

Public Local Laws relating to the city. And the Local Laws of the several counties are so diverse, so comparatively limited in their operation, and, as to each county, so easily ascertained, that the labor and expense of a supplement embracing their complete codification seems hardly to be demanded at this time.

In this work the changes in our Public Statute Law are reproduced as far as reasonably practicable in the articles and sections precisely as enacted.

But it has not been possible to adhere to this arrangement throughout, for the reason that in some cases the same numbers or designations by letters were erroneously given by the framers of the acts to different sections. Sometimes wrong numbers or letters were given. Again, the enumeration was not always successive. And again, it frequently happened that the Legislature failed to follow the constitutional provision making it their duty, "in amending any article or section of the Code," or in enacting "any Public General Law not amendatory of any article or section," to enact it "in articles and sections in the same manner as the Code is arranged."

Occasionally, too, new laws were passed as amendments of, or additions to articles not appropriately selected. For these and other reasons it will be found that in many instances the numbers and letters of sections in the published acts have been necessarily altered in order to give correctness, regularity and continuity to them and to prevent confusion.

Where laws were passed in disregard of the constitutional direction already alluded to, they have been codified either as entirely new articles or in appropriate places under existing articles.

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