Governor Signs Remap Legislation

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Gov. John McKeithen has signed legislation into law controversial reappointment plans which many lawmakers believe will be nullified by the courts.

An administration spokesman also announced Tuesday that McKeithen vetoed a $29.7 million bond issue to construct and enlarge vocational-technical schools in the state.

The action was announced in a statement outlining the governor's decisions on 43 pieces of legislation passed by the recent fiscal session.

McKeithen said he vetoed the bond issue because "the time is not appropriate" and added that the plans which many lawmakers believe will be nullified by the courts.

The governor has yet to announce his decision on more than 100 other pieces of legislation, including a package of constitutional revision bills and anti-pollution measures.

Included in the bills, many of which involved special appropriations, signed by McKeithen were:

- A $250,000 appropriation to construct an office building for the Louisiana Department of Employment Security.

- A $196,000 appropriation to the Louisiana Commission on Aging to match federal funds for developing programs for Louisiana's elderly.

- A $40,000 appropriation to (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

- A $427,126 appropriation to the state treasurer for a loan to the Greater Baton Rouge Port Commission to meet bond debts.

- A $12,600 appropriation to the state Board of Education to pay the expenses for the Southern University band to travel to the Pan American games in Colombia in 1972.

- Thirty-one separate bills to authorize final judgements against the state.

McKeithen also vetoed two other bills.

One would have authorized the Legislative Budget Committee to pass on proposed bond issues and another would have reduced state income taxes when and if the federal government takes over state welfare programs.

McKeithen said the purpose of the bond issue measure was "meritorious," but he did not feel the budget committee should have approval authority."