

# ILLINOIS LEGISLATIVE HISTORY RESEARCH

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	GO TO:	IN ORDER TO:
Step 1	<p><i>Illinois Compiled Statutes</i> (KFI1230.3.A3) OR</p> <p>Illinois General Assembly website*: Legislation &amp; Laws → Illinois Compiled Statutes</p>	<p><b>identify Public Act number</b> (e.g., P.A. 78-255) listed at end of each <i>ILCS</i> section</p> <p>[remember that first number relates to the number of the General Assembly, the second to the numerical sequence in which statutes were enacted during that particular General Assembly]</p>
Step 2	<p><i>Laws of the State of Illinois</i> [arranged by P.A. number]</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Illinois General Assembly website*: Legislation &amp; Laws → Public Acts (90th G.A. (1997-98) to current)</p>	<p><b>identify bill number</b> listed at top of P.A.</p> <p>print: KFI1225 .I4 (1819-current)</p> <p>website: use lists to find Public Act by P.A. number; for Public Acts from previous General Assemblies, select G.A. from dropdown menu on Previous General Assemblies page</p>
Step 3	<p><i>Legislative Synopsis &amp; Digest</i> [print, arranged by bill number] AND</p> <p>House and Senate bills [micro]</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Illinois General Assembly website*: Legislation &amp; Laws → Bills &amp; Resolutions (90th G.A. (1997-98) to current)</p>	<p>review chronology of bill to <b>identify likely dates of floor debate</b> (e.g., “2nd reading” or “recalled to 2nd reading”)</p> <p>print: KFI1215 .I4 (1917-current)</p> <p>micro: Fiche V-S 0243 and 0244 (1987-98) film KFI1206 .I4 and .I42 (1877-1986)</p> <p>website: for bills and resolutions from previous General Assemblies, select G.A. from dropdown menu on Previous General Assemblies page; click on “listing” link under Legislation &amp; Laws to find the bill number; retrieve status information and links to full text of bill</p>
Step 4	<p><i>Index of Transcripts for H or S Debate in the __ General Assembly</i></p> <p>website: skip this step</p>	<p><b>determine page #s for dates of debate on the bill</b></p> <p>print: KFI1210.I4 H67 and KFI1210 .I45 (1971-98), on cabinets in micro room; must look at both S &amp; H indexes for the bill since there are separate fiche sets for each chamber; NOTE: page numbers are essential because each legislative day begins at page 1</p>
Step 5	<p>Debates of General Assembly, House and Senate [microfiche]</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Illinois General Assembly website*: Senate or House → Transcripts (77th G.A. (1971-72) to current)</p>	<p><b>read actual debate re the bill</b></p> <p>micro: Fiche V-S 0002 and 0003; remember to consult fiche sets for both chambers</p> <p>website: for transcripts from previous G.A., select from dropdown menu on Previous General Assemblies page; retrieve by legislative day or date and then use “search” feature of Adobe reader to locate relevant debate (search for bill number)</p>
Step 6	<p><i>Journals of the House and Senate</i> [print]</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Illinois General Assembly website*: Senate or House → Journals</p>	<p><b>locate any conference committee report or veto message from governor</b></p> <p>print: KFI1218 .H62 and .S43 (1844-current); use “Record of Bills” at end of last volume for year, which lists each page in Journal where bill is mentioned</p> <p>website: journals for 91st G.A. (1999-2000) to current; for journals from previous G.A., select from dropdown menu on Previous General Assemblies page; retrieve next legislative day and use “Find on this Page” feature of browser to locate conference committee report or veto message</p>

\* Illinois General Assembly website, at <http://www.ilga.gov>