



2023 Annual Report

Statutory
Revision
Committee



To Members of the General Assembly:

Pursuant to section 2-3-902 (1)(e), C.R.S., we are submitting the 2023 annual report of the Statutory Revision Committee (SRC). Formed in 2016, the SRC is charged with "[recommending] legislation annually to effect such changes in the law as it deems necessary in order to modify or eliminate antiquated, redundant, or contradictory rules of law and to bring the law of this state into harmony with modern conditions."¹

The SRC is staffed by Kristen Forrestal, Nicole Myers, Conrad Imel, and Jessica Wigent of the Office of Legislative Legal Services.

Any person interested in reporting defects in the law or antiquated, redundant, or contradictory law may contact SRC staff by e-mailing StatutoryRevision.ga@coleg.gov or by calling (303) 866-2045.

¹ § 2-3-902 (1)(d), C.R.S.

Statutory Revision Committee

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Review of the Statutory Revision Committee's Work³

The SRC met twice during the 2023 legislative session (March 9, 2023, and April 13, 2023). The members considered 11 bills; seven were approved for introduction and six were passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by Governor Polis.

Descriptions of Bills Approved for Introduction

S.B. 23-204 – *Recommended by: Office of Legislative Legal Services*

H.B. 22-1301 enacted a property tax exemption for agricultural equipment that is used in any controlled environment agricultural facility; the bill states that the exemption is available "on and after January 1, 2023, but prior to January 2, 2028." However, the intent of the General Assembly was to allow the exemption for only five years. S.B. 23-204 bill corrects the defective date reference by changing the date from "prior January 2, 2028," to "prior to January 1, 2028." See the [memo](#) distributed at the March 9, 2023, SRC meeting for more information.

S.B. 23-208 – *Recommended by: Department of Revenue*

² § 2-3-901, C.R.S.

³ To view the agendas, memos, and bills from previous SRC meetings, as well as the archived audio recordings of meetings, please visit: <https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/statutory-revision-committee/2023-regular-session>.

The SRC has not yet scheduled its next meeting. To receive notices of meetings and agendas, memos, and bill drafts, please subscribe to our [mailing list](#).

The bill corrects several defective cross references in the tax statutes. For a detailed description of the changes, see the [memo](#) distributed at the March 9, 2023, SRC meeting.

S.B. 23-209 – Recommended by: Office of Legislative Legal Services

The bill corrects an error made by [H.B. 22-1328](#) by removing the date restriction in the definition of "eligible borrower" used to determine a business's eligibility for a small business recovery loan under the "CLIMBER Act". For a detailed description of the change, see the [memo](#) distributed at the March 9, 2023, SRC meeting.

SB 23-300 – Recommended by: Office of Legislative Legal Services

[H.B. 22-1034](#) merged three retirement plans administered by the fire and police pension association, the statewide defined benefit plan, the statewide hybrid plan, and the social security supplemental plan, into a single statewide retirement plan. The bill corrects certain statutory cross references that were not properly updated to reflect the repeals and relocations caused by this merge. While SB 23-300 was approved for introduction by the SRC, the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee postponed the bill indefinitely.

HB 23-1250 – Recommended by: Mr. Frank Sturgell, a private citizen

The bill corrects an incorrect citation concerning the attorney general's concurrent jurisdiction with the relevant district attorney over the regulation of architects. For a detailed explanation of the bill, see the [memo](#) distributed at the March 9, 2023, SRC meeting.

HB 23-1251 – Recommended by: Department of Revenue

The bill repeals several obsolete provisions in title 39, Colorado Revised Statutes. For a detailed description of the changes, see the [memo](#) distributed at the March 9, 2023, SRC meeting.

HB 23-1297 – Recommended by: Colorado Bar Association

The bill repeals the allowance for a corporation to issue a scrip in bearer form upon the holder surrendering enough scrip to equal a full share. For a detailed description of the issue, see the [memos](#) distributed at the April 12, 2023, SRC meeting.