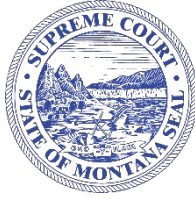


STATE LAW LIBRARY OF MONTANA

Joseph P. Mazurek Justice Building
215 North Sanders Street
PO Box 203004
Helena, MT 59620-3004



Website: courts.mt.gov/library
Email: mtlawlibrary@mt.gov
Phone: 406-444-3660
Fax: 406-444-3603

Re: Montana Legislative Histories

Thank you for contacting the State Law Library of Montana regarding a Montana legislative history. The Montana Legislature meets every two years, commencing in January of odd-numbered years. The primary sources for determining legislative intent in Montana are the minutes of legislative committee meetings that considered the bill, the exhibits from those hearings, and the various versions of the bill proposed throughout the process. Where these materials “live” generally depends upon the date of their creation.

The State Law Library keeps copies of all legislative histories we compile on the Internet Archive. Check there first to see if the history you are looking for already exists. If you have additional questions, call us at 444-3660 or e-mail us at mtlawlibrary@mt.gov. For materials housed at the Montana Historical Society, you can call (406) 444-2681 or email mthslibrary@mt.gov.

Completed Legislative Histories

- 1892-2025 • Internet Archive
<https://archive.org/details/montana-legislative-history>

Legislative Bills

- Pre-1977 • Montana Historical Society
- 1975-1997 • State Law Library of Montana • digital
<https://courts.mt.gov/Library/mr/bills/>
- 1975- 2015 • State Law Library of Montana • bound copies
- 1999 Regular session – present • Montana State Legislature • digital
<https://bills.legmt.gov/#>

Legislative Minutes

- Pre-1977 • Montana Historical Society
- 1977-1997 • State Law Library of Montana • digital
<https://courts.mt.gov/Library/mr/>
- 2000 Special Session -2003 • State Law Library of Montana • digital
- 1997-1999* • Montana Historical Society • audio tapes
- 2005-present • Montana Legislature • digital
<https://www.legmt.gov/>

**The 1997 and 1999 House and Senate Committee written minutes are sparse. The minutes are available via audio tape at the Montana Historical Society.*

Floor Sessions

- 2005- present • Montana State Legislature • digital
<https://www.legmt.gov/>

Legislative Exhibits

- Pre-1977 • Montana Historical Society
- 1977-1997 • State Law Library of Montana • digital
<https://courts.mt.gov/Library/mr/>
- 1999-2003 • State Law Library of Montana • digital
- 2005- present • Montana State Legislature • digital
<https://bills.legmt.gov/#>