Minnesota Legislative Reference Library
Legislative History: Location of Materials

Research Locations

**Legislative Reference Library (LRL)**
645 State Office Building; (651) 296-8338; library@lrl.mn.gov
Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30; extended during session: Mon.-Th. 8-5, Sat. 8-12
Call or email for service because offices are closed.
LRL Legislative History Guide

**Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) Library**
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.; (651) 259-3300
Admittance by appointment only.
MNHS Library Legislative History Guide

Statutes, Laws, and Journals

**Statutes**
Present: Current Statutes
1851-last year: Archived Statutes
1851-last year: Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library

**Session Laws**
1849-present: Minnesota Session Laws
1849-present: Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library

**House Journal**
1994-present: Journal of the House
1994-present: Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library

**Senate Journal**
1996-present: Journal of the Senate
1996-present: Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library

Committee Minutes

**House**
2005–present: House committee minutes (partial and unofficial)
1999–2004: Paper at LRL (current in committee offices)
Prior to 1999: Contact MNHS to determine if they exist
1883–1918: Judiciary committee only: contact MNHS
1987–1998: Microfilm/fiche at LRL

**Senate**
2005–2006: Senate committee minutes (partial and unofficial)
2009–2018: Paper at LRL (current in committee offices)
Prior to 1999: Contact MNHS to determine if they exist
1883–1910: Judiciary Committee only: contact MNHS
1973–1988: Microfiche at LRL

Legislative Multimedia and Floor Logs

**Multimedia:** Not all meetings are available in both formats.

**House**
1991–present: Audio
1998–present: Video
House Public Info: (651) 297-1338; $12.50 per item produced

**Senate**
1991–present: Audio
2001–present: Video
Senate does not provide copies.

**Floor Logs:**
1991–present: Senate floor logs

Bills and Bill Status Indexes

**House Bills:**
Present: Paper copies at Chief Clerk’s Office
211 Capitol; (651) 296-2314
1995–present: Bill status index online
1957–2008: Microfilm/fiche at LRL
Prior to 1957: Contact MNHS Library

**House Bill Status Indexes:**
1995–present: Bill status index online
1975–1996: Microfilm/fiche at LRL

**Senate Bills:**
Present: Paper copies at Secretary of the Senate’s Office
231 Capitol; (651) 296-2344
1995–present: Bill status index online
1957–2010: Microfilm/fiche at LRL
Prior to 1957: Contact MNHS Library

**Senate Bill Status Indexes:**
1995–present: Bill status index online
1995–1996: Bill author index only on microfiche at LRL
1987–1992: Microfilm/fiche at LRL

Summaries

**Session Publications**
1849–present: Session notebooks at LRL
1849–present: Time Capsule
2004–present: Session Daily (House)
1984–2012: Session Weekly (House)
1985–2009: Senate Briefly (Senate)
1975–present: Fiscal Review (Senate)
1999–present: House Research Bill Summaries
1999–present: House Research Act Summaries
1990–present: New Laws (House)
1979–1984: Session ... New Laws (House)
1979–1989: Session Summary (House)
1977–1978: Summary: Session (House)
1977–1992: Session Review (Senate)
1951–1982: Actions of the ... Minnesota Legislature

News

**Clippings for Each Legislator by District Number**
2009–present: Online on Capitol computers in LRL’s News Archive
2000–2009: Print in LRL’s file cabinets
1972–1999: Microfilm at LRL

Fee-Based Legislative History Research Services

Legal Research Center, Inc.: (612) 332-4950
TriDimension Strategies, LLC: (972) 527-3500
Legislative Intent Service, Inc.: (800) 666-1917
MNHS Library: (651) 259-3300

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