

## Legal Materials: Law and Legislation and Other Subdivisions H 1705

**BACKGROUND:** *The subdivisions **-Law and legislation**; **-Legal status, laws, etc.**; and **-Safety regulations** are the authorized subdivisions used to designate the legal aspect of topics. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for the usage of these legal subdivisions. Any subdivision provided under the pattern heading **Labor laws and legislation** may be used as a further subdivision under topical headings which use these legal subdivisions, in accordance with H 1154.5.*

**1. -Law and legislation (May Subd Geog).** Use this subdivision under topical headings for works about the legal aspects of the topic, and/or works that contain the text of laws on the topic. Code the subdivision \$x. Establish new uses of this subdivision editorially, and provide the appropriate reference structure.

*Note: Where **-Law and legislation** has been established under a pattern heading, for example, **Cancer-Law and legislation**, the subdivision is free-floating under headings governed by that pattern.*

Do not use **-Law and legislation** if:

- the topical heading itself is inherently legal, for example, **Torts**; **Civil procedure**; **Domestic relations**; **Spouse's share**; **Adjoining landowners**.

*Note: Until 2014, **-Law and legislation** was not used under headings for crimes and groups of crimes (e.g., **Murder**; **Computer crimes**). Since works about crimes often discuss their economic, psychological, etc., aspects, and it is useful to explicitly identify works that are about their legal aspects, **-Law and legislation** may now be used under headings for crimes and groups of crimes. Each use of the subdivision must be editorially established.*

- a phrase heading exists for the topic, for example, **Agricultural laws and legislation**; **Criminal law**; **Trade regulation**.
- if the topical heading represents a group of people. In such cases, use the subdivision **-Legal status, laws, etc.**

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2. *-Legal status, laws, etc. (May Subd Geog).* Use this free-floating subdivision under classes of persons and ethnic groups, for example, **Children; Auditors; Japanese Americans.**

3. *-Safety regulations (May Subd Geog).* Use this free-floating subdivision under types of objects, chemicals, materials, machines, installations, industries, or activities, or under names of disciplines, for safety rules or orders which have the force of law, for example, **Agricultural machinery; Coal mines and mining; Radiation.**