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THE COMMISSION'S MANDATE

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission is an independent law reform agency established by *The Law Reform Commission Act*. The Commission's duties are to inquire into and consider any matter relating to law in Manitoba with a view to making recommendations for the improvement, modernization and reform of law, including:

- the removal of provisions of the law that are outdated or inconsistent;
- the maintenance and improvement of the administration of justice;
- the review of judicial and quasi-judicial procedures under any Act;
- the development of new approaches to, and new concepts of, law in keeping with and responsive to the changing needs of society and of individual members of society; and
- any subject referred to it by the Minister.

MANDAT DE LA COMMISSION

La Commission de réforme du droit du Manitoba est un organisme indépendant du gouvernement du Manitoba, établi en vertu de la *Loi sur la Commission de réforme du droit*. La Commission a pour fonctions de faire enquête sur les questions se rapportant au droit manitobain et de les étudier en vue de faire des recommandations pour améliorer, moderniser et réformer le droit, et notamment en vue:

- de supprimer les dispositions du droit qui sont désuètes ou incompatibles;
- de soutenir et d'améliorer l'administration de la justice;
- d'examiner les procédures judiciaires et quasi-judiciaires prévues par une loi quelconque;
- d'élaborer de nouvelles méthodes et de nouveaux concepts de droit correspondant à l'évolution des besoins de la société et des individus qui la composent;
- de traiter tout autre sujet que le ministre lui soumet.

PART I

INTRODUCTION

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission is pleased to present its annual report for 2014-2015.

The Commission published several reports in 2014-2015. *Reporting Under Section 157 of The Highway Traffic Act* (Report #129) was published in March, 2015, following the release of a Consultation Report in September, 2014. The report addresses the mandatory reporting system under Section 157 of *The Highway Traffic Act* and makes recommendations to improve its effectiveness. The Commission also published an issue paper, *Assisted Reproduction: Legal Parentage and Birth Registration* (Issue Paper #2) in April, 2014, which discusses the legal issues raised by the interaction of assisted reproduction technology and the laws related to legal parentage. A consultation report providing provisional recommendations for reform of Manitoba's environmental assessment and licensing regime was published January 30, 2015. The work on the consultation report forms part of a larger joint Manitoba Law Reform Commission – Public Interest Law Centre project, *Engaging Manitoba in Environmental Law*.

The Commission is involved in a number of ongoing projects, including reform of *The Presumption of Death Act* and *The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act*. A final report on *Manitoba's Environmental Assessment and Licensing Regime* will be released in May, 2015.

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission announces, with deep regret, the passing of the Commission's Administrator, Pat Power in 2014. Ms. Power was employed by the Commission from May, 2013 to May, 2014.

PART II

THE YEAR IN REVIEW April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015

1. REPORT ISSUED

The full text and executive summaries of all reports can be found on the Commission's website at www.manitobalawreform.ca.

A. Reporting Under Section 157 of *The Highway Traffic Act* (Report #129)

On March 5, 2015, the Manitoba Law Reform Commission released its final report, *Reporting Under Section 157 of The Highway Traffic Act*. The report considers ways to improve the effectiveness of the mandatory reporting system contemplated by Section 157 of *The Highway Traffic Act*, with a focus on possible changes to the legislative language rather than the broader administrative and regulatory environment in which the provision operates. The Commission recommends changes to the language of Section 157 that would improve the clarity and effectiveness of the legislation. The Commission also identifies confidentiality and privacy issues engaged in the reporting system, and makes recommendations that take into account accepted legal principles of confidentiality and privacy.

A consultation report was released on September 29, 2014. The Commission provided a period of six weeks for individuals and organizations to submit feedback on the recommendations contained in the report.

2. CONSULTATION REPORT ISSUED

A. Consultation Paper on Manitoba's Environmental Assessment and Licensing Regime under *The Environment Act*

On January 30, 2015, the Commission published its consultation report on *Manitoba's Environmental Assessment and Licensing Regime under The Environment Act*. The Commission's provisional recommendations focus on improving the public's access to information, creating more opportunities for public participation, and making the environmental assessment and licensing process more transparent. The provisional recommendations also recognize a need to create more process certainty for all participants and to modernize the organization and language of the Act to ensure better compatibility with other jurisdictions in Canada.

The work on the consultation report forms part of a larger joint Manitoba Law Reform Commission - Public Interest Law Centre project, *Engaging Manitoba in Environmental Law*, funded by the Manitoba Law Foundation. The Commission published a *Discussion Paper on Manitoba's Environmental Assessment and Licensing Regime* in January 2014. The project goals were to produce a report with recommendations for change to Manitoba's environmental assessment and licensing regime, increase public engagement in environmental law issues and contribute to legal education in the area of environmental law.

In preparing its provisional recommendations, Commission staff met with an advisory project committee and conducted consultation interviews with experts, practitioners, members of the public and industrial specialists in Manitoba and throughout Canada. The Commission also held a number of in-person consultation events in 2014. The final report will be published in May, 2015.

3. ISSUE PAPER ISSUED

A. Assisted Reproduction: Legal Parentage and Birth Registration (Issue Paper #2)

In April, 2014, the Commission published an issue paper on questions relating to assisted reproduction, legal parentage and birth registration. This issue paper addressed the question of legal parentage and possible reforms to *The Family Maintenance Act* and *The Vital Statistics Act*. Areas of particular concern addressed include the availability of parentage declarations to same-sex parents and the often uncertain legal status of participants in the human reproductive process.

