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**NIXON SIGNS A BILL  
ON LEGAL AID TO POOR**

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP)  
—The White House announced Thursday President Nixon had signed into law a bill creating an independent corporation providing legal aid to the poor.

Under the act, Legal Services lawyers will no longer be able to file actions in connection with desegregation, labor and abortion cases.

They will still be able to represent the poor in civil cases involving rent, child custody, property, housing and welfare rights.

Legal Services had been under the Office of Economic Opportunity since 1966. Legislation to create the corporation was stalled for three years by disputes between liberals and conservatives in both houses.

Both houses passed new bills this year, but the President indicated he would veto the measure unless 15 legal research back-up centers were dropped from the final product. In a compromise bill, the centers were eliminated.