



BEFORE AND AFTER - Raquel Perez, 17, her first haircut. At left, she gets a last look at her 39-inch locks and at right she seems pleased with her new hair style. (UPI)

IT'S YOUR LAW

Respect for Law Makes Democracy Live

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SUING THE GOVERNMENT

"The sovereign can do no wrong" still means that no one can sue the United States, the state or the other government agencies or their employees without consent.

But the law has given up much of the government's "sovereign immunity" to allow one to sue an agency for injuries or damages suffered.

But as a citizen you may have claims against your government for damages, overpaid taxes, license renewal or anything else. If so, be sure to follow strictly all the legal procedures and conditions

like filing your claim in the city council or with a government agency.

The Federal Tort Claims Act allows one to sue the United States for injuries such as when an army or postal truck runs into you, or you get hurt in a national park or in a federal building, or a military plane falls on your house, etc.

Makes U.S. Liable

This law makes the United States liable in many cases when a federal employee harms you by lack of due care or negligence while he is on the job. The act does not allow suits for certain intentional misconduct such as assault, battery, false imprisonment and the like.

The law allows any federal agency to settle cases involving less than a thousand dollars. If your claim is for more, you can sue in a federal court. Bring claims or suits within two years after injury.

Some agencies have you make your claim on a proper form in which you state facts about your injury or damage. Some agencies may pay the smaller claims from funds on hand.

May Reject Claim

If the agency people do not think the harm is their fault, they may turn down your claim, and then it is up to you—if you wish to go further—to prove your case.

Sometimes a just claim does not fall under any provision of the law. In that case as a last resort, you as a losing claimant, may have Congress itself pass a private bill to pay you for your injuries or damages.

The Federal Tort Act was passed to keep down the number of private bills going through Congress. So if you have a claim not covered, you should make sure it is otherwise a fair and just claim.

The Henry Hudson arch bridge in New York City has what is believed to be the longest plate girder in any fixed steel arch in the world. There were 30 senators in the first congress of the U.S.

Capitol Memo

Three Changes in Constitution Due On Oregon Ballot

By ZAN STARK

Salem—UPI—Oregon voters will cast ballots on three proposed changes in the state's constitution next year.



Stark

Set for a vote at the May 15 primary election is a constitutional change authorizing \$30 million in general obligation bonds for the higher education building program.

If voters approve the change, two already-approved laws take effect. One relates to the issuance of general obligation bonds by the State Board of Higher Education, and the other authorizes the board to spend up to \$12 million for buildings.

The other two measures are set for the general election Nov. 3.

One would remove mention of the death penalty from the state constitution. The constitution presently sets the penalty for first degree murder at death.

Could Set Penalty

By striking this language from the constitution, the legislature would be allowed by law to set whatever penalty it wished.

The 1963 legislature approved a bill which sets the penalty for first degree murder at life in prison, and extends to 10 years the minimum sentence which must be served before parole can be considered. The new law takes effect if voters approve removal of the death penalty from the constitution.

The other proposed constitutional change deals with state leases. It would exempt leases not exceeding 20 years from the state debt limit.

The attorney general has already assigned ballot titles

and statements of purpose for the three proposals.

Next will come the appointments of three committees, each made up of one senator and two representatives, who will draft a Voters' Pamphlet.

The most controversial of the trio is the measure that would eliminate the death penalty in Oregon.

The last time the issue was

voted on—in 1958—the death penalty was retained by a 12,000-vote margin.

The death penalty was outlawed once in Oregon.

That was in 1914 when capital punishment was outlawed by a slim 157-vote margin. A series of brutal murders followed, and in 1920 the death penalty was reinstated by 17,000 votes.

Forty persons have been hanged in Oregon, and 18 have been executed in the state's gas chamber.

Board of Education Approves Promotions

Eugene—UPI—Four promotions have been approved here for the State Board of Education.

Chancellor Roy E. Lieullan announced the new assignments. They are Richard L. Collins, secretary of the board and budget director; Herbert A. Bork, vice chancellor for business affairs; Jack I. Hunderup, director of facilities planning and John L. Watson, comptroller.

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