The Commission does not offer formal recommendations in the issue paper, but analyzes a variety of possible responses to the legal problems raised by the interaction of assisted reproduction technology and legal parentage rules.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

In previous years, the Commission's annual reports have discussed the legislative changes made as a result of Commission reports. The Commission is currently in the process of developing a tracking system in order to easily access legislative changes made in response to Commission reports.

5. CURRENT PROJECTS

A. Municipal Conflict of Interest

In response to recent litigation in Manitoba and elsewhere, the Commission is considering recommendations to reform *The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act* to allow for more proportionate remedies, as well as the establishment of a conflict of interest commissioner.

Work on this project is well underway. The Commission has consulted with a variety of individuals and organizations with knowledge and expertise in this area. The Commission intends to publish a consultation report and a final report on this topic in 2015.

B. *The Presumption of Death Act*

The Commission is preparing a report to recommend reform of *The Presumption of Death Act*. The Act came into force in 1968 and has not been amended since that time. The Act provides a mechanism to obtain an order declaring that a person is presumed dead after a prolonged absence. The Act has important implications for survivors' rights and entitlements.

The Commission will consider possible reforms to modernize the legislation and to clarify the duties of personal representatives and the status of the deceased's property. The Commission intends to publish a consultation report and a final report on this topic in 2015.

6. FUTURE PROJECTS

The following are projects that the Commission may consider to undertake.

A. *The Beneficiary Designation Act*

The Beneficiary Designation Act, (Retirement, Savings and Other Plans) was enacted pursuant to the Commission's Report #73, *Statutory Designations and The Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act*. The purpose of the Act is to provide for the creation of beneficiary designations under insurance and pension benefits legislation. The Commission will consider whether there may be a gap in the law such that a beneficiary designation will not roll over in certain circumstances where an insurance policy or investment plan is replaced or converted. The Commission will explore possible amendments to the Act in order to fill the legislative gap.

B. *The Family Property Act*

The Family Property Act provides for an accounting on marriage breakdown in which the values of assets of each spouse are combined and divided into two equal shares. Prompted by recent case law, the Commission has identified an issue with respect to the way in which “value” is defined in the Act, which can result in unfairness in some circumstances. The Commission will inquire into possible reform in this area.

C. **Indefeasible Title and Resulting and Constructive Trusts**

The Commission will examine the law in Manitoba concerning the relationship between the indefeasibility of title sections in *The Real Property Act* and proprietary interests in land established by resulting and constructive trusts. The Commission will consider whether reform of Sections 58 and 59 of *The Real Property Act* is required to fairly account for equitable interests in land.

D. **Public Interest Standing**

Prompted by recent developments in the field of animal welfare law, the Commission will examine the question of public interest standing in the context of animal welfare and the environment. The Commission will consider what, if any, amendments to legislation may be required to ensure that Manitoba’s law remains responsive to changing social values in the area.

E. **Access to Justice**

The Hon. Gerald Jewers, Commissioner, represents the Commission on the Access to Justice Committee created by the Manitoba Law Society. The Commission has identified several issues related to access to justice and will consider which issues, if any, to undertake as projects for legislative reform.

The Commission welcomes comments and suggestions with respect to these subject areas and any other potential law reform projects.

PART III

ADMINISTRATION

1. THE COMMISSIONERS

The Manitoba Law Reform Commission is composed of five to seven members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Section 3 of *The Law Reform Commission Act* requires that the Commission's membership include a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench; a full-time member of the Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba; a lawyer entitled to practise in Manitoba and not in the employ of the government; and a non-lawyer. The current members of the Commission and their terms of office are as follows:

Commissioner	Affiliation	Term expires
Cameron Harvey, Q.C.	Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law University of Manitoba	August 1, 2015
Jacqueline Collins	Practising Lawyer	August 1, 2015
Michelle Gallant	Professor, Faculty of Law University of Manitoba	August 1, 2015
John C. Irvine	Professor, Faculty of Law University of Manitoba	August 1, 2015
Gerald O. Jewers	Justice, Court of Queen's Bench (retired)	August 1, 2015
Myrna Phillips	Lay Member	August 1, 2015
Perry W. Schulman	Justice, Court of Queen's Bench	August 1, 2015

Please see the Commission's website at www.manitobalawreform.ca for more information about the Commissioners.

The Commission held eight regular meetings during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

2. STAFF

In September 2014, the Commission's full-time legal counsel, Catherine Skinner, resigned and the Commission was fortunate to acquire Elizabeth McCandless who has assumed the full-time legal counsel position. The Commission was also fortunate to retain Heather Fast, who articulated jointly with the Manitoba Law Reform Commission and the Public Interest Law Centre until June 2014 and stayed on with the Commission as full-time legal counsel.

3. FINANCE

The Manitoba Law Foundation provides a yearly grant of \$100,000 to the Commission. For the fiscal year 2014-2015, the Commission was again fortunate to receive an additional \$20,000 from the Manitoba Law Foundation, increasing the grant to \$120,000. The Department of Justice continues to provide a total grant of \$100,000 consisting of in-kind services valued at \$15,000 and a monetary grant of \$85,000.

The Commission wishes to thank both the Department of Justice and the Manitoba Law Foundation for their continued support of its work.

4. EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

In 2014-2015, the Commission continued its efforts to improve its accessibility and visibility within the community and to liaise with other law reform agencies.

