

New Jersey Law Revision Commission

July 2024

e-bulletin

Mid-year Update on the Work of the New Jersey Law Revision Commission

Welcome

This e-bulletin is provided to supplement the [2023 Annual Report](#) of the New Jersey Law Revision Commission, which was released in January of 2024 pursuant to the Commission's statutory mandate.

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For additional information, or to view other projects on which the Commission is currently working, please visit www.njlrc.org or contact Executive Director Laura Tharney at lct@njlrc.org.

Final Reports

Final Reports released this year through July 31, 2024:

- [Affidavit of Merit Statute - Application to Respondeat Superior Claims](#)
- [Interpretation of the Vote by Mail Law in N.J.S. 19:63-26](#)
- [Juvenile Justice – State Home for Boys and Girls as used in N.J.S. 30:4-85](#)
- [Penalties for Community Supervision for Life Violations Unconstitutional as Ex Post Facto Law](#)
- [Prison and Youth Correctional Facilities – Use of “Farms,” “Camps,” and “Quarries”](#)

Tentative Reports

In addition to the Final Reports released so far this year, the following Tentative Reports were released for comment through July 31, 2024:

- [Corporate Books and Records of Account](#)
- [Driving While Intoxicated – Contributions to the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund for Refusal to Submit to Chemical Tests, N.J.S. 39:4-50.8](#)
- [Juvenile Sex Offender Lifetime Registration](#)
- [New Jersey First Act: Residency Requirement](#)
- [New Jersey Safe Housing Act’s Application to Non-physical Harm](#)
- [Retroactive Modification of Child Support in N.J.S. 2A:17-56.23a: Exceptions for Emancipation and Adult Adoption](#)
- [Tort Claims Act - Applicability of Notice Provision to Contribution and Indemnification Claims](#)

Work In Progress

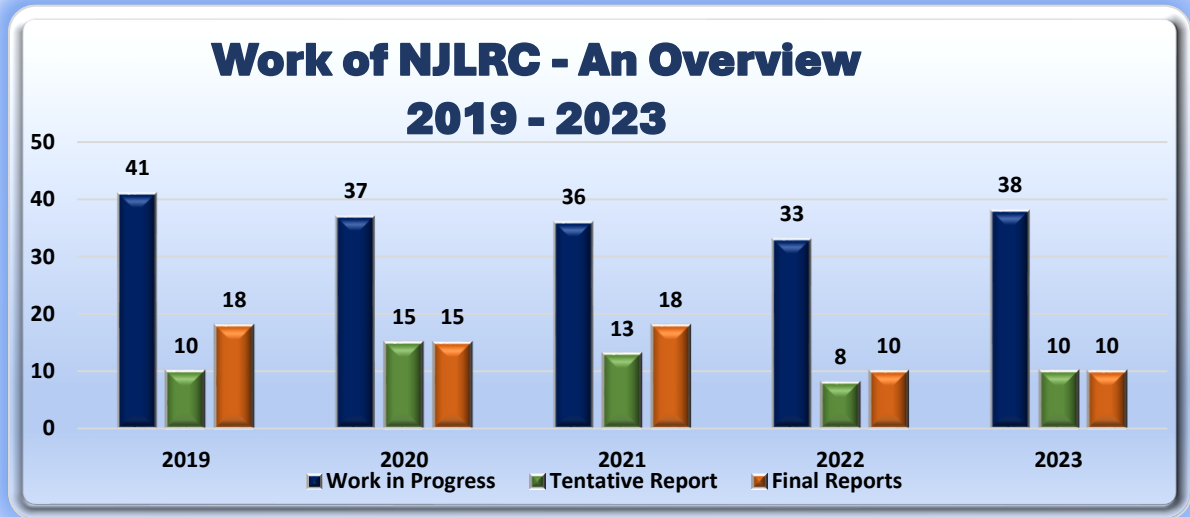
Commission work continues on a number of other projects that are not yet at the Tentative or Final Report stages. Information about these projects can be found on the agendas for the Commission’s monthly meetings, with more detailed summaries provided in the [Minutes](#) of those meetings or on the [Current Projects](#) page of Commission’s website.

Listed below are new projects approved by the Commission between January 2024 and July 31, 2024:

- [Adult Adoption Statute \(N.J.S. 2A:22-1\) - Use of Gendered Terms](#)
- [Child Erotica Provisions in N.J.S. 2C:24-4 – Constitutionality of](#)
- ["Maiden Name" in New Jersey Statutes – Use of](#)

- [Operating Uninsured Automobiles](#)
- [Public Safety - Operating an unmanned aircraft system while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, a narcotic, or hallucinogen, N.J.S. 2C:40-28](#)
- [Self-Defense Statute \(N.J.S. 2C:3-4\) – Scope of the Term “Dwelling”](#)
- [Sidewalk Tort Liability - Padilla v. An, 257 N.J. 540 \(2024\)](#)

The work of the Commission in recent years, broken down by category, is shown below:



News

We warmly welcome NJLRC’s new Ex Officio Commissioner, Dean Ronald W. Weich, of the Seton Hall University School of Law who joins us as a Commissioner pursuant to N.J.S. 1:12A-2. We extend our heartfelt thanks to outgoing Ex Officio Commissioner, Interim Dean John Kip Cornwell.



Dean Ronald H. Weich



Interim Dean John Kip Cornwell

Recently published article featured in the Seton Hall Journal of Legislation and Public Policy:

- Samuel M. Silver, *In Vino Veritas: An Examination of New Jersey's Intoxication Defense*, 48 *SETON HALL J. OF LEGIS. AND PUB. POL.*, Vol. 48: Iss. 3 Article 5 (2024) [Article](#)

Enactments

Enactments Reflecting the Work of the Commission:

- **Personal Conveyance** – [S349/ A1490](#) – Concerns motor vehicles overtaking certain pedestrians and persons operating bicycles and personal conveyances – enacted as L.2024, c.11 [PDF](#)

Bills

Bills introduced so far this session based on the work of the Commission include:

- **S2852** - Concerns eligibility for unemployment benefits.
- **S2887** - Provides certain volunteers and other workers with maximum compensation benefit for workers' compensation claim regardless of outside employment.
- **A653** - Establishes time periods for adverse possession of certain property.
- **A2770** - Requires municipality to return to taxpayer property taxes paid in error due to assessor's or owner's mistake.
- **A2771** - Provides certain volunteers and other workers with maximum compensation benefit for workers' compensation claim regardless of outside employment.
- **A2772** - Concerns eligibility for unemployment benefits.
- **A4507** - Changes term "inmate" to "incarcerated person."

Thank You

The NJLRC would like to thank the sponsors of bills based on the work of the Commission, and other Legislators who assisted with the progress of the bills, for their willingness to bring these important issues to the attention of their colleagues in the Legislature:

Senator John J. Burzichelli
Senator Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.
Senator Linda R. Greenstein
Senator James W. Holzapfel
Senator Raj Mukherji

Senator Nellie Pou
Senator Troy Singleton
Senator Brian P. Stack
Senator Britnee N. Timberlake
Senator Andrew Zwicker

Assemblyman Reginald W. Atkins
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