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## REVISION COMMISSION

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By Laws 1901 c. 241 the legislature provided that "the justices of the supreme court of this state are authorized, on or before the first day of May, 1901, to appoint three persons as a commission to revise, codify, and annotate the public statutes of this state, exclusive of the statutes on the subject of taxation, designating one member of said commission to act as chairman. It shall be the duty of said commission to examine and compare the existing general laws in force in this state at the close of the present legislative session, together with the judicial interpretation and construction thereof, and to propose and recommend such revision and codification thereof as shall, in their opinion, simplify, harmonize, and complete said public statutes of this state. The commission shall file the report of such revision and codification \* \* \* on or before December 1, 1902." In pursuance of this act the supreme court, on April 16, 1901, appointed Messrs. Hiram F. Stevens, Daniel Fish and T. J. Knox, as commissioners, designating Mr. Stevens as chairman. Mr. Stevens died March 9, 1904. On March 24, 1904, the court appointed Mr. M. R. Tyler a member of the commission and designated Mr. Fish as chairman. The commission was unable to report within the prescribed time. By Laws 1903 c. 157 the time for filing the report was extended to December 1, 1904, and the commission was required to include in the revision all the general laws relating to taxation and all the general laws of the sessions of 1902 and 1903. The report of the commission was presented to the legislature January 16, 1905, in the form of a single legislative bill, without annotations. It passed both houses of the legislature, with amendments, April 13, 1905, and was approved by the governor April 18, 1905. While the commission was authorized to "codify" the general laws no attempt was made to write a new and complete code of laws. The following laws are not a new body of laws but a rearrangement and restatement of the previously existing general statutory laws of the state, with such amendments as the commission and legislature deemed advisable.

## EXPLANATIONS

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1. The numbers in parentheses at the end of sections of the text refer to the sections of General Statutes, 1894, and subsequent session laws. These references merely indicate the sources of the sections to which they are appended. Sections without such references are either entirely new or were taken from so many different sources that it was deemed inexpedient to make citations. A great part of the new matter was introduced by the legislature.

2. In the references to cases the — sign stands for the Minnesota Reports and the + sign for the Northwestern Reporter. In references to the first twenty volumes of the Minnesota Reports the first page number refers to the official edition and the second to the Gilfillan edition.

3. In all cases where numbers are separated by a dash they are to be taken as including the two numbers given and all intervening numbers.

4. The references in bold-face type in the center of the page just below the sections of the text refer to session laws of 1905. The editor was not authorized to incorporate such laws in the text.

5. In preparing the notes the editor was directed by Laws 1905 c. 218 to "merely state in a short catch-line the general effect or purport of the decision." This plan has been followed so far as practicable. Except in the case of a few important subjects, the aim of the editor has been to present a complete collection of citations rather than a digest of all the cases. As a general rule, cases not citing the statutes, however pertinent, have been omitted. Any other plan would have required two volumes and more time than was allowed.