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Foreword

The following survey of the legislation enacted by the Ninety-Eighth General Assembly of Ohio is presented in the hope that it will be useful to the members of the legal profession. Its purpose is to state within a relatively small compass and with as much accuracy as is consistent with space limitations the essence of all the statutory changes effected by the Legislature in its 1949 session.

With the exception of appropriation acts and a few acts which were regarded as of local interest only, all of the two hundred ninety-three acts which became law are included. Some of these acts, by reason of their importance and complexity, were believed to require more or less extended comment. These comments are grouped together in Part I of the survey. In Part II all of the acts, including those commented on in Part I, are presented in digest form arranged alphabetically under the subjects with which they deal. These digest paragraphs are designed to state generally the effect of the legislation. In most cases questions of detail can be answered only by reading the act itself. For this purpose references to the number of each bill and to the section or sections of the General Code affected are included.

The survey is intended to report rather than to criticize, to state the effect of the legislation rather than opinion as to its desirability. It is recognized, however, that the attempt merely to state the effect may involve, in a particular case, a considerable element of judgment.

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