

It has been found impracticable in this Code of Public General Laws to note everywhere these differing public local laws, and hence, before we can be absolutely certain that the public general law is of universal application throughout the State in all cases, some examination must be made of the public local laws of the several counties and of Baltimore city.

So much public local legislation has been enacted since the publication of the Code of 1888 that there is now an imperative need of a codification of the whole body of this public local law, in order that the differences between the public general law upon any subject and the public local law upon the same subject may be easily ascertained.

It is believed that this Code now published will be found to contain a correct reproduction of the whole body of our existing public general law now in force.

Many of its sections are expressly declared not to apply to one or more counties or to Baltimore city. In these cases no trouble or difficulty can arise.

But where there is no such express limitation or exception in the general law, there may still be contemporaneous or subsequent special local law, inconsistent with the general law, which must, of course, be ascertained and effect given to it, inasmuch as in this codification the public local laws of the several counties and of Baltimore city are not included.

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In an Appendix references are given under the several counties to the specific Public Local Laws in force in those counties relating to the more important of the subjects for which Public General Laws also exist. And references are also given to the Act of 1898, ch. 123, commonly called the New Charter of Baltimore City and the amendments and additions thereto passed at the sessions of 1898, 1900, 1902 and 1904, constituting Article 4 of the Public Local Law, and presenting the