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Reform obstacles

■ Recorder's Court. Of 1,775 units of local government in Michigan, only Detroit has its own criminal court; moreover, it has handled out-county cases — a major irritation to suburbanites. In the other 82 counties, a circuit court tries criminal matters and major civil cases within a county. Detroit politicians view any attempt to combine Recorder's Court as

A single trial court has been discussed by lawyers for a long time, but Gov. John Engler's budgets are bringing matters to a head. He has threatened to veto creation of new judgeships until

Nye's plan

Lawmakers and lawyers have many variations on the reform theme. Here is Nye's plan:

- A single Court of Justice in each county with three divisions — 1) family (divorces with chil-

Senate plan

VanRegenmorter's circuit court would have three divisions - family, criminal and civil. "The chief judge of each circuit would have authority to reassign cases within the circuit's trial court system . . ."

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