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

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

House Journal

1994-present	Journal of the House
1973-1996	Journal of the House
1858-present	Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library
1849-1990	LLMC House Journals (incomplete)

Senate Journal

1996-present	Journal of the Senate
1973-1996	Journal of the Senate
1858-present	Paper at LRL, MNHS, MN State Law Library
1849-1990	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

Senate

2005–06 & 22-23	Senate committee minutes (official)
1999–2022	Paper at LRL (current in committee offices)
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

Conference Committee Materials

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.

Floor Logs

Floor Logs:

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] 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

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
1972–1999	Microfilm 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]
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

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