

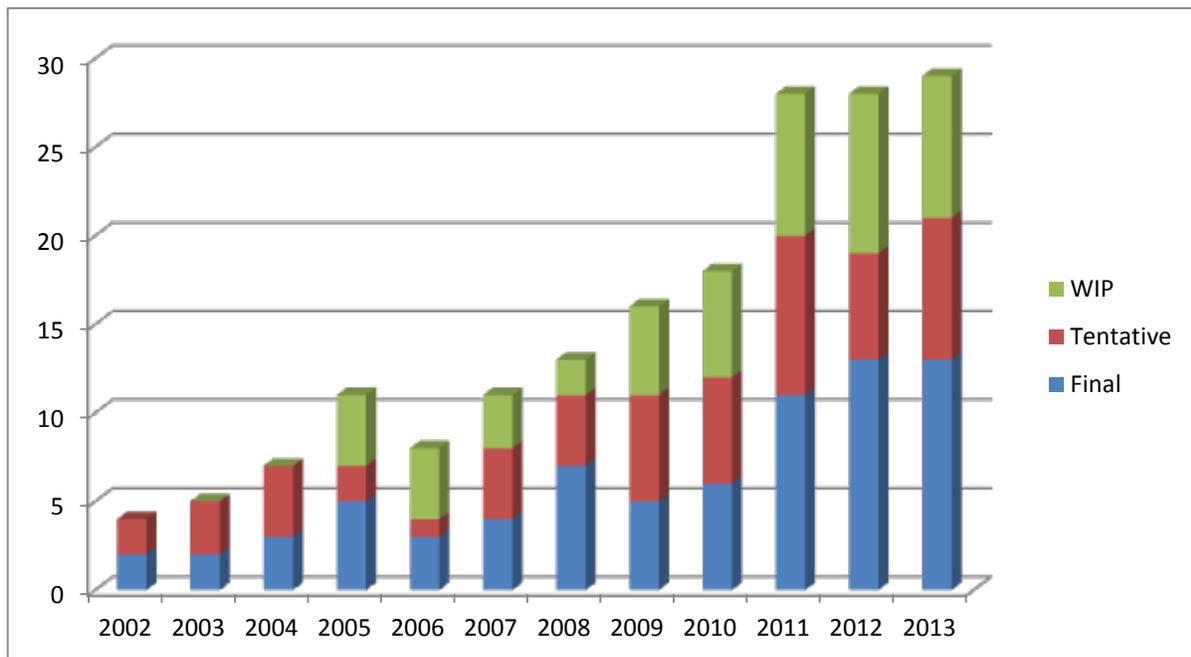
New Jersey Law Revision Commission Information Sheet
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General Information

- The NJLRC is an active Commission –it meets once each month except August – the meetings are public. Commission Staff offices are staffed and open five days a week, generally between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.
- Commission Tentative and Final Reports are regularly distributed according to a list maintained by the NJLRC (now including all Legislative Committee Chairs and others (leadership of both houses, OLS, NJSBA, etc.), available on the NJLRC website (recently revised to be more accessible and user-friendly), and Commission Staff is always happy to provide additional information on request.

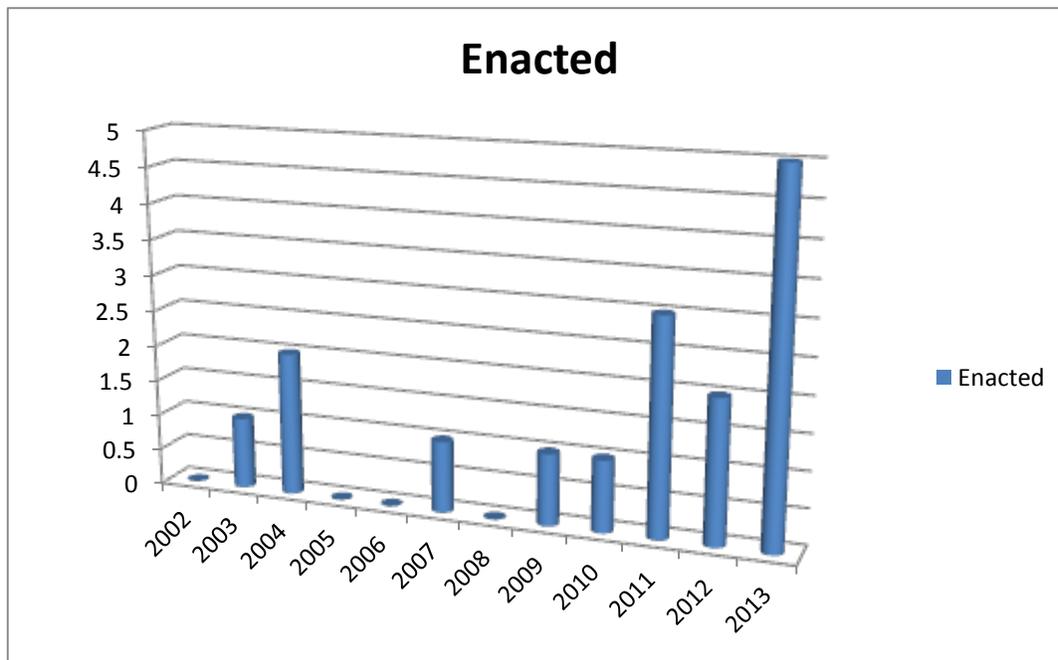
Project numbers:

