

Second Supplement to Memorandum 69-124

Subject: Function of Law Revision Commission

In connection with a discussion of the function of the Law Revision Commission, the following statement from the printed Governor's budget may be of interest. This statement is believed to reflect the view of the Executive and Legislative Branches as to the Commission's function.

The commission assists the Legislature in keeping the law up to date by intensively studying complex and controversial subjects, identifying major policy questions for legislative attention, gathering the views of interested persons and organizations, and drafting recommended legislation for legislative consideration. The commission also identifies deficiencies in the law that might not otherwise come to legislative attention and recommends corrective legislation.

The efforts of the commission permit the Legislature to devote its time to determining significant policy questions rather than having to be concerned with the technical problems involved in preparing background studies, working out intricate legal problems, and drafting needed legislation. The output of the commission thus permits the Legislature to accomplish needed reforms that the Legislature might otherwise not be able to effect because of the heavy demands on legislative time. In some cases, the commission's study results in a determination that no legislation on a particular topic is needed, thus relieving the Legislature of the burden of devoting its time to the study of such topic.

Respectfully submitted,

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