In April 2014, Commission staff participated in the Manitoba Bar Association's Law Day where they had the opportunity to share the Commission's work with members of the public, and gain insight into possible future areas of law reform.

The Hon. Gerald Jewers, Commissioner, represents the Commission on the Access to Justice Committee created by the Manitoba Law Society in 2011. The purpose of the Committee is to share ideas, information and best practices and to coordinate efforts in the area of access to justice. Representatives of government, the courts, the practising bar and legal aid bodies are also included on the Committee.

The Commission is a member of the Federation of Law Reform Agencies of Canada and of the Commonwealth Association of Law Reform Agencies. Commission staff continues to be involved in the work of the Uniform Law Conference of Canada.

The Commission recognizes the importance of community outreach in maintaining the relevance and quality of law reform initiatives in Manitoba. The Commission worked closely with project committees for the *Environment Act* project and the *Highway Traffic Act* project. Through its project, *Engaging Manitobans in Environmental Law*, the Commission has had the opportunity to meet with industry groups, environmental non-governmental organizations, students, academics, and other interested members of the public.

Commission staff made presentations to members of the legal community at Law Society of Manitoba and Manitoba Bar Association Continuing Professional Development events. The Commission makes regular contributions to the Manitoba Bar Association's Legal Research newsletter, *The Law and Library Monthly*.

The Commission's publications have been the subject of commentary in judgments, legal journals and in the print and electronic media. An electronic search indicates that the Manitoba Law Reform Commission's publications have been referred to in 141 reported Canadian judgments, including the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Manitoba Métis Federation Inc v Canada (Attorney General)*, 2013 SCC14, and in 90 academic articles.

PART IV

CONCLUSION

The Commission again wishes to express its thanks to the Manitoba Law Foundation and to the Department of Justice for their continued support.

Thanks also to the staff of the Department of Justice, the Faculty of Law, Provincial Archives and Legislative libraries for their continued assistance over the past year.

The Commission is grateful for the assistance of the Deputy Minister, Ms. Donna Miller Q.C., in providing a liaison between the Commission and the Minister. Finally, the Commission thanks the former Minister of Justice and Attorney General, the Hon. James Allum and his predecessor, the Hon. Andrew Swan, for their support.

This is a report pursuant to Section 15 of *The Law Reform Commission Act*, C.C.S.M. L95, dated this 31st day of March 2015.

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APPENDIX A

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures 2014-2015 Fiscal Year (000's)

RECEIPTS

Funds carried forward	\$165.5
Grant from Department of Justice.....	85.0 ¹
Grant from the Manitoba Law Foundation (first 3 quarterly installments)	90.0 ²
Total	\$ 340.5

EXPENDITURES

Commissioners' remuneration and benefits.....	\$ 54.5
Staff remuneration	145.3 ³
Payroll operating costs	8.0
Consultants.....	15.0
Telephone, postage, courier	2.5
Supplies and service.....	1.2
Printing, photocopying.....	8
Computer related expenses	9.2
Meetings, travel and accommodation	1.0
Subscriptions and other operating expenses	1.1
Membership fees.....	5.4
Translation Services.....	1
Total	\$244.1

Surplus **\$96.4**

¹ The Province of Manitoba provides the Manitoba Law Reform Commission with an \$85,000 grant coupled with \$15,000 in-kind services provided by the Department of Justice for accounting services and office accommodation, bringing the total grant from the Province to \$100,000.

² As in previous years, the Manitoba Law Reform Commission carries a balance of \$30,000 of its core grant from the Manitoba Law Foundation into the next fiscal year. In 2013-2014 the final installment was received and deposited in March 2014, leaving only the first 3 quarterly installments deposited in 2014-2015 and the remaining final installment from the Manitoba Law Foundation of 2014-2015 grant being deposited after April 1, 2015.

³ A portion of the staff remuneration was for severance and vacation payout for Catherine Skinner, Legal Counsel, upon her resignation.

APPENDIX B

REPORTS OF THE MANITOBA LAW REFORM COMMISSION* AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION

Report	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
#1	Jury Services for Registered Indians	April 7, 1971	An Act to Amend <i>The Jury Act</i> , S.M. 1971, c. 32
#2	Summary Disposition of Builders' and Workmen's Liens	April 13, 1971	An Act to Amend <i>The Builders and Workmen Act</i> , S.M. 1976, c. 22
#3	Disposition of Maintenance Judgments in Land Titles Offices	May 25, 1971	An Act to Amend <i>The Judgments Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 4
#4	An Act Respecting Billiard and Pool Rooms proposed repeal	October 19, 1971	<i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> (1974), S.M. 1974, c. 59 (s. 8)
#5	Recommended Right of Mortgagors to Obtain Annual Statements	October 19, 1971	An Act to Amend <i>The Mortgage Act</i> , S.M. 1971, c. 28
#6	Enactment of a <i>Mineral Declaratory Act</i>	December 20, 1971	<i>The Sand and Gravel Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 34 An Act to Amend <i>The Mines Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 70 (s. 11) An Act to Amend <i>The Real Property Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 70 (ss. 15 and 16)
#7	Powers of Entry, Search and Seizure in <i>The City of Winnipeg Act</i>	January 24, 1972	An Act to Amend <i>The City of Winnipeg Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 93 (ss. 26, 37, 68, 69, 89 and in part ss. 38, 39 and 63)
1A	Auto Engine Numbers in Section 11 of <i>The Bills of Sale Act</i> (Informal Report)	May 11, 1971	<i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 81 (s. 3)
1B	(a) Prospect of Mortgagor's Relief from Provisions of Section 20(6) of <i>The Mortgage Act</i> (Informal Report) (b) Right to Have Mortgage Discharged Upon Payment in Full After Five Years (Informal Report)	December 29, 1971 December 29, 1971	(change not recommended) An Act to Amend <i>The Real Property Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 37 (s. 103(1))
1C	Amending provisions as to costs in Part II of <i>The County Courts Act</i> to avoid inconsistency with intent of this new legislation (Informal Report)	January 12, 1972	An Act to Amend <i>The County Courts Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 38

