessons and other tutoring in a private residence. Honigman said local units still may restrict noise, signs and traffic.

• A bill preventing cities from zoning out licensed "family day care" (up to six children) and licensed "group day care" (7-12 children) from residential areas. Sponsor is Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

Faxon's 1990 bills covering townships and counties became law, but his cities bill lost when a couple of senators weren't on the floor on the closing day of session.

The music teachers and child-care providers applauded each others' speeches on behalf of home occupations. The mood was broken by mirth when a gray mouse, barely 1½ inches long, scurried from behind the senators' table, under audience chairs and out a door in the ornate fourth floor meeting room in the State Capitol.

BEN MARKS, Farmington Hills councilman representing the Municipal League, drew fire from Honigman and Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, for his and MML's opposition.

"The existence of community is sacred. Numbers are what count in local government," said Marks. "When people buy in a residential neighborhood, they don't expect a business."

"What's next?" demanded Berry-

man, a former mayor of Adrian. "My grandmother can't sew dresses for money!"

"We don't oppose piano teachers in homes," said Gene Thornton, lobbyist for the Michigan Townships Association. "This bill is much too broad and needs to be narrowed down. I'm not certain, with this language, that we can restrict parking, employment and signs."

"As it's written, the Michigan State University band could play in a senior citizens' apartment complex," Honigman said. He would offer floor amendments clarifying local units' right to restrict traffic, employment and signs.

THE ISSUE was raised by Betty Stasson, a 40-year veteran of teaching and the concert stage, who got national attention when her township shut her down several years ago.

"I found myself violating the law. One neighbor was my threat," said Stasson, adding the quarrel arose because the neighbor "didn't like where we put our air conditioner."

"We have far fewer cars than the man down the block who has a pool."

Although West Bloomfield eventually amended that section of its zoning ordinance, Stasson said it took \$5,000 out of the couple's pocket for

an attorney and nine months of work.

And the same problem is arising in Kalamazoo, Grosse Pointe, Southfield, Troy and Traverse City, she said.

Isabelle Tulk, a Milford teacher representing a western Oakland County association, added her

group's endorsement.

FAXON SAID child-care providers licensed by the state "are arbitrarily and capriciously de-licensed by local government" through zoning ordinances.

"This is a home occupation... This is something that's gone on for centuries. Nobody ever dreamed this would be prohibited by government. When I was a baby sitter at the age of 11, I never thought of it as

making a profit," Faxon finished. Marks of Farmington Hills said he didn't object to family day-care homes in subdivisions, but he preferred to keep group day-care homes on the periphery of subdivisions because a dozen children could make noise.

The local government lobbyists had a losing battle. The bills were reported out of committee by votes of 4-0 and 3-0.

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"I CHECKED the records back to 1912," said Stuckley. That's the closest county-wide vote on record. Several people — including Pederson — have asked about recounts."

said Stuckley. "They were interested in the communities that used paper ballots."

Pederson confirmed that HOPE is considering a limited recount focusing on communities that used paper ballots. "I believe we can focus on about 200 precincts," she said, "and still get an accurate reading."

A recount costs \$10 per precinct, which means double checking all of Oakland County's 559 precincts would cost \$5,590. A recount limited

to the 200 or so precincts at which paper ballots were used would cost about \$2,000.

"I think we could raise that much," said Pederson. "But I don't want to discuss it until after tonight's meeting."

Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Waterford are among the bigger townships that used paper ballots, along with communities such as Highland and Milford.

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