§ 551. Construction. 1. The provisions of this chapter so far as they are substantially the same as those existing at the time they shall take effect, shall be construed as a continuation of such laws, modified or amended, according to the language employed in this chapter, and not as new enactments. References in laws not repealed to provisions of law repealed, or transferred and enacted into and made a part of this chapter, shall be construed as applying to the provisions so incorporated.

2. All references in this chapter to articles, titles or sections shall, unless otherwise indicated in connection therewith, be deemed to refer to the articles, titles or sections of this chapter; and, if so stated in connection therewith, to a subdivision of a section of this chapter. All references in any section of this chapter to a numbered subdivision, or clause shall, unless otherwise indicated in connection therewith, be deemed to refer to the subdivision, or clause so numbered or lettered in such section. All references in any article to a title shall, unless otherwise indicated in connection therewith, be deemed to refer to the title so numbered in such article.