Report	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
	First Annual Report	March 13, 1972	(not applicable)
#8	Section 45 of the <i>Offenses Against the Person Act</i> , 1861	July 27, 1972	An Act to Amend <i>The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act</i> , S.M. 1973, c. 13
#9	A Review of <i>The Privacy Act</i> with proposed Amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada	September 11, 1972	(change not recommended)
#10	The Abolition of Interspousal Immunity in Tort	December 19, 1972	An Act to Amend <i>The Married Women's Property Act</i> , S.M. 1973, c. 12; An Act to Amend <i>The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act</i> , S.M. 1973, c. 13; An Act to Amend <i>The Criminal Injuries Compensation Act</i> , S.M. 1973, c. 23
2A	Comments on draft Bill to Amend <i>The Jury Act</i> (Informal Report)	April 21, 1972	An Act to Amend <i>The Jury Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 56
2B	Relaxation of Limit of Number of Trustees under <i>The Trustee Act</i> (Informal Report)	June 22, 1972	An Act to Amend <i>The Trustee Act</i> , S.M. 1972, c. 60
2C	Uniformity of Definition of Age as between The Age of Majority Act (Man.) And the Criminal Code and the Interpretation Act (Can.) (Informal Report)	August 14, 1972	(not applicable for provincial amendment)
2D	Automatic Attachment of Wages for Maintenance Orders (Informal Report)	November 27, 1972	An Act to Amend <i>The Garnishment Act</i> , S.M. 1974, c. 8
	Second Annual Report	March 20, 1973	(not applicable)
#11	The Advisability of a Good Samaritan Law	March 8, 1973	(change not recommended)
#12	Section 110 of <i>The Real Property Act</i> - the immortal Manitoba mortgage	April 11, 1973	An Act to Amend <i>The Real Property Act</i> , S.M. 1974, c. 44
#13	Pre-licensing Education for Real Estate Agents in Manitoba	December 3, 1973	An Act to Amend <i>The Real Estate Brokers Act</i> , S.M. 1975, c. 23
#14	Special Enduring Powers of Attorney	January 8, 1974	<i>The Powers of Attorney Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 4

Report	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
#15	Administration of Justice Part I - Control of Post-arrest/pre-trial detention	February 26, 1974	Administration of the Public Safety Building in Winnipeg assumed by the Province of Manitoba, effective October 1, 1977; now called The Winnipeg Remand Centre
3A	Conferring of matrimonial jurisdiction upon a County Court Judge as a local Judge of The Queen's Bench within the Eastern Judicial District (Informal Report)	March 30, 1973	An Act to Amend <i>The Queen's Bench Act</i> , S.M. 1978, c. 28
3B	Correcting recent error in s. 51 of <i>The Queen's Bench Act</i> (Informal Report)	September 26, 1973	An Act to Amend <i>The Queen's Bench Act</i> , S.M. 1974, c. 15
3C	Conferring jurisdiction to extend time for payment of fines upon provincial judges other than those who imposed such fines (Informal Report)	October 16, 1973	(not applicable for provincial enactment)
3D	Up-dating index to Statutes of Manitoba (Informal Report)	October 23, 1973	Indexing commenced; computer search of statutes available
3E	Repeal of Section 212 of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> (Informal Report)	December 19, 1973	Substantial acceptance under s. 16 of An Act to Amend <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> , S.M. 1974, c. 63
	Third Annual Report	April 1, 1974	(not applicable)
#16	Definition of Death	May 6, 1974	An Act to Amend <i>The Vital Statistics Act</i> , S.M. 1975, c. 5
#17	An International Form of Wills for Manitobans	May 6, 1974	An Act to Amend <i>The Wills Act</i> , S.M. 1975, c. 6
#18	The Rule in <i>Saunders v. Vautier</i>	January 8, 1975	An Act to Amend <i>The Trustee Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 38 (s. 4)
#19	The Administration of Justice in Manitoba Part II - Review of The Jury System	February 11, 1975	An Act to Amend <i>The Jury Act</i> , S.M. 1977, c. 18
4A	Interprovincial Subpoenas (Informal Report)	January 20, 1975	<i>The Interprovincial Subpoena Act</i> , S.M. 1975, c. 3
4B	Enforcement of Custody Orders (Informal Report)	January 20, 1975	<i>The Extra-Provincial Custody Orders Enforcement Act</i> , S.M. 1975, c. 4
4C	Statutory Sums (Informal Report)	February 11, 1975	Various amendments to Manitoba statutes

