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Final Co. Study Commission hearings set for next week

(Editor's Note: This is the first of three articles that will appear in the Pioneer Press dealing with Proposed Form of County Government as submitted by the Glacier County Study Commission. Future articles will deal with the proposed redistricting, surveys conducted, procedures followed to arrive at the proposals, etc.)

The Glacier County Study Commission will hold its final set of public hearings next week. The hearings are scheduled to give Glacier County residents an opportunity to voice their opinion on the content of the tentative report prepared by the Study Commission on their proposed form of government for Glacier County. The hearing in Cut Bank will take place on Tuesday, May 20, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Glacier County Courthouse. The hearing is in Browning on Thursday, May 22, beginning at 7

p.m. and will be held in the high school library.

Carla Younce, administrative assistant of the Study Commission, said there has been one change since the printing of the Study Commission's proposal. Younce said there is a "sub-option" available which will allow the voter to choose the number of commissioners, either three or five, for the proposed new form of government. As it was previously stated, the new form of government would have five commissioners.

Briefly, the recommendations being made to the voters of Glacier County call for the following:

The adoption of the commission form of government, effective June 5, 1987.

A commission, or elected legislative body, of five (5) members (or three (3) as stated under the sub-option) shall be elected for four year terms of office.

All members shall be elected from districts in which they reside and which are apportioned by population.

Due to a recent decision by the Attorney General, in order to make any changes in the present form of county government, the Glacier County Study Commission must recommend adoption of an alternative form of government. The alternative form recommended is, in essence, the same form the county operates under now, with some very subtle changes.

Younce said the question on the form of government will be submitted to the voters of Glacier County on November 4, 1986.

Serving on the Glacier County Study Commission are Dr. Mark Haemig, Carol Juneau, Billie Wallace and Darryl Omsberg.

For more information see the notices published in this week's Pioneer Press regarding the proposed form of government and the public hearings.