

Voters favor abortion, death penalty, LCDC

Oregon and Lane County voters, passing judgment on a lengthy list of ballot measures Tuesday, reinstated the death penalty for murder under certain circumstances, turned back an effort to stop state funding for abortions and for the second time in two years rejected an effort to strip the Land Conservation and Development Commission of its extensive powers over land-use planning.

The death penalty is back in Oregon now that voters have passed Ballot Measure 8 by a 28 percent margin. The new law empowers judges in murder trials to impose the death penalty when they determine, in a separate sentencing hearing, that the killer acted with deliberate premeditation, that even if provoked by the victim the killer responded unreasonably and that the killer is likely to be a continuing threat to society by committing more violent acts.

When the death sentence isn't imposed, convicted murderers would automatically receive life sentences and would have to serve at least 25 years without chance of parole. Under the new statute, Oregon Supreme Court review of a death sentence becomes automatic.

Passage of Measure 8 also adds killing with a bomb and killing while attempting or committing air piracy to the state's definition of murder.

Oregon tax dollars can still be used to finance and promote abortions, now that voters have rejected Ballot Measure 7 with 72 percent of the vote counted, 53 percent of the voters opposed Measure 7, while 47 percent supported it.

Voters demonstrated substantial support for state-wide land-use planning under the auspices of the Lane Conservation and Development Commission by rejecting Ballot Measure 10 with conviction, 61 percent to 39 percent.

A proposed constitutional amendment, Measure 10 would have stripped the LCDC of its authority to establish planning goals for land use throughout the state and given that authority to the state Legislature.

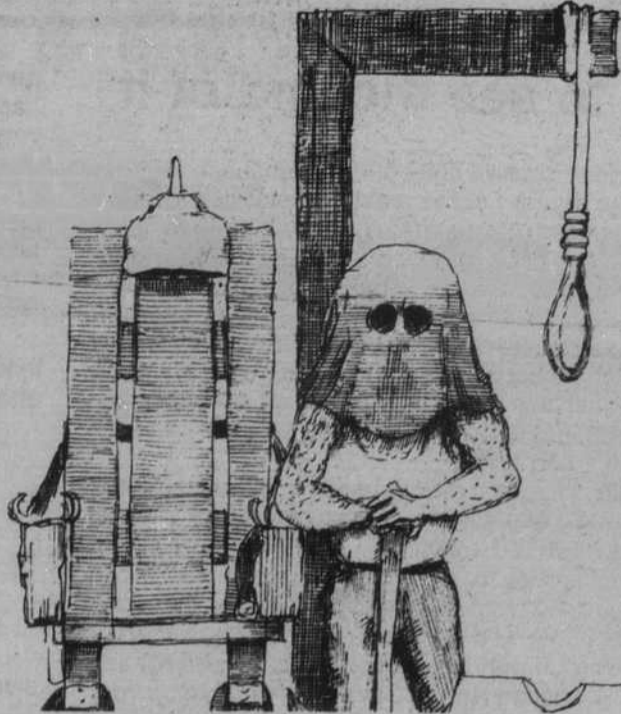
A trio of energy-related initiatives got mixed results in Tuesday's election.

Ballot Measure 4, designed to simplify procedures for forming people's utility districts — publicly-owned utilities with elected boards of directors now guaranteed cheap federal hydropower from the Bonneville Power Administration — failed 56 percent to 44 percent.

"Construction Work in Progress" (CWIP), is out now that voters have ratified Ballot Measure 9. CWIP refers to the practice by private, investor-owned utilities of charging ratepayers for the cost of borrowing money for new construction projects. Measure 9 supporters admitted the proposal would make the construction of nuclear and coal-fired generating plants more difficult.

Measure 9 passed 70 to 30 percent.

Lane County voters narrowly approved, 54 per-



cent to 46 percent, formation of the Emerald People's Utility District, which will serve rural areas of Lane County provided residents vote to fund the EPUD in a future election.

Voters trounced Ballot Measure 3, which sought to raise almost \$22 million in highway-repair revenue by doubling most auto registration fees. The margin was 74 percent to 26 percent.

Oregon becomes the first state to license denturists — specially-trained technicians who make and sell false teeth — now that voters have overwhelmingly approved Ballot Measure 5 78 percent to 22 percent. The American Dental Association, and several other dental societies pumped thousands of dollars into the campaign to fight the proposal.

Defeat of county Measure 13, by a margin of 71 percent to 29 percent, means the county assessor's office will remain an elective position. Measure 13 sought to give the county commissioners authority to appoint the assessor.

A majority of Oregonians favor a balanced federal budget, according to the results of Ballot Measure 12. The advisory question passed 84 percent to 16 percent.

Ballot Measure 1, a proposed amendment to the Oregon constitution that gives the governor the right to appoint candidates to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and the Oregon Tax Court, failed 55 percent to 45 percent.

Another proposed constitutional amendment, Ballot Measure 2, gives the State Senate the right to review gubernatorial appointments to state offices, passed by a margin of 57 percent to 43 percent.

Bain bursts Bylund's bubble

Fee appraiser William Bain will have a chance to try out some of his campaign promises in 1979. Challenger Bain defeated incumbent Lane County Assessor Ken Bylund Tuesday 57 percent to 43 percent or 50,591 votes to 35,757 votes.

The assessor's race has been an emotional battle for both sides. Bain, a Republican, based his campaign for the nonpartisan office on Bylund's "mismanagement" of the office. He claimed Bylund's running of the office resulted in inefficiency, low employee morale, and an inequality of tax assessment in Lane County. Bain will bring 18 years of management experience to the office.

Bain said the taxpayers' revolt helped in his

campaign to unseat the incumbent. He said that he thought the "Measure 6 or 11?" debate brought higher visibility to the assessor's race. He said that visibility increased his name familiarity among the voters.

Bain also criticized Bylund for quarreling with the county commissioners. He bemoaned the "political maneuverings" and bickerings between the commissioners and Bylund, saying that the end result hurt Lane County taxpayers.

A native Oregonian, Bain previously worked for Citizens Bank of Oregon. In the May primary Bylund and Bain defeated Bill Dwyer, a past chairman of the Lane Democratic Party.

Voters take Roberts, Duncan



Verne Duncan

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SALEM (AP) — Democratic state Sen. Mary Roberts of Portland was elected as Oregon's first woman commissioner of the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Verne Duncan retained his job as state superintendent of public instruction in Tuesday's general election.

With more than 10 percent of the vote tallied, Sen. Roberts had 62,679 votes to 40,537 for Smets.

In a nonpartisan contest, Duncan built up a strong early lead.

Duncan had 55,360 votes to 35,432 for challenger Ruth McFarland, a Gresham teacher, with more than 10 percent of the votes tallied.

Duncan beat McFarland in the May primary election, but his inability to garner a majority of the votes cast in the three-way race forced Tuesday's runoff.

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