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SCOPE AND CONTENT

Chapter 74 of the Public Acts of 1963 established the Tennessee Law Revision Commission. The specific objective was to “conduct a study of existing laws of Tennessee and shall submit to the next succeeding General Assembly it’s report, including therein specific proposals for the improvement of the administration of justice with regard to the organization of the judicial system, the rules of pleading, practice or procedure, both civil and criminal; the organization of administrative agencies and the rules of practice and procedure before them; and the laws governing the organization and operation of corporation, and partnerships and other forms of business and social endeavor.” Records of the Tennessee Law Revision Committee are complete and fully document the work of the Commission. The collection is composed of minutes, committee reports, correspondence, published reports and article.

The variety of subjects which span the period 1952-1976 is extremely broad, ranging from the Equal Rights Amendment, to the Agricultural Cooperative Association Act, the Sunshine Law Election Law and Ethics Legislation, bail bonding, divorce, juvenile offenders, public utilities regulation, business law, administrative law and court reform.

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6	Summary of Amendments Adopted in the House on Senate Bill 1388	
7	Ballots and supplies	1971
8	Legal status of Law Revision Commission comments	12/3/71
9	Correspondence with organization representatives	1971
10	Changes outside Title 2	
11	Summary of changes in Oct. '71 tentative draft questionnaire	
12	Responses to election cost questionnaire	
13	Compilation of responses to election cost questionnaire	
14	Computer Registration-IBM Letter	June 1971
15	Computer Registration-Notes & Correspondence	
16	Chart of election details	
17	Computer voting	
18	Conflict between General Acts & Charters & Private Act-Letter	12/2/71
19	Correspondence on Election Act, Chapter 740	May, 1972
20	Correspondence-comments on Oct. tentative draft	1971
21	General Correspondence	

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1	General correspondence	1972
2	Correspondence Shelby Co.	1971
3	Court decision nationwide	

4	(Dijenfran Chisement) for infamous crimes: Section 107 of the Election Laws-tentative draft	
5	Draft reactions-minimum revision	
6	Through 86 th General Assembly	
7	Mailing list for election law letters	
8	County Election Commissioners List	4/5/71
9	Federal Voting Laws	
10	Elections Act as recommended by LRC to 87 th General Assembly	
11	Supplement to the Elections Act recommended by LRC	
12	“Special Report of LRC to 87 th General Assembly concerning a bill to adopt an Elections Act containing a unified & coherent treatment of all elections”	
13	Forms	

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	Election Laws	
1	Shirley Hassler-Correspondence & forms	12/67-6/71

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2	HB 749 Special Referendum Elections	7/71
3	Attorney General’s opinion on the exemption of one or more counties from a state-wide law	
4	Instructions to election officials	
5	Laws of other states	
6	Correspondence-General	1970
7	League of Women Voters Opinions & reports	
8	Legislation in 87 th General Assembly	
9	Legislative Council Studies: Study on Election Laws	1966
	Study on Right to vote in Presidential Election	1970
10	List of mailing Jan. 1972 final draft of proposed Election Law also includes requests for copies	
11	Mailing list for Election Law Work Document	May 1971
12	Majority & Minority Party Determination	
13	Memos on: Voting Rights for illiterates & whether the Legislature may extend suffrage to 18 years old citizens by Public Act	
14	Registration for Tenn. Association of County Election Commission: July 26 & Nov. 1, 1971 Minutes of November meeting Total who voted (by county) November 3, 1970 Total voter registration (by county) Feb. 1971 Compilation of 1970 County Election Commission	

	Questionnaires	
	1970 County Election Commission Questionnaire	
	June 1, 1970 number of polling places & hours of election	
	Oct. 9, 1971 Resolutions by State Executive Committee of	
	Tenn. Young Democrats	
15	2 Model Acts. Uniform Act for voting by new residents	
	in Presidential Election & uniform Federal Services Absentee	
	Ballot Act	
16	Model Voting Law	
17	Newspaper Clippings	
18	“Newspaper of general circulation” definition	
19	Notes & Research Questions	
20	Organization Representatives List	
21	List of organization representatives	1971
22	List of those who were sent election law letter	
23	Pending bills from 1970	
24	Policy Questions Election Law Study	6/28/71

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	Election Law	
1	Policy Questions-Election Law Study Replies	
2	Poll Watcher Instructions	
3	Private Acts-Analysis	
4	Private Acts-Index	
5	Public Acts-Disclosure Statement of Elected Officials	
6	Memorandum from Grayfred Gray on “Voting on	
	Property Qualifications: Constitutional Problems”	12/3/71
7	Problems at polling places	
8	Effect of 1971 Public Acts on Election Laws Work	
	Document	
9	Public Hearings: Nashville, Knoxville, Memphis	1971
10	Publicity	1971
11	Questionnaire to County Election Commissions &	
	Registrars where on commissions were named	
12	Registrar-at-large list	
13	Registration cards	
14	Research memos	
15	Resolution by Tenn. Assoc. of County Election	
	Commissioners	
16	Election Returns	1970
17	Rob Roberts, Assistant Attorney General Draft of general	
	provisions on the Election Study	

