

# PUBLIC GENERAL LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

### Rules of Interpretation.

Sec. 1. The adoption of this code shall not affect or impair any right vested or acquired and existing at the time of its adoption, nor shall it impair, discharge or release any contract, obligation, duty or liability of any kind whatsoever now existing. All suits and actions pending and all prosecutions for crimes or misdemeanors, including all civil and criminal proceedings whatsoever, shall be prosecuted and proceeded with to final determination and judgment entered therein as if this code had not been adopted.

2. If any crime or misdemeanor or other violation of law hath been committed before this code is adopted, and no prosecution or other proceeding hath been commenced against the offender before the adoption of this code, then such offender may be proceeded against by indictment or otherwise and punished, in the same manner as if this code had not been adopted.

3. No rights, property or privileges held under a charter or grant from this State shall be in any manner impaired or affected by the adoption of this code.

4. Wherever the word administrator is used in this code it shall include "executor," and so *vice versa*, unless such an application of the term would be unreasonable.

5. The word decedent means either a testator or person dying intestate.

6. The masculine includes all genders, except where such construction would be absurd or unreasonable.