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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Tennessee Code Annotated, enacted as Chapter 6 of the Public Acts of 1955, is the third complete official Tennessee Code. Plans for this code originated with the enactment of Chapter 175 of the Public Acts of 1951. That statute created a temporary commission composed of the Chief Justice and two additional members designated by him to negotiate with various publishers of law books with reference to the publication and codification of Tennessee statutes and to make recommendations to the 1953 session of the General Assembly. Chief Justice A.B. Neil designated State Attorney General Roy H. Beeler and Harry Phillips as additional members of the commission.

Upon the basis of its study and investigation of the problem over a period of two year, the commission submitted a written report to the 1953 Legislature which is bound into and made a part of this volume. This record resulted in the enactment of Chapter 80 of the Public Acts of 1953, compiled as TCA Sections 1-101 – 1-114 authorizing publication of an annotated official code and creating a permanent code commission. After inviting bids from all leading law book publishers, the Code Commission awarded a contract to the Bobbs-Merrill Company of Indianapolis, Indiana. The editorial work on the code was done by the law editors of the Bobbs-Merrill Company under the supervision of the Tennessee Code Commission. This required extensive and detailed correspondence between Leland C. Morgan of the Bobbs-Merrill Company and Harry Phillips, Executive Secretary of the Code Commission.

At the direction of the Code Commission, copies of the basic correspondence relating to the code and various other documents have been bound into this volume, to be preserved for future references.

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| 1 | Tennessee Code Annotated Correspondence Volume 1.<br>Tennessee Code Annotated Correspondence Volume 2. |
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