18	Compilation of County Election Commission Questionnaires	1970
19	Student Registration	
20	Responses to LRC letter on Election Law Summary of Contents	1971
21	Election Laws Study-Survey file	
22	Federal law & Policy Questions Study	
23	Volunteer Women's Roundtable (letter on Election Law)	2/23/72
24	An Elections Act recommended to the 87 th General Assembly by the LRC with section-by section comments	
25	Title Two-Elections Law. Tentative Draft	10/71
26	Election Laws-Work Documents Minimum Revision, Master Copy	

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	Ethics Legislation	
1	1972 Election Act	
2	Supplement to 1972 Act	
3	Common Cause Model Campaign Finance Act	
4	Common Cause Model Conflict of Interest Act	
5	Common Cause Model Lobbying Disclosure Act	
	Election Laws	
6	Administration of Estates	1967
7	Act creating Commission	
8	Archives-Requests for requests for Records	
9	Archives-Key to file numeration	
10	Chairman's correspondence	1972
11	Chairman's correspondence	1971
12	Correspondence with Staff	1972
13	Correspondence with Staff	1971-72
14	General Criminal Code Correspondence	1972
15	General Correspondence	1972-73
16	Domestic Relations	
17	Federation of Democratic Leagues (Mailing List)	
18	General Sessions Judges (Mailing List)	
19	Functions and History of the LRC	
20	Information sources (publications)	

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21	Judges & Chancellors (Mailing List)	
22	Law Reform Commission of New South Wales	7/66-9/66

23	Law Revision Commission-Bill to Abolish	1970-71
24	(League of Women Voters of Tenn.) re: Revision of Election Laws	6/29/71

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1	Legislative Council Study of Boards & Commissions Memo from LRC re: its function and activities up to 1970	1971
2	Letter concerning expiration of terms of LRC members Victor Ashe	1/26/71
3	Drafting manuals in other states-Correspondence requesting copies	7/73
4	Memo re: "Functions and History of LRC to 1971"	
5	Obsolete Laws "Final Report, Obsolete Laws Study 1962" "Unconstitutional Laws in Tennessee" Proposed Act	
6	Obsolete Laws-correspondence	1970
7	Orders for Publications	1964, 1970
8	Photographs of LRC, Governor Buford Ellington and Winfield Dunn	
9	Political Science Professors in Tenn.	
10	Research Procedure	
11	Speech by Val Sanford to TBA Speech on Constitutional Convention Judicial Reform-by Sanford Speech on Judicial Reform-by Sanford	2/65
12	Suggestions outside scope of Commission	
13	Summaries of Commission's work "Summary of work done in preparation for the Recommendations of the Commission" "Tennessee LRC Criminal Law Studies"	
14	TBA Committee Appointments for 1973 Correspondence	1971-73
15	Tenn. Judicial Council-Mailing List	
16	Rules of Criminal Procedure Correspondence	1971
17	Report on the "main areas" of each court's jurisdiction	
18	Criminal Law-Procedure-Shelby County-Obsolete Act-1901, & List of Acts & Amendments	
19	Coverage of Study Re: Criminal Offenses	

Box 35

1	Comments on criminal procedure	
2	“Fire arms facts”	
	“The Mentally Retarded Public Offender and the Law”	
	Xeroxed aids, policy issues on criminal damage and	
	Intrusion general comments on Articles 6, 13, 77, 3, 9	
3	Law Revision Commission-Memphis correspondence	1971

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1	“Title 48-Tenn. General Corp. Act” 1 st Draft	1965
2	“Title 48-Tenn. General Corp. Act”	1966
3	Memo on Tenn. General Corporation Act	
4	“Comment to proposed Tenn. General Corporation Act”	
5	General Corporation Act	
6	“Code of Criminal Procedure, Tentative Draft”	1/73

Box 37

1	“Work Document 38-1 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) General Principle and Preliminary Matters, Comparison of Tenn. and other Provisions” Vol. I	
2	“Work Document 38 1 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) General Principles and Preliminary Matters, Comparison of Tenn. and other Provisions” Vol. II	
3	“Work Document 38-2 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) General Principles of Liability, Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions” Vol. I	
4	“Work Document 38-3 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) General Principles of Justification, Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions”	
5	“Work Document 38-4 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) Public Wrongs Classified, Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions”	

