

PREFATORY NOTE.

This work has been compiled by the undersigned under the authority of an act of the Legislature of New Jersey entitled "An act to authorize a new publication of the public acts of the legislature of this state, and a subscription therefor on the part of this state," approved April 4th, 1894, and a supplement thereto approved March 20th, 1895. It contains all the public acts of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey to and including the legislative session of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, which are general and permanent in their nature and which were in force at the close of the said legislative session, together with abstracts from the decisions of the courts of this State expounding and construing the same.

Appendix A contains a list of acts that were repealed at the time of the passage of the revised acts of 1874 and 1875. For facility of reference, these repealed acts have been arranged in the order of the date of their passage.

Appendix B contains a classified list of the general public acts and joint resolutions which have been omitted as executed, superseded or repealed; the special and local laws not properly to be classified with the body of general laws, and the private acts passed since 1875.

Two facts should be referred to concerning the system of classification adopted in compiling this work. *First.* It was found that the statutes relating to the various classes of municipal corporations were so numerous that their publication under the single title "Municipal Corporations" would necessarily be unsatisfactory. The compilers have, therefore, gathered under the title "Boroughs" only those acts that relate exclusively to boroughs; under the title "Borough Commissions," only those acts that relate exclusively to borough commissions; under the title "Cities," only those acts that relate exclusively to cities; under the title "Towns," only those acts that relate exclusively to towns; under the title "Townships," only those acts that relate exclusively to townships; under the title "Villages," only those acts that relate exclusively to villages, and have placed under the title "Municipal Corporations" only those acts that relate to two or more classes of municipal corporations, and which could not be placed under any of the other titles above named. It should further be stated that separate titles have been created as follows: "Fire and Police," "Police Courts and Magistrates" and "Public Parks," under which titles have been gathered the various acts relating to those subjects respectively. In order still further to simplify the classification as much as possible, the various acts relating to taxes and assessments have all been collated under the title "Taxes and Assessments." *Second.* It was found impossible to adhere rigidly to a classification of the acts under any particular title according to the subject-matter thereof. To illustrate, a rigid classification according to subject-matter would place section 177, being a supplement to the Orphans' Court act, on page 2397, under sub-

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division XVI., entitled "Costs," on page 2394. Of course the supplement could not be thus inserted into the body of the original act. The plan adopted has, therefore, been to arrange the original acts and their supplements under the several titles, as far as practicable, in chronological order.

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