

Public order and repeal of vagrancy laws

The Commission's 1985 Report on [Vagrancy and Related Matters](#) (LRC 11–1985) recommended the repeal of various offences in a number of 19th Century laws, including the *Vagrancy Act 1824*. The 1824 Act criminalised many acts solely on the basis that a person was “*suslaw* in the 1824 Act, which allowed the Gardaí to arrest s recommendations were implemented in the *Housing Act 1988* (which requires local authorities to house homeless people) and the *Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994* (which contains clearer provisions needed to manage public order). The 1985 Report had also recommended that the existing offences of begging in, for example, the *Vagrancy Act 1824*, should be replaced by a new offence. This had not been implemented when, in 2008, the offence was found to be unconstitutional, arising from which the *Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 2011* was enacted.