Report	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
	Fourth Annual Report	April 9, 1975	(not applicable)
#20	<i>The Highway Traffic Act</i>	June 16, 1975	An Act to Amend <i>The Highway Traffic Act</i> , S.M. 1977, c. 34 An Act to Amend <i>The Highway Traffic Act</i> and <i>The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 19
#21	The Administration of Justice in Manitoba Part III - Consolidation of Extra-Provincial Judgment Enforcement	January 28, 1976	-
#22	Some Aspects of Fire Insurance Legislation in Manitoba	February 9, 1976	An Act to Amend <i>The Insurance Act</i> , S.M. 1982, c. 11 (s. 1)
#23	Family Law - Part I The Support Obligation	February 27, 1976	<i>The Family Maintenance Act</i> , S.M. 1978, c. 25
#24	Family Law - Part II Property Disposition	February 27, 1976	An Act to Amend <i>The Gift Tax Act</i> (Manitoba) and <i>The Succession Duty Act</i> (Manitoba), S.M. 1977 (2nd Session), c. 2 <i>The Marital Property Act</i> , S.M. 1978, c. 24 An Act to Amend various Acts relating to Marital Property, S.M. 1978, c. 27 An Act to Amend <i>The Wills Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 7
5A	Limitation of Actions for the taking away, conversion or detention of chattels (Informal Report)	May 26, 1975	An Act to Amend <i>The Fatal Accidents Act</i> and <i>Limitation of Actions Act</i> , S.M. 1976, c. 41 (ss. 2-4)
	Fifth Annual Report	March 29, 1976	(not applicable)
#25	The Case for a Provincial Bill of Rights	May 19, 1976	-
#26	Revision of Birth Certificates of Trans-sexual Persons	September 13, 1976	<i>The Vital Statistics Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 58
	Sixth Annual Report	March 14, 1977	(not applicable)

Report	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
7A	<i>The Local Authorities Election Act</i> (Informal Report)	May 31, 1977	An Act to Amend <i>The Local Authorities Election Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 48
	Seventh Annual Report	March 1, 1978	(not applicable)
#27	Limitation of Actions: Time Extensions for Children, Disabled Persons and Others	January 8, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Limitation of Actions Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 28
#28	Enforcement of Judgments Part I: Exemptions under <i>The Garnishment Act</i>	January 8, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Garnishment Act</i> , S.M. 1979, c. 8
#29	Emergency Apprehension, Admissions and Rights of Patients under <i>The Mental Health Act</i>	February 12, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Mental Health Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 62
#30	Confidentiality of Adoption Records	February 12, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Child Welfare Act</i> , S.M. 1979, c. 22 (s. 60) An Act to Amend <i>The Child Welfare Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 41 Establishment of a Post-adoption Registry
8A	Section 5(1) of <i>The Social Allowances Act</i> (Informal Report)	March 30, 1978	<i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> (1984), S.M. 1984, c. 17
	Eighth Annual Report	February 12, 1979	(not applicable)
#31	Political Financing and Election Expenses	August 13, 1979	<i>The Elections Finances Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 68
#32	Mechanics' Liens Legislation	August 13, 1979	<i>The Builders' Liens Act</i> , S.M. 1980-81, c. 7
#33	Enforcement of Revenue Statutes	August 13, 1979	<i>The Charter Compliance Statute Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1985, c. 50
#34	Enforcement of Judgments Part III: Exemptions under <i>The Executions Act</i>	October 22, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Executions Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 55
#35	Estate Claims for Loss of Expectation of Life	October 22, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Fatal Accidents Act</i> and <i>The Trustee Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 5

Report	Title	Date	Implementation of Commission's Recommendations
#36	Improved Methods of Enforcing Support Orders Against Real Property	November 19, 1979	<i>The Family Law Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 54
#37	Systems of Voter Registration	November 26, 1979	<i>The Elections Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 67
#38	The One Year Rule for Enforcement of Arrears in Maintenance	January 21, 1980	An Act to Amend <i>The Family Maintenance Act</i> and <i>The Queen's Bench Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 21
9A	<i>The Fire Departments Arbitration Act</i> (Informal Report)	April 17, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Fire Departments Arbitration Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 27
9B	Section 7 of <i>The Payment of Wages Act</i> (Informal Report)	August 15, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Payment of Wages Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 57
9C	<i>The Seduction Act</i> (Informal Report)	October 22, 1979	<i>The Equality of Status Act</i> , S.M. 1982, c. 10
9D	Section 9 of <i>The Manitoba Evidence Act</i> (Informal Report)	November 6, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Manitoba Evidence Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 26
9E	<i>The Wills Act</i> and Ademption (Informal Report)	November 20, 1979	An Act to Amend <i>The Wills Act</i> , S.M. 1980, c. 7
9F	The term "illegitimate" (Informal Report)	December 4, 1979	(change not recommended)
	Ninth Annual Report	February 25, 1980	(not applicable)
#39	Controverted Elections	April 21, 1980	<i>The Elections Reform Act</i> , S.M. 2006, c. 15 repealed <i>The Controverted Elections Act</i> and enacted <i>The Elections Act</i> , C.C.S.M. c. E30
#40	Enforcement of Judgments Part II: Exemptions under <i>The Judgments Act</i>	April 21, 1980	-
#41	The Statute of Frauds	August 11, 1980	An Act to repeal the Statute of Frauds, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 34
#42	Occupiers' Liability	August 11, 1980	<i>The Occupiers' Liability Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 29; <i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> (1984), S.M. 1984, c. 17 (s. 28)
#43	<i>The Wills Act</i> and the Doctrine of Substantial Compliance	September 8, 1980	<i>The Wills Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 31

