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## PREFACE

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In 1923, representative members of the various branches of the profession from all parts of the country organized the American Law Institute. Its purpose was to restate the various branches of the common law with the end in view of clarifying the same. Pursuant to this general plan, various Restatements have been undertaken and some completed. In each instance, the Restatement has been formulated at the outset by an outstanding scholar in his particular field whose study and research have made him an authority. Such Restatement then has been, after due consideration and some changes, approved by the Council of the Institute. The Council has at all times been composed of outstanding judges, practitioners and law teachers. After the Restatement has reached this stage, it has been submitted to an annual meeting of the Institute for final action. Often, at this point, the Restatement has again undergone further changes and sometimes portions of it have been held over until the next ensuing meeting of the Institute for further consideration by all parties concerned. It can be seen, therefore, that the Restatement in its final form represents the best thought of the American bar.

It is the hope of the Institute that the various Restatements will be of service to the lawyers and courts and that ultimately, they will have a lasting effect upon American jurisprudence. Undoubtedly, if the lawyers of the various states will familiarize themselves with the Restatements, use them and cite them in their briefs, they will finally come to be looked upon as authoritative.

Obviously, a bare statement of the law in the abstract, without being connected up with the local jurisprudence of any particular state, will be of little service to the bar and bench. Such a Restatement, to be effectively used, must be annotated with the decisions in point in the local jurisdiction. In order to make the Restatements available in this way to the Missouri bar, the Missouri Bar Association has sponsored annotation work in this state and has given most generously of its support to this movement. The Faculty of Law of the University of Missouri is engaged in annotating the Restatements of the law of Conflict of Laws, Torts and Agency.

The within is a part of the Restatement of the Conflict of Laws with the Missouri annotations thereto. It deals with the jurisdiction of courts. This portion is printed at this time to interest the members of the bar and to familiarize them with the work that is being done. It is also hoped that the work may be

of material assistance to the profession. Ultimately, the entire Restatement will be published in permanent form with the Missouri annotations. The annotation work now published has been prepared by Professor J. Coy Bour.

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The Faculty of Law desire to say that without the help, financial and otherwise, of the Missouri Bar Association, this work could not have been undertaken.

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