

A new article with its appropriate sections is made for each of these five new subjects, but, to avoid change in the numbering of the existing articles and the confusion that would necessarily result from such change, and at the same time to preserve throughout the alphabetical arrangement, these new articles with their several titles are numbered respectively, XLV A, LXXV A, LXXVIII A, LXXXVIII A and XCVI A.

The Constitution (article 3, section 29) declares that "it shall be the duty of the General Assembly in amending any article or section of the Code of laws of this State to enact the same as the said article or section would read when amended, and whenever the General Assembly shall enact any public general law not amendatory of any section or article in the said Code, it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to enact the same in articles and sections in the same manner as the Code is arranged." * * *

These directions have very frequently been disregarded by the General Assembly, and in amending the existing articles of the Code wrong numbers and erroneous lettering have often been given.

So, too, the numbering of the sections repealed and re-enacted has not always been successive. Again, it has frequently happened that amendments of existing articles or sections were made without any allusion whatsoever to these articles and sections. And again, laws not amendatory of any existing article or section were not enacted in articles and sections in the same manner as the Code is arranged.

In the codification now issued all these constitutional directions have been carried out; the pre-existing law wherever untouched by subsequent legislation is reproduced as contained in the Code of 1888; wherever altered by repeal and re-enactment it is given as so re-enacted, with appropriate references above each section to the original enactment and subsequent