

Cities to have more power if report becomes law

FRANKFORT—Cities will have more power to do what they want to do and when they want to do it, if the initial report of the "Municipal Structure Revision Commission" becomes law.

The commission will seek public input into a final draft of the report. Eight public hearings in different locations throughout the Commonwealth will be held for scheduled for September.

All proposals in the draft are based on cities having "all powers not denied them" by the legislature or Constitution.

Under the statutes that have evolved since the Constitution was written, cities have had only those powers delegated to them by statute.

As a result, when a city needed authority to do something new or different it went to the legislature and secured a specific law to allow the action. A hodge-podge of laws varying widely from one class of city to another has resulted.

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This time element will be especially important if the commission's recommendation regarding organization of

city government is adopted. Currently, different classes of cities have different forms of government, but basically all are variations of the commission's work on commission form. The commission's work is approximately 70 percent prepared in laws that would govern all city functions.

The draft proposal for the retention of only those powers in the commission's specifically identified. In the proposal, a mayor-council form would place all administrative powers in the office of a mayor with council members setting policy. The city manager form would have equal status with other commissioners, and the council would determine policy. The city manager form would be strengthened.

Cities as they are now designated by statute would be assigned one of these three types of government with authority by change to a different form. If adopted, this proposal would not become effective until July 1, 1980. Since the number of persons within the governing body might change, elections of officials under the new form would take place in November, 1979.

Commission members began their duties dealing with more than 2,000 existing statutes governing cities, and this volume has been greatly reduced. Although some statutes remain un-

changed either because of their nature or because more time and expertise were needed to deal with certain issues, the end result of the commission's work is approximately 70 percent prepared in laws that would govern all city functions.

Public hearings on the recommendations of the commission will begin Sept. 7 and continue through Sept. 23. Locations are: Carter Grove State Park; Hospitality Inn, Lexington; Ramo Inn (Hartsville); Louisa; Jenny Wiley State Park; Quality Inn (Roundsville); Centerville; Union College; Harborsville; Holiday Inn (146), Bowling Green; and City Hall, Mayfield.

Details on times and dates of hearings will be announced later.

Minutes of these hearings will be incorporated into the commission's final recommendation draft to be submitted to the legislature and the Governor Nov. 1.

By Sept. 1, about 3,000 copies of a working draft will be mailed to city officials and others for study prior to the hearings. Additional copies may be secured by writing: Municipal Revision Commission, 113 West Broadway, Frankfort, Ky. 40601.

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Grant approved to fund children's services plan

FRANKFORT—Gov. Julian Carroll recently approved a \$120,000 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant for initial funding of development of a children's services plan for Kentucky.

The ARC grant is part of the total project cost of \$212,000, according to Development Secretary William L. Jones, who serves as Carroll's alternate on the commission.

The state will provide the remaining \$92,000, according to Jones.

The project will address itself to the lack of a comprehensive child development and children's services plan for the Commonwealth, with special emphasis on children up to six years of age in Kentucky's 49 Appalachian counties. Short-term goals:

- Establishment of a functioning interagency council for child development.
- Establishment of a local process for the planning and development of programs for children;
- Development of a process of local input to legislation for children;
- Assessment of the presently operating development child care project as a part of a future program direction;
- Identification of new geographic areas to be served by ARC and other funding sources;
- Assessment of the needs of children up to six years of age in terms of their needs and their families;
- Determination of present state and local financial capability for child development programs;
- Development of an integrated retrieval and dissemination system for data on children;
- Development of an evaluation mechanism for programs provided to children and services established as a result of the plan.

The Department for Human Resources (DHR), the primary provider of children's services in the Commonwealth, will take the responsibility for developing the plan. The Institute for Children, within DHR, will assume a citizen advisory role in the development of the plan.

Flock of geese released at Cave Run

A flock of 20 young giant Canada geese, a subspecies of the native Canada geese, were released in Cave Run Lake near Morehead Monday in an attempt to develop resident populations of the big birds in the Daniel Boone National Forest.

The project is a joint effort combining the work of the U.S. Forest Service, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Tennessee Valley Authority, which earlier that day flew the birds to the Buffalo Springs Research Station in Rutledge, Tenn.

It is expected they will remain on the lake and grow to maturity, weighing from 10 to 20 pounds. A quantity of geese was scattered along the edge of the lake at the time of release. This area will be used to clear hunting indefinitely by the State but hunters will be allowed to hunt other waterfowl during the regular hunting season.

Wildlife biologists point out that the attempt to develop resident populations of the big birds is intended to eventually satisfy a variety of waterfowl-related activities such as photography, recording, observing and periodically feeding the geese.

Prior to the arrival of the white man, the giant Canada goose was widespread throughout the interior of the continent as parkland hunting and man's encroachment on their habitat reduced the population. The last wild goose discovered in 1962.

They feed primarily on vegetation and aquatic plants and insects, particularly during the spring and summer. Normally, they reach sexual maturity in two to three years and can live as long as 40 years. The giant Canada geese has markings, black stocking necks and white cheek patches, similar to the well known native Canada goose. However, their body is somewhat darker.

Insurance required before license bill passes

FRANKFORT—The Interim Joint Committee on Banking and Finance has approved a new bill requiring minimum life insurance before they can get car licenses.

The measure now is being drafted for consideration by the 1978 General Assembly.

The new version is simpler than earlier versions and would require less paperwork, according to Sen. Tom Sawyer (D-Clark), the bill's sponsor.

In effect the bill means: "No insurance, no license."

Attic insulation to be financed

FRANKFORT—The Kentucky Public Service Commission has granted Columbia Gas of Kentucky permission to institute an attic insulation financing program for its qualifying customers.

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The PSC order is the attic insulation program "is in the public interest."

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Counters **fire call Thursday**

The Nicholas County Fire Department answered a call on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 5:45 a.m. in 13 miles west of Fritch on a 1973 Ford pickup truck belonging to Howard Sible was stolen. Fire started from wiring under the instrument panel, according to County Fire Chief Woody Wilson. The truck was a total loss.

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