

Reports says, lives saved, plus billions, with a little caution

ATLANTA (AP) - Hundreds of lives could be saved, millions of injuries prevented and billions of dollars kept for other uses, if more states take prompt preventive measures, researchers said.

Vote-fraud law is unconstitutional

FRANKFORT (AP) - An assistant attorney general has concluded that Kentucky's 15-year-old vote-fraud law violates the state constitution by setting differing standards and penalties for the same crime.

The law, passed by the 1974 General Assembly, along with several other election statutes, says it is a felony to register to vote in more than one precinct or to commit any of several other forms of improper registration.

However, Assistant Attorney General Nathan Goldman, who released his opinion Friday, said the law's two sections don't mesh. One section spells out what improper registration means "outside of cities of the first class," and the other spells out the offense in a slightly different way for "cities of the first class."

The law says offenders outside first-class cities may be sentenced to one to three years in prison, while offenders in first-class cities may be sentenced to one to five years and fined \$200 to \$1,000.

The opinion says these differences violate two sections of the Kentucky Constitution, which prohibit special legislation and require that all laws on a subject operate alike upon all individuals.

In addition, the opinion says, Kentucky courts have held that classifications of cities are valid only if they are based on differences in government or if the classification has a reasonable relation to the purpose of the law.

"We can discern no reasonable, natural or logical basis" for the distinction between first-class cities and other cities, the opinion says.

Assistant Attorney General Jeff Mackin said that Attorney General Fred Cowan raised questions about the constitutionality of the 15-year-old law, which apparently never has been used.

Mackin, who is serving as a special assistant to Bullitt County Judge, decided against using the law in the case.

In the case, Bullitt County Attorney Tom Gibson, his daughter Elise Gibson Spainhour and her husband, John Spainhour, have been indicted on charges of conspiracy to perjury. Elise Spainhour is a candidate for Bullitt district judge and a former assistant county attorney. Her husband is a court-assistant attorney.

Mackin said that uncertainty of the law would tend to jeopardize any prosecutions. Technically, the law is still in effect because the opinion is only advisory, but Mackin said he sees no need for the law's use.

"He said the felony statute will be 'at the top of our list' when an attorney general's task force on vote fraud reconvenes next month.

"And I'm sure that we'll make a legislative proposal" dealing with the law, he said.

for disease control and elsewhere untested, but listed in a series of studies in "injury statistics" Thursday.

The study was a follow-up to a CDC report to Congress that calls for stepping up efforts to help the public avoid preventable injuries.

Injuries are the leading killer of Americans under age 65, says the report sent to Congress this week by William H. Foege, former CDC director and now executive director of the Center for Disease Control.

Although motor-vehicle collisions account for one-third of injury-related deaths, one-third of injuries requiring hospitalization are due to falls.

These are not accidents, and they are highly preventable," said Dr. Jeffrey Franks, an epidemiologist at the CDC and author of the study.

"Acceptance of status quo is acceptance of daily carnage," he said. "Medical care and lost work time cost a total of about \$158 billion for people injured in 1985.

CDC researchers say those figures can be reduced, and the CDC has created five injury prevention research centers across the country to help accomplish this goal.

Falls in the home account for 40 percent of deaths, the study states.

Head injuries caused one of every four trauma deaths between 1979 and 1986, and 60 percent of the victims dying from automobile collisions, researchers say.

"You've got to assume that people are going through windshields or hitting the inside of the cars. That cer-

tainty is preventable," said one-third of the nation's smoke detectors, making sure lit cigarette stoves are not left as just outside burnholes.

unintended, and installing traction strips and safety rails in slippery places, such as just outside burnholes.

Other precautions may be as simple as replacing missing

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court passed a 1% Occupational Tax, which took effect on January 1, 1988. From January 1 to June 30, 1988, the Court collected \$65,083.40. From July 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989, \$286,993.00 was collected. (These figures do not include interest earned from the bank.) The following is a listing of services provided for July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990.

	1989-1990
Jail Fund	\$32,539
Landfill Fund	80,000
Ambulance Service	25,000
Senior Citizen Center	52,000
County Extension Office	33,838
Parks	6,000
Library	1,000
Main Street Program	5,000
Community Action	2,500
Drugs & groceries for indigent	2,000
County Burials	850
(per burial with average of two burials per year)	
TOTAL	\$240,727

Nicholas County provided \$50,000.00 for industrial development during the July 1, 1988-June 30, 1989 fiscal year.

The reported \$140,000 lost in Revenue Sharing, was actually \$187,628 (this was the figure for the last full year the county received Revenue Sharing).

The books in the County Judge/Executive's Office have been audited each year since it has been County Judge. The last audit was for fiscal year June 30, 1989. The State Auditor's Office have found the county's accounting procedures and compliance policies to be in good order.

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/s/ Reese Smoot
County Judge/Executive
Nicholas County

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GENERAL NEWS

Development a priority

By Job Shepherd
Of The Carlisle Mercury Staff

On a wall of a black board in a corner classroom of the High School, a sign reads: "The one who sees you a job? The basis for employment is that you bring more value to the job than you cost."

In the Spring, when Bullitt first came in to the program, he placed students in jobs, he said.

However, on reflection, he has changed the program this Fall.

Students will apply to three working attitudes and a reasonable maturity level for to enter the work force out of high school. J.W. Ballard, instructor, coordinator and supervisor of the program, said Friday morning.

Serving his first full year as coordinator of the SITE program, Ballard has incorporated his own programs designed to teach the basics of employment.

There are 15 kids in the program this year and some are just about ready to be placed in a job, provided they remain in school," Ballard said.

The focus of the class is three quarters. The first quarter basic education skills, Ballard said.

He approaches the basics of the program first, he said, with a practical arts approach, students are taught to develop and present a resume and practice filling out applications.

The bulk of this segment of the curriculum is taught by computer on brand new systems installed this year in the high school.

Through programs on hard disk built in the computer, students are given various exercises and reading assignments in order to move on through the program.

However, Ballard said, the most important part of the program, the area he concentrates his energies most, is the development of a good work attitude and proper workplace behavior.

Sometimes, he admits, motivating students in this direction is sometimes difficult.

"It is one thing to teach students how to get a job and something else to teach them how to keep a job," Ballard said.

In some cases, maturity levels get in the way of trying to grasp the importance of good work behavior, he said.

Ballard said his approach is developed from two goals he wants to emphasize in the program, getting a job now and planning for a lifetime career.

Of six competencies students must demonstrate, three, Ballard said, are important in anything a person does.

Punctuality, Regular attendance, and demonstration of positive attitudes and behaviors are simply necessary to learn one hopes to survive and I

think I get the message across to many students," Ballard said.

Two to three months into the program, students get their opportunity to test their learning in a real life setting.

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