nnexation Powers Given To State Body

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The State Boundary Commission has been given new powers over annexation procedures between cities and towarding.

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UNDER THE new law, the Boundary Commission's area to be amneed to a city has more than 100 residents.

In that case, the Boundary Commission's decision is final — without an election. An exception occurs when the area to be anneed to a city has more than 100 residents.

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The Legislature last week gave overwhelming approvat to a bill to expand the Boundary Cummission's powers, and Gov.

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the old county board procedure.

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Absent were Democratic Reps, James Tierney of Garden City, Richard Young of Dearborn Heights and Vincent Petitpren of Westland, No Observerland representative opposed it.

In the Senate the vote was 23-3 with -N. Lorraine Beebe (R-Dearborn). William Faust (D-Westland) and George Kuhn (R-West Bloomfeld) backing it. Sander, Levin (D-Berkley) was absent.

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The bill could have had immediate effect if the Senate could have mostered at least 24 votes, a state official said.

THE NEW law was hailed by Irving Rozian, Plymouth Township management consultant and land use expert who is a state-appointed member of the Boundary Commission. It gives a state agency a chance to apply sound engineering, social, governmental and land use principles to municipal boundaries, Rozian has long maintained. Giving the Boundary Commission power over annexation cases is part of a state tendency to take a more scientific ap-

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Previously, annexation petitions went to the county board of commissioners, where they were often the subject of city vs. township squabbles. Cities often employed the annexation technique in order to pick up industrial tax base from township areas, and townships commonly, opposed the growth of neighboring cities in order to maintain their own tax bases and investments. Under the old legalistic system, an annexation petition needed to have the correct number of signatures, a good legal description of the area to be annexation accurate map. The good annexation didn't have to make any governmental sense under the old law.

UNRA Sales

Best Ever For August

Members of the United Northwestern Realty Association-Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Reducer sold in August 283. million for eal estate - historically the highest ever recorded for that month in any previous year.

The August sales total brought the UNRA-WWOCB Beard to a near record eightmonth cumulative, according to Châries W. Allen Jr., board president.

president.

The key reason why the near record. Allen said, was the sudden "catch-up" during the past two months when John more homes were sold by the UNRA than in the same period last year. That's 2,382 versus 1,552. 30



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old law.

The new law giving the Boundary Commission power over annexation matters was eggreed to by leaders of both cities and townships. That's significant because cities had traditionally sought to make annexations as easy as possible, townships as difficult as possible.

Takes Course

Harry G. Fox, of 29912 Beacontree, Farmington, was among alumni of the Graduate School of Banking at the Uni-versity of Wisconsin who re-cently compléted a one-week refresher course at the school.

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