Minnesota Legislative History Resources

Minnesota State Law Library
G25 Judicial Center
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
(651) 297-7651
askalibrarian@courts.state.mn.us

Legislative Reference Library (LRL)
645 State Office Building
(651) 296-3398
refdesk@lrl.leg.mn

Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) Library
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
(651) 259-3300
reference@mnhs.org

Online Resources:

Minnesota Statutes: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs/
Minnesota Statutes Annotated – Westlaw
Minnesota Session Laws: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs/

https://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/history/floorlogs

Inventory of House Committee Books: http://www2.mnhs.org/library/findaids/gr00073.xml
Inventory of Senate Committee Books: http://www2.mnhs.org/library/findaids/gr00074.xml
House Committee minutes (1999-present): https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/Committees/minutes/list
Senate Committee minutes: https://www.senate.mn/committees/
Select the committee, then go to the "meetings" and select the "upcoming meeting schedules." Select the date of the meeting. If the word "minutes" doesn't appear as a link in the schedule, that committee did not post minutes online.

House and Senate Audio Files, 1991-2006: https://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/media/
House Audio and Video Archives, 1998-present: https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/audio/default.asp
Senate Audio and Video Archives, 2001-present: https://www.senate.mn/media/index.php

Session Weekly: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/sessionweekly/
Session Daily: https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/SessionDaily/Home
Session Daily Archive (back to 2004): https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/SessionDaily/Archive/
eLibrary Minnesota (for Star Tribune newspapers): https://elibrarymn.org/

Legislative History - Location of Other Materials: http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/leghist/hist_resource
Print Resources:

Minnesota Statutes - State Law Library, Legislative Reference Library
Minnesota Statutes Annotated - State Law Library
Laws of Minnesota (session laws) - State Law Library, Legislative Reference Library
House and Senate Journals - State Law Library, Legislative Reference Library
Committee minute books
  - Legislative Reference Library - from 1999 to the present
  - Minnesota Historical Society Library - 1911-1998
Floor logs (1991-1999) - Legislative Reference Library
Session Notebooks – Legislative Reference Library

Guides:

Minnesota Legislative History: Step by Step http://www.leg.state.mn.us/leg/leghist/histstep
Legislative History Research: A guide for researching the history of the Minnesota State Legislature
http://libguides.mnhs.org/legislative

Statutory Interpretation:

Minn. Stat. Ch. 645 Interpretation of Statutes and Rules