

Vote Scheduled In Shrewsbury

(Press Teletype)

TINTON FALLS.—Residents of Shrewsbury township, with the exception of those living in Alfred Vail Homes, will vote tomorrow on whether they will separate from the housing development and create the Boro of New Shrewsbury as a separate municipality.

If the move is successful it will leave historically-famous Shrewsbury township with only 64 acres of what was one of New Jersey's four original townships and was once one of the largest.

The referendum, authorized by a legislative act passed after Sen. J. Stanley Herbert introduced a bill March 6, will be held at the Tinton Falls and Wayside firehouses with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Spokesmen for the separationists and the anti-separationists said this morning they felt the vote would not be heavy in spite of the significance to the township.

The vote climaxes a hectic campaign of the past several months, which in itself it is climax of a move for the past few years to have Vail Homes removed from the township. Since the end of the war, a group of township residents has made known its feelings that they considered the war-born federal housing development an encumbrance on the township's freedom and growth.

Shrewsbury township was one of four original townships in the state, given its deed in 1667, and at that time extended from South Amboy to Little Egg Harbor. Thru the years, Freehold township, Middletown township and Ocean county started separation moves that continued to reduce the size of the municipality. In more recent years the boros of Red Bank,

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Rumson, Fair Haven, Little Silver and Shrewsbury withdrew from Shrewsbury township.

If the referendum tomorrow returns an affirmative vote, only the 64 acres encompassing Vail homes will remain in the township, and that, too, will be in jeopardy. Since there is talk that the federal government might sell its holdings there if the proposal is approved, that might mean the extinction of Shrewsbury township.

Should the referendum be approved, the three members of the township committee would continue in office, with the chairman being the mayor of the Boro of New Shrewsbury and the other two as members of boro council. A special election would be held within 30 days after the result of the referendum is filed with the county clerk and four councilmen would be elected. The tax collector, assessor and clerk of Shrewsbury township would become the holders of their respective offices in the new boro.