

the General Assembly from time to time. As of 1976, the General Assembly has enacted the following revised articles proposed by the Commission: Agriculture, Commercial Law, Corporations and Associations, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Estates and Trusts, Natural Resources, and Real Property.

Staff services and support for the Commission are provided by the Division of Statutory Revision within the Department of Legislative Reference (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 40, secs. 53A-53D).

Staff: 1975, 15; 1976, 16; 1977, 17.

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Staff: 1975, 104; 1976, 112;
1977, 119.

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