### akland official cites tax loss

By Tim Richard Staff Writer

The law that eliminated school properly taxes also will have a "devastating effect on county budgets," said a top Oakland official.

"Senate Bill 1, as it stands, will cost county governments \$200 million. This translates into a 12 percent cut in the average county's general fund revenues," said Oakland County commissioner Donn L. Wolf, R-Farmington Hills.

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Wolf, as president of the Michi-gan Association of Counties, is lobbying state legislators to res-cind at least part of the law that wiped out \$5 billion in school property tax revenues.
The impact on counties, howe-was amparently overlooked.

culated by county treasurers: Tax freeze — SB 1 froze as-

sessments for a year, giving property owners 15 months to appeal assessments. Cost co counties of what might have been: \$40 mil-

assessments. One country on what might have been: 340 million.

Delinquent taxes — Counties receive a 4 percent collection for and interest for collecting delinquent and late property taxes for other units of government. Elimination of school property taxes will mean Sito million in lost revenue to counties. Wolf asked "livelimbursement" from Loansing.

Possible loss of revenue sharing — Countles get two batches of state shared revenues one that is constitutionally mandated, another that is voted by the Legislature. Gov. John Engle's administration is looking at cutting the second batch.

"This is a trial balloon," Wolf

conceded, "and we are watching it very carefully because itwould reduce county services by another \$170 million.

The \$170 million includes \$1.40 million from the personal income tax and \$30 million from the single business tax must not take away this \$170 million in/county/services," Wolf said on behalf of MAC.

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If all three cuts occurred, Livingston County would lose 29 percent of its revenue — \$512,000 in delinquent taxes, \$1 million in delinquent taxes, \$1 million in the freeze and \$1.7 million in state shared revenue.

If all three cuts occurred, Clinton County would lose 15 percent of its revenue — \$141,000 lad inquent taxes, \$180,000 from the freeze, and \$300,000 in state shared revenue.

If all three cuts occurred, Eaton County would lose 17 percent of its revenue — \$215,000 in delinquent fees, \$500,000 in delinquent faxes, \$228,000 from the freeze, and \$1.6 million in shared revenue.

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He all three cuts occurred, Ionia County would lose 22 percent of its revenue — \$137,000 in delinquent fees, \$280,000 in delinquent taxes, \$159,000 from the freeze and \$340,000 in state shared revenue.

and \$940,000 in state shared revenue.
"A lot of county services are at stake," said Wolf, citing "senior citizen programs, community health services, sheriif potrols, road funding and a lot of others."



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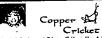
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ever had at one time was eight.
Simonelli teaches her closses
7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays. The average person should attend the
class about a year before trying to
get accepted into the church,
Simonelli said. Prospective studenta should call her at 38:3-3410.
Sister Anne McGinn teaches

the course at St. Owen Church of Franklin. Her classes begin 10 a.m. Sundays from September to May, Enrollments will be accept-ed until mid November. Call Sis-ter Anne at 262-2300. Michelle Meyer teaches the course at Holy Name Church of Birmingham.

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