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EDITORIAL

INTRODUCING THE NEW DEPARTMENT DEVOTED TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The profession of law does not confine itself to the science of jurisprudence alone. Always it has played a gigantic part in the intricate science of government in general. Functioning in this dual role, it is not only the duty of the profession to determine what the law is but also to determine what the law ought to be.

To intelligently interpret the law requires a diligent study of historical documents and precedents; to wisely make the law requires a thorough knowledge of contemporary social, political and economic conditions. The lawyer owes a duty to his profession and to society to faithfully execute these arduous tasks with the greatest degree of care.

Needless to say, a great amount of our statutory law has become antiquated. The gradual expansion of the industrial revolution has altered the complexion of life. It therefore behooves the profession to see to it that present exigencies are met by an expanding system of constructive legislation.

Because of the necessity of scientific legislation and because of the profound influence which the legal profession exercises over this division of government, the Kentucky Law Journal inaugurates, in this issue, a new department devoted entirely to the subject of legislation. The editorial staff hopes that it will be received with enthusiasm by students and those who are engaged in active practice.

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