

How Revenue Sharing Would Help Area Cities

WASHINGTON Local cities would stand to benefit from a \$5.3 billion revenue sharing reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee, according to Rep. Jack McDonald (R - Farmington).

The City of Livonia would receive \$1.7 million, and the City of Farmington nearly \$286,000.

Wayne County would receive \$54.4 million and Oakland County \$16.5 million, McDonald said.

Governments not specifically allotted funds - such as townships - are eligible out of the county allotment.

The House Rules Committee, traffic cop of the House, is expected to act the first week in May. If there are no complications, the bill could come to the House floor for action by the week of May 8.

McDONALD GAVE this outline of the bill's provisions:

"Funds distributed to local governments would have to be used for (1) maintenance and operating expenses for public safety (including police and fire protection, building inspection), environmental protection (including sewage disposal, garbage collection and pollution abatement), and public transportation (including transit systems and streets); and (2) capital expenditures for sewage collection and treatment, refuse disposal systems, and public transportation (including street construction and transit systems).

"The distribution within a state to the counties, and the municipal and township governments within a county, is made under a formula based on one - third population, one - third on 'urbanized population' (cities of 50,000 or more and the metropolitan areas surrounding them), and one - third on relative per capita income.

"The latter factor is population multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is per capita income in the United States, and the denominator of which is per capita income in the State.

"THE AMOUNT distributed within a county is divided between the county government and the aggregate of municipal governments within the county on the basis of locally raised revenue for each, excluding revenue raised for education.

"For example, if the total revenue raised in a county area were \$1 million, of which the county had raised \$300,000, the county government would receive 30 per cent of the shared funds allocated to that county area.

"Two formulas are provided for distributing the remaining funds allocated to the municipalities within the county area:

"First, distribution would be made one - half on the basis of population and one - half on the basis of relative income (that is on the basis of population multiplied by per capita income in the county divided by municipal per capita income; or second, distribution would be made one - half on the basis of relative income and one - half on the basis of population times the per capita revenue raised in the locality.

"In order for states to be eligible for their share of the \$1.8 billion, they must continue to distribute as much from other sources to local governments as they did in each, excluding revenue fiscal 1971.

"Provision is made for permanent appropriation of both the \$1.8 billion and the \$3.5 billion for the five - year period."

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Ypsi Dem Runs For Congress

Billy L. Turner, 40, an Ypsilanti Township trustee, will enter the Democratic primary for 2nd District congressman.

Turner works for Ford Motor Co. in real estate acquisition, sales and property development. He has been an active Democrat 18 years and a township board member the last two.

He is the third man to enter the Aug. 8 primary. Others are Walter Shapiro of Ann Arbor and Washenaw County Commissioner Frederick Schwall, also of Ypsilanti.



BILLY L. TURNER
3rd Candidate

THE SEAT, WHICH currently covers Plymouth and is expected to include Livonia after reapportionment this year, is held by Republican Marvin Esch of Ann Arbor.

A native of Kentucky, Turner came with his family to Ypsilanti in 1944, and he earned a BA degree from Eastern Michigan University and later attended Detroit College of Law.

"The people are frustrated," said Turner, "because their constitutional rights are being infringed upon and the heavy burdens of taxation are completely unbearable. The individual must have relief from the inequitable property and income taxation."

"The Nixon Administration, fully supported by our present U.S. representative, is leading the country down a path of unsound fiscal policy and into an avenue cluttered with noncredible leadership, cities on the brink of total decay and a war that should be resolved immediately."

Dogs Breeders To Exhibit

The Dog Breeders Registry, Inc., of Michigan will sponsor an exhibit May 5 and 6, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile at Middle Belt.

Some 100 breeds of purebred dogs will be present from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Breeders will be present to discuss their breeds and answer questions of nutrition, grooming or any other problems of a non veterinary nature.

The German Wirehaired Pointer Club will hold a match on Saturday at 1 p.m. On Friday, and during the rest of the time on Saturday, there will be conformation and obedience demonstrations.

Keim Opens 2 New Offices

Earl Keim Realty has opened two new offices during the first quarter of 1972 - at 19338 W. Seven Mile, Detroit, where Jim Boudreau is manager, and at 18641 Joy Rd., Detroit, with Gene LaVigne as manager.

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