

Codification of New Hampshire's Criminal Laws

1967

February 16

[HB 326](#), an Act establishing a commission to recommend a codification of the criminal laws is introduced and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. [Committee file not found]

March 16

HB 326 is reported out of committee as OTP and referred to House Appropriations Committee

April 4

House Appropriations Committee holds [hearing](#) on HB 326

June 28

HB 326 is reported out of Appropriations Committee as OTP

June 29

HB 326 is introduced in the Senate and referred to the Finance Committee [Committee files not found.]

June 30

HB 326 is reported out of Senate Finance Committee as OTP.

July 3

HB 326 is approved [Laws 1967, c 451](#)

The Commission to Recommend Codification of Criminal Laws is established. Members are: Richard H. Keefe, Clifford J. Ross, and Frank R. Kenison. Professor Sanford J. Fox of Boston College Law School is hired to research and draft the changes. The Commission was also referred to as:

Criminal Law Revision Commission,
Commission to Prepare a Criminal Code for New Hampshire, and
Commission to Codify the New Hampshire Criminal Laws
Special Criminal Code Study Commission

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Criminal laws, codification, commission (HB 326) [267](#), Approp [402](#), psd [1794](#), [1820](#), S conc [2064](#), engr [2081](#)

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Criminal laws, codification, commission (HB 326) [1246](#), psd [1362-1363](#), [1369](#), engr [1577](#)

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May 15

[HB 904](#), an Act to repeal and reclassify RSA Title LVIII, crimes and offenses, enact a new Title LVIII, criminal code, and to repeal and amend RSA 607 relating to sentence, execution and parole (a.k.a. Report of Commission to Recommend Codification of Criminal Laws) is introduced in the House and Senate and referred to the Judiciary Committees of the House and Senate as a joint committee.

This joint committee was also referred to as:

- Joint Judiciary Committee
- Joint Committee to Revise the Criminal Code
- Joint Interim Committee
- Interim House and Senate Judiciary Committee
- Joint Committee on Codification of Criminal Laws

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HB 904 To repeal and reclassify RSA Title LVIII, crimes and offenses, enact a new Title LVIII, criminal code, and to repeal and amend RSA 607 re sentence, execution, and parole (Zachos of Hil. 27) [1066](#), int com of jt jud com [1068](#), S conc [1391](#)

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HB 904 To repeal and reclassify RSA Title LVIII, crimes and offenses, enact a new Title LVIII, criminal code, and to repeal and amend RSA 607 re sentence, execution, and parole. [636](#), int com of jt jud com [637](#)

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January – December

The Joint Judiciary Committee holds four public hearings on the Commission’s Report:

- January 28
 - 1st public [hearing](#) on HB 904.
- October 18
 - 2nd public [hearing](#) on chapters 570-578 of Report
- November 18
 - 3rd public [hearing](#) on chapters 579- 588; recap on 570-578.
- December 16
 - 4th and final public [hearing](#) on chapters 589-607.

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April 6

[HB 620](#), an Act to establish a criminal code is introduced by Rep. Zachos for the Joint Committee to Revise the Criminal Code and is referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

NOTE: The Committee submitted three sections of the Commission’s report in two other bills: abortion HB 252ⁱ, and sentence for murder and proceedings to determine sentence for murder HB 489ⁱⁱ.

May 12

The House Judiciary Committee holds a public [hearing](#) on HB 620.

June 2

HB 620 is reported out of House Judiciary Committee as OTP with amendment.

June 3

HB 620 is introduced in the Senate and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

June 22

Senate Judiciary Committee holds a public [hearing](#) on HB 620.

March 25

Kimon S. Zachos, co-chairman of the Joint Interim Committee, reports to the House on the activities of the Committee.

July 1

HB 620 code is enrolled as [Laws of 1971 c. 518](#)

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HB 620 To establish a criminal code. (Zachos of Hil. 27) [465](#), [591](#), [rule 57](#) [1041](#), ext [1090](#), am [1292-1295](#), psd [1314](#), S conc [1715](#), enr [1788](#) ([Chapter 518](#))

See also [HJ 1971 pp. 477-478](#) Communication from Rep. Zachos of the Joint Committee to the House.

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HB 620 To establish a criminal code [861](#), psd(RC) [1641-1646](#), [1706](#), [1724](#), enr [2057](#) ([Chapter 518](#))

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November 1

Effective date of Title LXII Criminal Code

Selected Articles

4 U. Mich. L. Reform 443 1970-1971 – *Reflection on the Law Reforming Process*. Sanford J. Fox. Paper discussing the author’s experiences as draftsman or reporter in penal law legislation projects including the New Hampshire Criminal Code.

11 N.H.B.J. 262 1969 *Proposed Criminal Code for New Hampshire*. Sanford J. Fox.

ⁱ February 1 1971

HB 252, an Act permitting abortion under certain circumstances is introduced by Rep. Zachos for the Joint Committee on Codification of Criminal Laws. Bill is referred to Public Health and Welfare. On April 28, HB 252 was reported out of the House Committee on Public Health and Welfare as ITL.

ⁱⁱ March 11 1971

HB 489, re the sentence for murder and the proceedings to determine the sentence introduced in the House by Rep. Zachos for the Joint Committee on Codification of Criminal Laws. Bill is referred to House Judiciary Committee. HB 489 reported out of House Judiciary Committee as OTP with amendment. HB 489 also amended by Senate Judiciary Committee. House and Senate failed to reach agreement on the bill.