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#44	The General Register	September 22, 1980	<i>The Real Property Act</i> and Various Other Acts Amendments Act, S.M. 1987, c. 27
#45	Simplified Mortgage	December 15, 1980	(legislative amendment not required)
10A	Municipal Assessment of Personal Property (Informal Report)	February 26, 1980	(referred to Special Committee)
10B	<i>The Marriage Settlement Act</i> (Informal Report)	October 9, 1980	<i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1980-81, c. 26 (s. 22)
	Tenth Annual Report	February 16, 1981	(not applicable)
#46	Conflict of Interest of Municipal Councillors	April 14, 1981	<i>The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 44
#47	Prejudgment Compensation on Money Awards: Alternatives to Interest	January 4, 1982	<i>The Judgment Interest and Discount Act</i> , S.M. 1986, c. 39 (implemented in principle) (now contained in Part XIV of <i>The Court of Queen's Bench Act</i>)
#48	Prescriptive Easements and Profits-à-Prendre	January 18, 1982	-
#49	The Rules Against Accumulations and Perpetuities	February 12, 1982	<i>The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 43
#50	Investment Provisions under <i>The Trustee Act</i>	February 12, 1982	An Act to Amend <i>The Trustee Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 38
11A	Parents' Maintenance Legislation (Informal Report)	March 3, 1981	<i>The Parents' Maintenance Act</i> , S.M. 1985-86, c. 47, s. 34
11B	Provincial Offences Procedures (Informal Report)	June 29, 1981	An Act to Amend <i>The Summary Convictions Act</i> , S.M. 1982, c. 24
11C	<i>The Remembrance Day Act</i> (Informal Report)	January 28, 1982	-
	Eleventh Annual Report	February 14, 1982	(not applicable)
#51	<i>The Survivorship Act</i>	September 7, 1982	<i>The Survivorship Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 28

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#52	Structure of the Courts, Part I: Amalgamation of the Court of Queen's Bench and the County Courts of Manitoba	October 25, 1982	An Act to Amend <i>The Queen's Bench Act</i> and to repeal <i>The County Courts Act</i> , <i>The Surrogate Courts Act</i> and <i>The County Court Judges' Criminal Courts Act</i> and to amend <i>The Municipal Boundaries Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 82 <i>The Court of Queen's Bench Small Claims Practices Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 83 <i>The Court of Queen's Bench Surrogate Practice Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 84 An Act to amend Various Acts of the Legislature to facilitate the Reorganization and Expansion of the Court of Queen's Bench, S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 85
#53	The Law of Domicile	December 1, 1982	<i>The Domicile and Habitual Residence Act</i> , S.M. 1982-83-84, c. 80
#54	Certificates of Lis Pendens	February 1, 1983	<i>The Court of Queen's Bench Act</i> , S.M. 1988-89, c. 4 (s. 58)
#55	Structure of the Courts, Part II: The Adjudication of Smaller Claims	March 7, 1983	<i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> (1985), S.M. 1985, c. 51
	Twelfth Annual Report	April 11, 1983	(not applicable)
#56	Medical Privilege	October 4, 1983	(privilege not recommended)
#57	<i>Uniform Sale of Goods Act</i>	November 1, 1983	-
	Thirteenth Annual Report	April 2, 1984	(not applicable)
#58	Administrative Law; Part I: Procedures of Provincial Government Agencies	June 29, 1984	(legislative amendment not required); implementation, in part, through governmental policy
#59	Breach of Promise to Marry	October 1, 1984	<i>The Family Law Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1987, c. 21
14A	Jactitation of Marriage (Informal Report)	October 5, 1984	<i>The Family Law Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1987, c. 21

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#60	An Examination of <i>The Dower Act</i>	November 19, 1984	<i>The Homesteads, Marital Property Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act</i> , S.M. 1992, c. 46
#61	Intestate Succession	March 25, 1985	<i>The Intestate Succession and Consequential Amendments Act</i> , S.M. 1989-90, c. 43
	Fourteenth Annual Report	April 2, 1985	(not applicable)
#62	Small Projects 1) Section 6 of <i>The Mercantile Law Amendment Act</i> 2) The Rule in Shelley's Case 3) Permissive and Equitable Waste	October 7, 1985	<i>The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act</i> , S.M. 1992, c. 32
#63	<i>The Testators Family Maintenance Act</i>	December 16, 1985	<i>The Dependants Relief Act</i> , S.M. 1989-90, c. 42
#64	<i>The Married Women's Property Act</i> and Related Matters	December 16, 1985	-
#65	Section 83 of <i>The Queen's Bench Act</i>	March 31, 1986	<i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> (1986), S.M. 1986-87, c. 19 (s. 12)
#66	<i>The Human Tissue Act</i>	March 31, 1986	<i>The Human Tissue Act</i> , S.M. 1987, c. 39; <i>The Human Tissue Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1989-90, c. 28 An Act to Amend <i>The Anatomy Act</i> , S.M. 1987, c. 57
15A	Section 300 of <i>The Liquor Control Act</i> (Informal Report)	June 17, 1985	<i>The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act</i> , S.M. 1992, c. 32
	Fifteenth Annual Report	May 6, 1986	(not applicable)
#67	Sections 33 and 34 of <i>The Wills Act</i>	June 16, 1986	<i>The Statute Law Amendment Act</i> (1987), S.M. 1987-88, c. 66 (s. 25); <i>The Wills Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1989-90, c. 44
#68	Periodic Payment of Damages	March 31, 1987	<i>The Court of Queen's Bench and Consequential Amendments Act</i> , S.M. 1993, c. 19

