



Connecticut Law Revision Commission

2020 Annual Report

CONNECTICUT LAW REVISION COMMISSION

The Connecticut Law Revision Commission assists the Connecticut General Assembly by recommending revisions of Connecticut law to ensure its responsiveness to current needs and recent case law. The commission undertakes revisions at the request of the Judiciary Committee or other legislative committees, as well as legislative leaders, state agencies, the Judicial Department, the Connecticut Bar Association, law school professors, and private practitioners. Statutory authority for the Connecticut Law Revision Commission is found in sections 2-85 to 2-88, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Governor, the President Pro Tempore, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint members to the Commission. The President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Chairpersons and Ranking Members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary also sit as members on the Commission or may designate individuals to serve as members in their place. Any designee of a Chairperson or Ranking Member of the Judiciary Committee must be a current member of the Judiciary Committee.

Since 2003, the state budget has not included funding for commission staff. Pursuant to Section 2-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the commission has requested assistance in the performance of its responsibilities from the Legislative Commissioners' Office. Assistance is also provided by other staff offices within the Connecticut General Assembly. Section 2-88 of the Connecticut General Statutes also provides that additional assistance may be provided from any other source.

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

Representative Arthur J. O'Neill, Chairman

Honorable Julia L. Aurigemma

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Representative Steven J. Stafstrom

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Thomas J. Welsh

Senator Gary A. Winfield

RESEARCH AND PROJECTS INITIATED, PENDING OR COMPLETED DURING 2020

There were no projects initiated or completed during 2020.

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES - 2020

There were no expenditures attributed to the Law Revision Commission during the 2020 calendar year.

COVID-19 WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic. On March 10, 2020, the Governor issued a Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies, and the declaration was recorded in the House and Senate Journals on March 11, 2020. The Capitol Complex was closed to the public beginning on March 12, 2020, and remained closed to the public for the remainder of 2020.

The General Assembly adjourned sine die on May 6, 2020, and convened in special session in the July 2020, and September 2020, special sessions to enact legislation. The General Assembly also convened the September 29, 2020, special session to approve judicial appointments received from the Governor. However, the Law Revision Commission did not meet during 2020.