

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) 296-8338
library@lrl.mn.gov
<https://www.lrl.mn.gov/>

Minnesota Historical Society
(MHS) Library
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
(651) 259-3300
reference@mnhs.org
<https://www.mnhs.org/library>

Online Resources:

Legislative History - Location of Other Materials: https://www.lrl.mn.gov/leg/history/hist_resource

Primary Law

Minnesota Statutes: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs/>

Minnesota Statutes Annotated – Westlaw

Minnesota Session Laws: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs/>

Legislative History Primary Sources

House Journals (1994-present): <https://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/ccj/journals/journl.htm>

Senate Journals (1995-present): https://www.senate.mn/journals/journal_list.php

LLMC Digital - House Journals (1849-1993):

<https://llmc.com/titledescfull.aspx?type=6&coll=27&div=109&set=40793>

Note: You will need to be at the MJC or logged into the MJB Network to access this resource.

LLMC Digital – Senate Journals (1849-1996):

<https://llmc.com/titledescfull.aspx?type=6&coll=27&div=109&set=40794>

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House Bill Versions (1995-present): https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_search.php?body=House

Senate Bill Versions (1995-present): https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/status_search.php?body=Senate

Floor Logs - House (1991-2004, 2006-2016) and Senate (1991-2019) – not complete before 1999

<https://www.lrl.mn.gov/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-present: <https://www.lrl.mn.gov/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>

Secondary Sources

Legislative Time Capsule: <https://www.lrl.mn.gov/timecapsule/>

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/>

Senate Briefly (1985-2009): <https://www.lrl.mn.gov/edocs/edocs?oclcnumber=38253779>

MN Legal Periodical Index (1984-present): <https://mn.gov/law-library/> > Quick Links > Opinions, Briefs, and Articles > Search Articles

Electronic Library for Minnesota (for Star Tribune newspapers): <https://elibrarymn.org/>

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 <https://www.lrl.mn.gov/leg/history/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](#)

Minnesota Revisor Manual: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/static/office/2013-Revisor-Manual.pdf>

[Statutes and statutory construction](#) - Available in the State Law Library at KF425 .S25.