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#69	Administrative Law, Part II: Judicial Review of Administrative Action	March 31, 1987	-
	Sixteenth Annual Report	April 13, 1987	(not applicable)
17A	<i>The Wages Recovery Act</i> (Informal Report)	September 9, 1987	<i>The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act</i> , S.M. 1992, c. 32
	Seventeenth Annual Report	September 14, 1988	(not applicable)
#70	The Manitoba Law Reform Commission: A Framework for the Future	November 23, 1988	<i>The Law Reform Commission Act</i> , S.M. 1989-90, c. 25
#71	<i>The Bulk Sales Act</i>	December 21, 1988	<i>The Law Reform (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act</i> , S.M. 1992, c. 32
	Eighteenth Annual Report	August 8, 1989	(not applicable)
#72	The Independence of Provincial Judges	June 28, 1989	<i>The Provincial Court Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1989-90, c. 34; <i>The Provincial Court Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1994, c. 14
	Nineteenth Annual Report	May 15, 1990	(not applicable)
#73	Statutory Designations and <i>The Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act</i>	October 23, 1990	<i>The Retirement Plan Beneficiaries Act</i> , S.M. 1992, c. 31
20A	Limitation of Actions Brought by the Crown (Informal Report)	September 27, 1990	-
20B	Replevin and the Need for Prior Possession (Informal Report)	January 28, 1991	(change not recommended)
	Twentieth Annual Report	March 31, 1991	(not applicable)
#74	Self-Determination in Health Care (Living Wills and Health Care Proxies)	June 25, 1991	<i>The Health Care Directives and Consequential Amendments Act</i> , S.M. 1992, c. 33
#75	The Independence of Justices of the Peace and Magistrates	August 15, 1991	<i>The Provincial Court Amendment Act</i> (Justices of the Peace), S.M. 2005, c. 8
#76	Sterilization and Legal Incompetence	January 27, 1992	(change not recommended)
	Twenty-first Annual Report	March 31, 1992	(not applicable)

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#77	Non-charitable Purpose Trusts	September 21, 1992	-
#78	Tort Liability for Animals	November 23, 1992	<i>The Animal Liability and Consequential Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1998, c. 8
#79	Ethical Investments by Trustees	January 25, 1993	<i>The Trustee Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1995, c. 14
22A	Scope of Apportionment under <i>The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act</i> (Informal Report)	June 22, 1992	-
22B	Section 23 of <i>The Wills Act</i> Revisited (Informal Report)	December 14, 1992	<i>The Wills Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1995, c. 12
	Twenty-second Annual Report	March 31, 1993	(not applicable)
#80	Privity of Contract	October 5, 1993	-
#81	Distress for Rent in Commercial Tenancies	January 4, 1994	-
#82	Pre-contractual Misstatements	March 7, 1994	-
#83	Enduring and Springing Powers of Attorney	March 29, 1994	<i>The Powers of Attorney and Mental Health Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1996, c. 62
	Twenty-third Annual Report	March 31, 1994	(not applicable)
#84	Regulating Professions and Occupations	October 28, 1994	Partly implemented, in principle, by amendments to various Acts of the Legislature; <i>The Regulated Health Professions Act</i> , S.M. 2009, c. 15
#85	Arbitration	November 23, 1994	The Arbitration and Consequential Amendments Act, S.M. 1997, c. 4
#86	Covenants in Commercial Tenancies	March 28, 1995	-
24A	A Small Discrepancy between <i>The Elections Act</i> and <i>The Local Authorities Election Act</i> (Informal Report)	April 26, 1994	Acts repealed and replaced by <i>The Elections Reform Act</i> , S.M. 2006, c. 15 and <i>The Municipal Councils and School Boards Elections Act</i> , S.M. 2005, c. 27.
24B	Lapsed Residual Gifts in Wills (Informal Report)	May 16, 1994	(no longer required due to <i>Re Smith and McKay</i> (1994), 116 D.L.R. (4th) 308 (Man. C.A.))

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24C	Security for the Administration of Estates (Informal Report)	October 6, 1994	-
	Twenty-fourth Annual Report	March 31, 1995	(not applicable)
#87	Interim Payment of Damages	June 6, 1995	-
#88	Reselling Unused Cemetery Plots	September 21, 1995	-
#89	The Trust Provisions in <i>The Perpetuities and Accumulations Act</i>	September 21, 1995	-
#90	Residential Exemptions from Judgment Execution	October 17, 1995	-
#91	Minors' Consent to Health Care	December 12, 1995	-
#92	Fundamental Breach and Frustration in Commercial Tenancies	January 23, 1996	-
#93	Animal Protection	February 13, 1996	<i>The Animal Care Act</i> , S.M. 1996, c. 69
	Twenty-fifth Annual Report	March 31, 1996	(not applicable)
#94	Confidentiality of Mediation Proceedings	April 23, 1996	-
#95	Commercial Tenancies: Miscellaneous Issues	July 29, 1996	-
#96	Special Constables	November 12, 1996	Implemented, in part, through administrative action of the Department of Justice's Law Enforcement Services
#97	Section 270 of <i>The Highway Traffic Act</i>	March 24, 1997	-
#98	Stalking	May 28, 1997	<i>The Domestic Violence and Stalking Prevention, Protection and Compensation and Consequential Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1998, c. 41
	Twenty-sixth Annual Report	June 30, 1997	(not applicable)
#99	Review of the Small Claims Court	March 17, 1998	The Court of Queen's Bench Small Claims Practices Amendment and <i>Parental Responsibility Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 1999, c. 22

