# Minnesota Legislative Reference Library
# Legislative History: Location of Materials

## Research Locations

Legislative Reference Library (LRL)
321 Capitol; 651-296-8338; library@lrl.mn.gov
LRL Legislative History Guide
Legislative History Research Presentation (2024)

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

## Statutes, Laws, and Journals

**Statutes**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1851-present | Archived Statutes; Current Statutes |
| 1849-present | Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library |

**Session Laws**

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

**House Journal**

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|---|---|
| 1994-present | House |
| 1973-present | LRL (Includes Journal indexes) |
| 1858-present | Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library |
| 1849-1993 | LLMC House Journals (incomplete) |

**Senate Journal**

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|---|---|
| 1996-present | Senate |
| 1973-present | LRL (Includes Journal indexes) |
| 1858-present | Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library |
| 1849-1995 | LLMC Senate Journals (incomplete) |

## Committee Minutes

**House**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2005–present | House committee minutes (partial and unofficial) |
| 1999–2024 | Paper at LRL (current in committee offices) |
| 1919–1998 | Paper at MNHS Library |
| Prior to 1919 | Contact MNHS to ask if they exist |
| 1883–1918 | *Judiciary* committee only: contact MNHS |
| 1957–1988 | Microfilm/fiche at LRL (1971-1988 out for digitization) |

**Senate**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2005–06 & 22-25 | Senate committee minutes (official; current in committee offices) |
| 1999–2022 | Paper at LRL |
| 1911–1998 | Paper at MNHS Library |
| Prior to 1911 | Contact MNHS to determine if they exist |
| 1883–1910 | *Judiciary* Committee only: contact MNHS |
| 1973–1988 | Microfiche at LRL (1973-1988 out for digitization) |

**Conference Committee Materials**

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|---|---|
| 2015-present | Conference Committee Activity |
| 1999-present | Paper at LRL (if available) |
| Pre-1999 | Paper an MNHS Library (if available) |

## Legislative Multimedia

**Multimedia:**

Not all meetings are available in audio and video.

**House**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1991–present | Audio |
| 1998-present | Video |

Copies from House Public Info: (651) 297-1338; $12.50 per item produced

**Senate**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1991–present | Audio |
| 2001–present | Video |

Senate Video Caption Search
Senate Media does not provide copies.

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## Floor Logs

**Floor Logs:**

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|---|---|
| 1991–present | Senate floor logs |
| 1991–2004 & 2006–2016 | House floor logs |

## Bills and Bill Status Indexes

**House Bills:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Present | Paper copies at Chief Clerk's Office<br>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:**

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|---|---|
| 1995–present | Bill status index online |
| 1975–1996 | Microfilm/fiche at LRL |

**Senate Bills:**

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|---|---|
| Present | Paper copies at Secretary of the Senate's Office<br>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:**

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|---|---|
| 1995–present | Bill status index online |
| 1995–1996 | Bill author index only on microfiche at LRL |
| 1987–1992 | Microfilm/fiche at LRL |

## News

**Clippings for Each Legislator by District Number**

| | |
|---|---|
| 2000–present | Online on Capitol computers in LRL's News Archive |
| 2000–2009 | Print in LRL's file cabinets; online |
| 1972–1999 | Microfilm at LRL |
| Various | Additional Newspapers |

## 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) |
| 2024-present | Fiscal Digest (House) |
| 1999–present | House Research Bill Summaries |
| 1975–2008 | House Research Bill Summaries (in paper at MNHS) |
| 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) |
| 1973-1980 | Legislative Summary (DFL House and Senate) |
| 1951–1982 | *Actions of the ... Minnesota Legislature* |

## Fee-Based Legislative History Research Services

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

## Online Link

Scan for a webpage with these links: