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# Board Delays Hospital Bond Vote Decision

## Awaits Legislature Action Involving Medical College

A decision on whether to submit to Lucas County voters a proposal for an \$18 million hospital bond issue, one for \$10.5 million, or none at all on the Nov. 2 ballot, will be made Wednesday at 8 p.m. by the County Hospital Commission.

Originally scheduled last night, the verdict was postponed because the Legislature has not passed a Senate bill to permit \$7.5 million for a Toledo State College of Medicine teaching hospital to be included in the proposal.

Thursday is the deadline for getting the proposed hospital bond issue on the Nov. 2 ballot and commission members hope the Legislature will act favorably before then. This would permit placing the \$18 million package proposal on the ballot. The other \$10.5 million would be used to expand facilities of seven Toledo general hospitals.

### Outlook Dim

Prospects of getting the bill, which is still in a Senate committee, through both the Senate and House and signed by the governor before the Thursday deadline admittedly are dim. Normally this procedure takes at least a week, legislative observers pointed out.

The motion to delay action until the special meeting Wednesday was approved by an eight-to-three vote of the commission members present. The dissenting votes were cast by Robert Graham, A. M. Turner, and Joseph Scalzo, representing Mercy, Riverside, and Parkview Hospitals, respectively.

Favoring the delay until Wednesday were public members Charles Ballard, Judge Robert Franklin, Virgil Gladieux, and Henry Morse, and Robert Hilty, Flower Hospital; Samuel Carson, Toledo Hospital; Franklin Schroeder, St. Luke's Hospital, and Urban Gradel, St. Charles Hospital.

The majority favored the \$18 package proposal rather than submitting the \$10.5 million for the private hospital expansion programs, then asking to the voters later to approve the \$7.5 million local share for a medical school teaching hospital.

### Lost Support Feared

Objection to further delay on the private hospital proposal was voiced by Urban Bowes, president of the Toledo Hospital Planning Association. He said that one more postponement after the two previous ones would tend to weaken public support.

The private hospital bond issue originally was scheduled for a vote at the May 4 primary, then moved to the Toledo municipal primary Oct. 5. Last Friday the hospital planning group approved deferring it to the November election.

At that time, the planning association also approved combining the St. Luke's Hospital program with the state medical school's proposal, reducing the private hospital bond issue request from \$14 million to \$10.5 million.

Until the pending Senate bill is passed, the state medical school provision cannot be included.

A suggestion that the \$7.5 million be included conditional on legislative approval was rejected by Prosecutor Harry Friberg as illegal.