- In each of the last several years, the NJLRC has worked on more than 25 individual projects per year (2013 – 31 projects; 2012 – 28 projects, 2011 – 28 projects).
- In the several years before that, the NJLRC worked on between 10 and 20 individual projects per year (2010 – 18 projects, 2009 – 16 projects, 2008 – 13 projects).
- Year-by-year review of NJLRC projects, including breakout for final, tentative, work-in-progress (2013 figure is based on work so far this year):



Enacted projects:

- So far, in 2014, one NJLRC project has been enacted (New Jersey Declaration of Death Act).
- In 2013, five NJLRC projects were enacted (UCC Articles 1, 4A, 7, 9, and Pejorative Terms).
- In 2012, two NJLRC projects were enacted (New Jersey Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act and Revised Uniform Limited Liability Company Act).
- In 2011, three NJLRC projects were enacted (Married Women’s Property Act, New Jersey Trade Secrets Act, and Title Recordation).
- In 2010, one Commission project was enacted (Construction Lien Law).
- Through end of 2012, 118 NJLRC projects were submitted to the Legislature, 42 of which were enacted.
- See graph below for 2002 – 2013 NJLRC year-by-year enactments:



Projects under consideration 2014-2015:

- In the 2014-2015 Legislative session so far, several bills have been introduced based on NJLRC projects, or on which the NJLRC provided information and support, including: Durable Power of Attorney; Effect of Abstentions; and Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.

- In the 2012-2013 Legislative session, there were at least 15 bills pending before the Legislature based on NJLRC projects, or on which the NJLRC provided information and support, including: Adverse Possession; Collaborative Family Law; Criminal Code Causation; Durable Power of Attorney; Effect of Abstentions; General Repealer; New Jersey Determination of Death Act; Pejorative Terms; Standard Form Contracts; UCC - Articles 1, 4A, 7 and 9; Uniform Trust Code; and the Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act.

NJLRC History:

- New Jersey has a tradition of law revision; the first Law Revision Commission was established in 1925 and produced the Revised Statutes of 1937.
- In 1985, the Legislature once again created a Law Revision Commission, explaining that revision had been undertaken on an as-needed basis and was not performed continuously (*N.J.S. 1:12A-1*).
- Pursuant to *N.J.S. 1:12A-8*, the NJLRC is charged with the responsibility for conducting a continuous examination of the general and permanent statutory law, and the judicial decisions construing it, in order to maintain the statutes in a revised, consolidated and simplified form.

Work of the NJLRC:

- Commission Staff members engage in independent research, monitor case law, and receive and consider suggestions and recommendations from: American Law Institute; Uniform Law Commission; other learned bodies; judges; public officials; bar associations; attorneys; and members of the public.
- In recent years, the work of the Uniform Law Commission (2013 – 12 projects, 2012 – 11 projects, 2011 – 11 projects), case law (2013 – 10 projects, 2012 – 8 projects, 2011 – 9 projects) and recommendations by members of the public (2013 – 9 projects, 2012 – 9 projects, 2011 – 8 projects) have served as sources of Commission projects.
- The work of the NJLRC is complementary to the work done by the Office of Legislative Services, not duplicative.
 - Timing: OLS must be responsive to the needs of Legislators who wish to move bills forward with a certain timetable in mind. The NJLRC project completion schedule varies based on the project.
 - Outreach: OLS is required to regard requests for assistance by Legislators or others as confidential, and no information regarding the request may be given to any person other than person who made initial request (unless requestor consents or subject matter made public, *N.J.S. 52:11-70*). The NJLRC relies heavily on comments from subject-matter experts and knowledgeable members of the public throughout its research and drafting process.
- From 1995 through the present:

- 35 law review articles or law journal articles made reference to the work of the Commission and 20 different cases decided by New Jersey courts made reference to the work of the Commission.