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6	“Work Document 38-5 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) Authorized Disposition of Offenders. Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions”	
7	“Work Document 38-6 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) Court Authority in sentencing, Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions”	
8	“Work Document 39-1 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive) In Choate Public Wrongs, Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions”	

- 9 “Work Document 39-3 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive)
Offenses Against the Existence or Stability of the State,
Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions”
- 10 “Work Document 39-3 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive)
Offenses involving Danger to the Person, Comparison of
Tennessee and other Provisions”
- 11 “Work Document 39-4 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive)
Offenses Against the Family, Comparison of Tennessee
and other Provisions”
- 12 “Work Document 39-5 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive)
Offenses against Public Order, Decency and Health
Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions” Vol. I
- 13 “Work Document 39-5 (1) Criminal Code (Substantive)
Offenses Against Public Order, Decency and Health,
Comparison of Tennessee and other Provisions” Vol. II

Box 38

- 1 “Criminal Code” Tentative Draft 1972
- 2 “Tennessee Statutes Not in TCA Title 39 Imposing
Criminal Sanctions”
- 3 “A Study of Constitutional Problems And Policy Decisions
in Drafting an Escheat Statute for Tennessee” University
of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 4 “Report of Tennessee LRC Re: The Law Pertaining to
Escheats, Unclaimed and abandoned Property”
- 5 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 19-Chattanooga,
Tennessee” 5/31/74
- 6 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 19” 10/6-7/73
- 7 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 19” 11/10/73
- 8 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 19” 12/8/73

Box 39

- 1 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 93, Jackson, TN” 5/7/74
- 2 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 93, Knoxville, TN” 6/11/74
- 3 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 93, Nashville TN” 7/9-10/74
- 4 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 93, Johnson
City, TN” 7/23/74
- 5 “Meeting of Special Committee on SJR 93, Memphis TN” 8/23/74

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- 1 Criminal Law Mailing List (cont.)
- 2 Criminal Law Mailing List (cont.)
- 3 Criminal Past Advisory Committee Mailing List (cont.)

- 4 Criminal Law District Attorney Mailing List (cont.)
- 5 Probate Law, Attorneys Mailing List A-E (cont.)
- 6 Probate Law, Attorneys Mailing List F-M (cont.)
- 7 Probate Law, Attorneys Mailing List N-Z (cont.)
- 8 Criminal Law Judges Mailing List
- 9 Criminal Law Judges Mailing List

Box 41

- 1 State Administrative Procedure Act, Tentative Draft 1966
- 2 General Introductory statement Public & Private Acts & the Legal System in Tennessee

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- 3 Index of Information and Tables 1/66
- 4 Questionnaire on Legal Systems in Tennessee

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- 1 Correspondence, Commissions General 1/76-6/76
- 2 General, A-F 1976
- 3 General, G-O 1976
- 4 General, P-Z 1976
- 5 Criminal Code, A-F 1976
- 6 Criminal Code, G-O 1976
- 7 Criminal Code, P-Z 1976
- 8 Probate Code 1976
- 9 Probate Code, A-F 1976
- 10 Probate Code, G-O 1976
- 11 Probate Code, P-Z 1976
- 12 Commission Members List 1970-1974
- 13 Circulated List-for all publications mailed
- 14 Functions and History of LRC (memo)

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- 1 Form Letters of all types
- 2 Lists: Local Bar, Tenn. General Sessions Judges, Tenn. Judicial Conference
- 3 Governor's Correspondence 1971-75
- 4 Newspaper Publicity
- 5 Requests for reports 1975
- 6 Commissioners General Correspondence 1975
- 7 General Correspondence A-F 1975
- 8 General Correspondence G-O 1975
- 9 General Correspondence P-Z 1975

10	Commissioners Criminal Code	1975
11	Criminal Code A-F	1975
12	Criminal Code G-O	1975
13	Criminal Code P-Z	1975

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1	Senate Joint Resolution on Criminal Law	1975
2	Criminal Code Mass Mailings	1975
3	Changes in Proposed Final Draft of Criminal Procedure	1975
4	General Provisions "Tennessee Family Law Act"	
5	Study on (Probate and Interstate Succession) First Draft of Section 1-20 (Definitions) And Article II (Interstate Succession and Wills)	
6	Commissioners Domestic Relations Correspondence	1/74-4/74
7	Domestic Relations Correspondence A-F	1/74-4/74
8	Domestic Relations Correspondence G-O	1974-1975
9	Domestic Relations Correspondence P-Z	2/74-7/74
10	Mass Mailing on Tentative Draft on Domestic Relations	6/73
11	Commissioners Probate Code Correspondence	1975
12	Probate Code Correspondence A-F	1975
13	Probate Code Correspondence G-O	1975
14	Probate Code Correspondence P-Z	1975
15	(Equal Rights Amendment) HJR #371, <i>Tale Law Journal</i> article, Correspondence	1972