Reform Bill

Big Suburbs' Court Districts Left Intact

BULLETIN

LANSING — The State Senate, which carlier in the week had rejected the district court reform bill, finally gave it 264 approval late Thursday night. Local Republican Senators George Kuhn and N. Lorraine Beebe voted in favor: Democrat William Faust was absent. The bill is expected to get Gov. Romney's approval.

Livonia, Garden City and Westland city councils have seven days after the governor signs it to vote by resolution to retain their municipal courts.

Bigger suburbs would find their court systems little chan-ged, but smaller cittes and townships will find themselves fabing entirely new systems under a new lower court re-organization bill in the Leg-isliture. Livonia, Redford and West-land would have their own courts, just as they do new,

Farmington and Plymouth would find themselves lumped with other communities in dis-. . .

THE LOWER court reorgan-tration bill last week passed the House, 76-30, with solid support from the suburbs.

Republicans Louis Schmidt of Livonia and Raymond Baker of Farmington, along with Democrats Richard Young of Dearborn Heights, John Bennett of Redford, James Tierney of Garden City and Vincent J. Pettipren of Westland, all voted yes,

The nay votes came mostly from Defroit Democrats and out-state Republicans from small towns like Buchanan and Plainwell.

The bill was lost in the Sente, however, at least temporarily, Withtwo-thirds (28 votes) needed for passage, the bill won by only 21-8.

Observerland Republican Senators George Kuhn of West Bloomfield and N. Lorraine Beebe of Dearborn Heights vo-ted yes. Democrat William Faust of Westland didn't vote.

LCCAL DISTRICTS, under the latest bill, would look like

Waterfowl Counts Up In Area

Plymouth city and township, Northville city and township and Canton Township would be-come a single district with one judge. That judge would replace at least four part-time jurists in those localities.

Farmington city and township would be a single court district with a single judge, At present, the city has two part-time municipal judges and the township two part-time justices of the peace.

EACH JUDGE would have to be a lawyer. JP's currently need not be lawyers, although in the suburbs, most of them are.

They would be paid \$18,000 a year by the state, but the local district could supplement the salary fit wished, A district with two or more judges, however, would have to pay them the same salary.

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Costs of running the court would be picked up by the court district, Where a court district covers two or more local units the local units of the repulations, LOWER COURT reorganization is required under the new state constitution, which could be constituted as a constitution of the problem has boundariation for more daround the Legislature for more than four years without a solution.

The current bill would not

The current bill would not eliminate Detroit's common pleas courts.

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Livonia would be a court district and have two judges, this is unchanged from the present system.
The same would be true for leedford Township and the City of Westland.
Garden City would constitute a court district but have only a single judge.

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This would seem to allow the cities of Livonia and West-land to maintain their present court setups by council res-olution.

Waterfowl brood counts show a significant increase this spring, according to game biologists of the State Conservation Department. Mourning dowe surveys show their count is holding its owner showing a slight increase. The pheasant population continues to helpo, however. Conservation officers urge the outdoor public to leave wildlife babies alone, even if the count of the bandonder of the country of the

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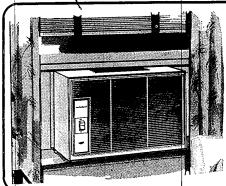


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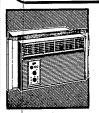
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