

## PREFATORY STATUTES.

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### I....An Act to provide for revising the statute laws of this state.

PAMPH. 202.

Approved April 2, 1845.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, as follows:*

SEC. 1. Peter D. Vroom, Henry W. Green, William L. Dayton, and Stacy G. Potts shall be, and they are hereby authorized to collate and revise all such public acts of the legislature of this state, which shall be in force at the close of the present session, as are general and permanent in their nature; and, in the performance of such duty, they shall carefully collect and reduce into one act the different acts and parts of acts which, from similarity of subject, ought, in their judgment, to be so arranged and consolidated, distributing the same under such titles, divisions, and sections as they shall think proper, and omitting all such acts, and parts of acts, before passed, as shall have been repealed, or have expired by their own limitation, or be repugnant to the present constitution of this state; and, in every other respect, they shall complete the said revision in such a manner as to them shall seem most useful and proper, to render the said acts more plain and easy to be understood; and they shall lay before the legislature the acts so revised and arranged by them, at the next session, to be re-enacted, if the legislature shall so determine; *provided*, that no change shall be made, by the said revisors, in the phraseology or distribution of the sections of any statute that has been the subject of judicial decision, by which the construction thereof, as established by such decision, shall or can be affected or impaired.

SEC. 2. When the said acts shall be so presented to the legislature for re-enactment, the said revisors shall also suggest to the legislature such contradictions, omissions, or imperfections as may appear in the acts so to be revised, and the mode in which the same may be reconciled, supplied, or amended; and may also designate such acts or parts of acts, if any, as, in their judgment ought to be repealed, with their reasons for advising such repeal; and may also recommend the passage of such new acts, or parts of acts, as, in their judgment, may appear necessary; and may also examine the

several acts composing the orphans' court system, as reported to the house of assembly of this state, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and, if they deem it advisable, recommend the passage of any or all said acts, and assign their reasons therefor.

Revisors to prepare laws for press.

SEC. 3. After the laws so revised as aforesaid shall have been submitted to, and approved of by the legislature, the said revisors shall prepare the same for the press, with such marginal notes and references as shall appear best calculated for the public information; and shall also prepare for publication, with the said laws, the constitution of the United States of America, and the former and present constitution of this state; and that the said revisors shall make an index of the matters contained in the said work.

SECS. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, omitted.

PAMPH. 127.

II....An Act to authorize the printing of the revised laws.

Approved March 18, 1846.

2000 copies of revised laws to be printed.

1. BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That two thousand copies of the revised public laws of this state be printed, under the superintendence of the revisors.

By whom to be printed.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the work be published in one volume, large octavo, on new long primer type, thinly leaded, and paper of superior quality, to be approved by the said revisors, and be substantially bound in sheep, with spring-backs, and lettered, by Phillips and Boswell, of the city of Trenton, on the terms contained in their written proposals submitted to the legislature; *provided*, that if the work shall not embrace one thousand pages, a proportional reduction shall be made in the price.

Printers to give bond.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the said revisors be authorized, and they are hereby directed to cause the said printers, before they enter upon the business, to enter into bond to the governor of the state, under such penalty and with such surety as they may reasonably require, for the faithful execution of the work, on the terms to be therein specified, and for the delivery thereof as early in the next session of the legislature as practicable.

Secretary of state to furnish laws to revisors.

4. *And be it enacted*, That in order that the said revised laws may be correctly printed and published, according to the original acts, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to deliver to the said revisors such of the original laws as they may require, to be safely returned, after they shall have used the same for the purpose aforesaid.

Governor authorized to draw money from treasury for the printing.

5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the governor, upon the recommendation of the revisors, to draw upon the treasury, in favour of the printers, for such sum or sums of money from time to time, not exceeding two thousand dollars, as may be necessary to facilitate the progress of the work; and the treasurer is authorized to pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the said revisors shall embrace in the said revised edition such laws as are general and permanent in their nature, and none others. What laws to be embraced in the revision.

III....An Act relative to the printing and publication of the public laws.

Approved April 16, 1846.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey*, That in printing and publishing the public laws, the revisors may, at their discretion, omit all laws and parts of laws which may be executed, obsolete, or of a temporary nature, all repealing sections, all charters of cities, boroughs or towns corporate, and all other laws which are special and local in their character; and may also correct errors in references to sections and laws, in punctuation and orthography, and all other errors relating to matters of form, and not of substance. For list of acts omitted, see Appendix B.

NOTE.—In the marginal notes to the following statutes, “REV.” refers to the *Revised Laws*, published in 1821, “HAR.” refers to the compilation of Mr. Harrison, published in 1833; the later references are to the *Pamphlet Laws* of the succeeding sessions of the legislature, as published from year to year. The statutes in which changes have been made, or several pre-existing laws embodied in one, are distinguished by prefixing the word “*Revision*” to the date. Those not so distinguished are unchanged. By comparing the statutes marked “*Revision*” with the laws referred to in the margin, the changes and modifications made will be perceived.

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