

Reception Provisions of Virginia and Kentucky

Virginia Reception Statute (1776), *in* 1 Revised Code of the Laws of Virginia 135 (Richmond, Thomas Ritchie 1819).

* * * [Passed July 3, 1776.]

BE it ordained by the representatives of the people now met in General Convention, That the common law of *England*, all statutes or acts of Parliament made in aid of the common law prior to the fourth year of the reign of King *James* the first,^[FN*] and which are of a general nature, not local to that kingdom, together with the several acts of the General Assembly of this colony now in force, so far as the same may consist with the several ordinances, declarations, and resolutions of the General Convention, shall be the rule of decision, and shall be considered as in full force, until the same shall be altered by the legislative power of this colony.

[FN* *The year Virginia was founded. —ed.*]

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Kentucky Constitution.

§ 233. General laws of Virginia in force in this State until repealed.

All laws which, on the first day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two,^[FN**] were in force in the State of Virginia, and which are of a general nature and not local to that State, and not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to the laws which have been enacted by the General Assembly of this Commonwealth, shall be in force within this State until they shall be altered or repealed by the General Assembly.

[FN** *The day Kentucky, formerly a county of Virginia, was admitted as a State. —ed.*]

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