

# Incorporation Bid Filed For Medical Center Here

## Action Designed To Qualify Project For Inclusion In County Bond Funding

Articles of incorporation for the Toledo State Medical Center were filed in Columbus today with Secretary of State Ted Brown.

Initial trustees are designated as Bernard R. Baker, J. Slater Gibson, and Dr. Frank F. A. Rawling, all of whom are members of the board of trustees of the Toledo State Medical College.

Purpose of the move, according to William E. Longthorne, assistant attorney general assigned to the medical college project, is to create a nonprofit charitable hospital corporation which would qualify as a participating corporation under the present Hoffman Act.

The Hoffman Act is state legislation enabling nonprofit hospital corporations to participate in the proceeds of county hospital bond issues.

Trustees of the Toledo State Medical College feel that it is imperative at this time that every available means be utilized to arrange for local matching funds for the construction of a teaching hospital planned in conjunction with the medical college, Mr. Longthorne said.

Present indications, he said, are that additional funds will not be forthcoming from the state within the foreseeable future other than the \$7.5 million now included in the state capital improvements bill.

The incorporation papers were filed in advance of a special meeting of the County Hospital Commission scheduled for tonight.

### Inclusion Requested

The commission is to decide on whether to submit to Lucas County voters a proposal for an \$18 million bond hospital issue, one for \$10.5 million, or none at all at the November general election. Tomorrow is the deadline for getting the issue on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The Toledo State Medical College of trustees have asked the hospital commission to include \$7.5 million for the teaching hospital in the proposed bond issue.

There also is pending before the Ohio General Assembly Senate Bill 399 to amend the Hoffman Act to qualify state medical school teaching hospitals to participate in such county hospital bond issues.

Mr. Longthorne said the incorporation papers for the Toledo State Medical Center were filed today in view of the bond issue deadline to-

morrow, and also because of the uncertain situation in Columbus over the fate of Senate Bill 399.

He recalled that in a letter of transmittal accompanying the request to the hospital commission, the medical college trustees reported having met with interested parties about the availability of additional state funds.

The meetings, with representatives of Governor Rhodes' office and the Ohio Board of Regents, took place over the weekend and on Monday.

### Note Regents' Stand

The Board of Regents, according to the letter, state that there could be no change in its position last taken at a June 30 meeting of the Ohio House of Representatives finance committee. At that time, the request of State Rep. Marigene Valliquette (R., Lucas County), for additional funds for the Toledo State Medical College was not acted upon.

The letter said the Toledo medical college trustees also checked with the governor's office and were referred to Richard Krabach, director of finance. Mr. Krabach stated flatly that no additional state funds were available from any source, the letter continued.

It was with this background, Mr. Longthorne explained, that the medical college trustees felt it necessary to take further steps to help insure qualification of the proposed teaching hospital for local matching funds for construction.

The initial trustees of the Toledo State Medical Center are to serve until the corporation's first annual meeting or another meeting called to elect trustees.