

# Medical School Hospital Special Vote Proposed

## Skeldon Says He Will Move For Election On \$7.5 Million Plan To Replace Lost Levy

Toledo and Lucas County voters may be asked to decide on a proposed \$7.5 million bond issue soon to replace the \$18 million hospital proposal defeated in Tuesday's general election. This could come as early as next March.

Ned Skeldon, president of the board of county commissioners, said yesterday he will recommend that a special election be called to consider a \$7.5 million bond issue to provide the local share of costs for a teaching hospital for the Toledo State College of Medicine.

Mr. Skeldon said the levy

should be submitted for a vote as soon as legally possible.

### Issue Defeated 2 to 1

Harry Friberg, county prosecutor, said a special election for that purpose could be scheduled 114 days after commissioners approve a resolution to place the issue on the ballot.

The \$18-million bond issue, which was defeated by more than 2 to 1, would have provided the \$7.5 million for the teaching hospital. The levy also would have provided \$10.5 million for improvements at the city's eight non-profit hospitals. The issue lost by the unofficial count of 81,300 to 39,916.

Mr. Skeldon said he is urging reconsideration of the issue of providing funds at the earliest date because he is sure Dayton and Akron would jump at a chance to try to obtain the state medical school.

### Committee Head Comments

The bond issue should be the only issue placed on the ballot for the proposed special election, he said.

Henry L. Morse, chairman of a citizens' committee for the defeated hospital bond issue, said the Hospital Planning Association will have to move to insure that the community can handle the sick and injured. He also said the medical college trustees would have to study the steps to be taken to keep the medical school in Toledo.

However, William C. Galvin, auditor, said the county may not have enough funds to conduct a special election with the loss of the county operating levy. This would depend on the amount allocated to the county board of elections in the reduced budget for 1966, he said.