

# Rhodes Signs Bill Creating Medical School In Toledo

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## Says Unanimity In Votes Shows Need Realized

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COLUMBUS, Dec. 19—Governor Rhodes yesterday signed into law legislation establishing a state College of Medicine in Toledo.

As emergency legislation, the law went into effect the moment the governor's signature was put on the printed bill. He acted on receiving the bill from the House and Senate where Speaker Roger Cloud (R., DeGraff), acting for the House and Sen. C. Stanley Mechem (R., Nelsonville), president pro-tem of the Senate, signed the bill.

The printed copy of the bill—enacted by the full memberships of the House and Senate before adjourning Thursday for the holiday period—was rushed to the legislative leaders in response to Governor Rhodes' urgent interest in signing the bill before the weekend.

Even before signing the bill, the governor said he wanted to appoint the nine trustees of the new medical school as quickly as possible.

### 9-Year Term

Trustees will serve for a maximum of nine years on a staggered basis so that terms expire at the rate of one each year, in all cases ending on May 1.

Immediately after designation of the board of trustees, steps can be initiated to obtain for the medical school in Toledo a share in \$105 million in federal funds available for starting medical schools. The sum of \$7.5 million would be provided by a \$290 million bond issue to start construction of the school. Ohio voters must approve the bond issue at the May 5 special election.

Governor Rhodes, delighted at the completion of legislative action on this bill to create the medical college in Toledo, expressed gratification for unanimous votes in both Senate and the House.

### Plan For Toledo

"These things take persistence and patience," the governor commented. "I am proud that the vote was unanimous. I guess it was one of the very few times in the special session that everyone was in complete accord. That makes it clear that the recognition of the need for the medical school in Toledo was general.

"Selection of Toledo is part of a master plan for higher education in Toledo. Purpose of this plan is to distribute educational facilities so that they are present where they are needed the most.

"Now there will be medical schools in Toledo, Western Reserve University (Cleveland), the University of Cincinnati, and in Columbus at the Ohio State University. Selection of Toledo as the site for a new school was in part obviously justified by geographical considerations."

### Dissent Feared?

Then, the governor touching on the prospective role of close cooperation between the state medical school in Toledo and the University of Toledo, declared:

"The University of Toledo is one of the finest universities in the country. No one in Ohio in the sphere of education has cooperated more willingly with us in our program for higher education than Dr. William Carlson, president of the University of Toledo. He has willingly cooperated and has consistently contributed to our total plans for higher education in Ohio."

Governor Rhodes' satisfaction with unanimous approval of his legislation for a medical school at Toledo is understandable.

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Senate Republican leaders feared that some GOP dissenters might vote against the bill because of their hostility toward Sen. Frank W. King, Democratic leader in the Senate, during the special session.

Some Republican senators were prepared to kill the medical school bill because of the roadblocks thrown by Senator King against other legislation, prolonging the session.

Governor Rhodes repeatedly had to stress the fact that the Toledo medical school bill was his, not that of Senator King.

Early this week, the Senate postponed a scheduled vote on the medical bill. An administration spokesman privately said that the delay was due to the desire on the part of the governor for a vote as nearly unanimous as possible.

At that time, this was impossible, because of the retaliatory mood of some GOP senators against Senator King.

### Rep. Valiquette Overruled in Bid To Delay Vote

COLUMBUS, Dec. 19 (AP)—A parliamentary maneuver to delay floor action on a Democratic-opposed measure to expand voting power of the lieutenant governor failed yesterday in a "skelton" session of the GOP-dominated Legislature.

Rep. Marigene Valiquette (D., Toledo) objected to a second reading in the House of a Senate-passed bill empowering Republican Lt. Gov. John W. Brown to break tie votes in the upper chamber on legislation as well as on organizational matters.

Senators will be politically divided, 16-16, with 17 votes needed to pass legislation in the next General Assembly convening Jan. 4.

House Speaker Cloud overruled the motion. He said her protest would be placed before House members for final decision when they return Dec. 29 to complete work of the special session that adjourned Thursday after six weeks of work.

Miss Valiquette asserted the measure could not have the second of three separate readings, required before a floor vote, without a quorum of House members present.

The aim of her maneuver, planned in an earlier caucus of House Democrats, was to prevent a floor vote Dec. 29 in the House where Republicans now outnumber Democrats 86-42. The House division in the coming regular session will be cut to 75-62.

Miss Valiquette also objected to a second reading of a GOP-sponsored resolution calling on Congress for a federal constitutional convention to allow state apportionment of one legislative house on factors in addition to population, as decreed by the U.S. Supreme Court. That protest also was overruled.

A senate "skelton" session held about the same time across the statehouse concluded without incident.

Senator King looked on during the House maneuvering.

Conducting business of the "skelton" session with Mr. Cloud was Rep. Harry V. Jump (R., Huron), House majority whip. Members on hand besides Miss Valiquette were Reps. William J. Donovan (D., Cuyahoga), Edmund G. James (R., Noble), Walter L. White, (R., Lima), and Joe Pierson (R., Preble).

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