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	Twenty-seventh Annual Report	March 31, 1998	(not applicable)
#100	Class Proceedings	January 12, 1999	<i>The Class Proceedings Act</i> , S.M. 2001-2002, c. 14
	Twenty-eighth Annual Report	March 31, 1999	(not applicable)
#101	Trustee Investments: The Modern Portfolio Theory	June 22, 1999	-
#102	Informal Assessment of Competence	September 8, 1999	-
#103	Adult Protection and Elder Abuse	December 15, 1999	-
	Twenty-ninth Annual Report	March 31, 2000	(not applicable)
#104	Compensation of Vaccine-Damaged Children	June 28, 2000	-
#105	Assessment of Damages under <i>The Fatal Accidents Act</i> for the loss of Guidance, Care and Companionship	October 25, 2000	<i>The Fatal Accidents Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 2001-2002, c. 13
#106	The Legislative Assembly and Conflict of Interest	December 20, 2000	<i>The Legislative Assembly and Executive Council Conflict of Interest Amendment (Conflict of Interest Commissioner) Act</i> , S.M. 2001-2002, c. 49
	Thirtieth Annual Report	March 31, 2001	(not applicable)
#107	Good Faith and the Individual Contract of Employment	December 11, 2001	-
	Thirty-first Annual Report	March 31, 2002	(not applicable)
#108	Wills and Succession Legislation	March 11, 2003	-
	Thirty-second Annual Report	March 31, 2003	(not applicable)
#109	Withholding or Withdrawing Life Sustaining Medical Treatment	December 18, 2003	Implemented, in part, through The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba's Statement on Withholding and Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatment, effective February 1, 2008

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	Thirty-third Annual Report	March 31, 2004	(not applicable)
#110	Substitute Consent to Health Care	October 26, 2004	-
	Thirty-fourth Annual Report	March 31, 2005	(not applicable)
#111	Costs Awards in Civil Litigation	September 13, 2005	-
#112	Review of <i>The Garnishment Act</i>	December 31, 2005	-
	Thirty-fifth Annual Report	March 31, 2006	(not applicable)
#113	Development Schemes	June 20, 2006	Implemented, in part, in <i>The Real Property Amendment Act</i> , S.M. 2011, c.33
#114	Private Title Insurance	December 29, 2006	-
	Thirty-sixth Annual Report	March 31, 2007	(not applicable)
	Thirty-seventh Annual Report	March 31, 2008	(not applicable)
#115	Mandatory Arbitration Clauses and Consumer Class Proceedings	April 1, 2008	-
#116	Franchise Law	May 20, 2008	<i>The Franchises Act</i> , S.M. 2010, c. 13
	Enduring Powers of Attorney: Areas for Reform (Western Canada Law Reform Agencies Report)	July, 2008	
#117	Enduring Powers of Attorney – Supplementary Report	September 2, 2008	-
#118	Posthumously Conceived Children: Intestate Succession and Dependents Relief – <i>The Intestate Succession Act</i> : Sections 1(3), 6(1), 4(5), 4(6) and 5	November 28, 2008	-
#119	Private International Law	January 21, 2009	-
	Twenty-eighth Annual Report	March 31, 2009	(not applicable)

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#120	Waivers of Liability for Sporting and Recreational Injuries	January 30, 2009	-
#121	Improving Administrative Justice in Manitoba: Starting with the Appointments Process	November 30, 2009	-
	Thirty-ninth Annual Report	March 31, 2010	(not applicable)
25	Review of Compensation of Loss of Homesteads Rights (Informal Report)	May 27, 2010	(change not recommended)
#122	The Parol Evidence Rule	May 31, 2010	-
#123	Limitations	July 30, 2010	-
26	Remedy of Specific Performance and the Uniqueness of Land in Manitoba (Informal Report)	October 26, 2010	-
	Fortieth Annual Report	March 31, 2011	(not applicable)
27	<i>The Animal Care Act</i> (Informal Report)	April 28, 2011	-
28	Limitations of Actions Against Insurers (Informal Report)	September 1, 2011	-
29	The Remedy of Specific Performance and the Uniqueness of Land in Manitoba – Revision to Informal Report No. 26 (Informal Report)	September 1, 2011	-
#124	<i>The Stable Keepers Act</i>	August 5, 2011	-
#125	Limitations of Actions in Conversion and Detinue	November 30, 2011	-
1	Access to Justice (Issue Paper)	March 8, 2012	-
	Forty-first Annual Report	March 31, 2012	(not applicable)
#126	<i>The Nuisance Act and The Farm Practices Protection Act</i>	February 28, 2013	-

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#127	Commercial Tenancies: Section 17 of <i>The Landlord and Tenant Act</i> and Section 93 of <i>The Real Property Act</i>	February 28, 2013	-
	Forty-second Annual Report	March 31, 2013	(not applicable)
#128	Contributory Fault: <i>The Tortfeasors and Contributory Negligence Act</i>	September 26, 2013	
	Forty-third Annual Report	March 31, 2014	(not applicable)
2	Assisted Reproduction: Legal Parentage and Birth Registration (Issue Paper)	April , 2014	
#129	Reporting Under Section 157 of <i>The Highway Traffic Act</i>	March 5, 2015	
	Forty-fourth Annual Report	March 31, 2015	(not applicable)

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