

*Accessing Legislative
Information via the
Internet*

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*** as used in this guide " → " means to click on

1. To listen to Legislative Proceedings:


 At the top of the screen → "Audio Broadcasts of Current Legislative Proceedings" Then → the room with the proceeding you wish to listen to.

2. Finding bills from the current or most recent session. If you know the bill number:

 → "Current Regular Session Information"

- ✓ Type the bill number in the box (must be a 3- or 4-digit number) and → "Go directly to bill number"
- ✓ To view the bill (it will be the last version of the bill), → the bill number in blue.
- ✓ If the bill has passed it will have "An Act" printed on it, otherwise the latest version of the bill will be printed in the top right corner (i.e. "Introduced", "Reengrossed", etc.).
- ✓ To look at different versions of the bill → "All versions"

If you don't know the bill number:


 → "Current Regular Session Information"

→ "Search" at the top of the page

- ✓ Type in the word or words that you think might be found in the bill. On the options below the search box choose "All bills". (It can be helpful to choose a sort option -- such as a category or sponsor to help organize your search.) → "Get Results"
- ✓ This should generate a list of bills that contain the words in


your search. If no bills appear -- try a different search.

For other information regarding a bill.

 While in the "Bill Folder" options or when looking at "All Versions" of the bill, you can view it's "History", "Fiscal Note", "JBC Analysis", "Pre-Amended", "Committee Reports", and "Votes". → the appropriate link.

- ◆ You can access "Calendars", "Committees", "Status Sheets", "Journals", or "Reference" information. → the appropriate link on the opening (home) page or while in "Bill Folder" options.
- ◆ To print a copy of a bill. While viewing the bill → on the printer symbol on the gray tool bar.
- ◆ To find a specific cite, word, or series of words in a bill. While looking at the bill → the binoculars in the gray options area, type in the information → "Find".
- ◆ To print other information on your screen go to the "File" option on the pull down menu at the top of your screen and then choose "Print".

3. Finding bills from a previous session: → "Prior Session Information". It is an option on the left side on the General Assembly Home Page.

 Choose the year and session

- ✓ For 2000 to present bills. If you know the bill number → "Senate Bills" or "House Bills" (whichever is appropriate), or → "Search Options" to do a word search for a bill.
- ◆ For 1997 - 1999 bills, → the appropriate bill type (senate, house, resolutions), scroll down to the appropriate bill number or do a word or number search by opening tool bar at the top of your screen, → "Edit", → "Find (in this Page)", type in your search terms, and → "Find Next".

Other information available from opening (home) page of website:

4. → **Colorado Revised Statutes (current law).** Publication of all Colorado state laws as amended from most recent completed session. → "*CO Revised Statutes*" (takes you to a LexisNexis search engine). Put a checkmark in Colorado Statutes and use the word search box to find a cite or word(s), or open the plus sign and scroll down to the title you want to look at.
5. → **Session Laws (1993 to present).** Yearly publication of bills in the order they are enacted. To see if a statute has been amended in a particular session, choose the appropriate year, → on "*Listing by statute number (Red Book)*". Choose a title number (in the cite §39-1-103, 39 is the title) and scroll through the listing of cites. If the cite is there, then a bill was passed which contained that cite. → the blue chapter number to view the bill.
6. → **Bill Digest (1994 to present).** Yearly publication of bill summaries. → the correct year → the category that interests you and look through the bill summaries. → the blue chapter number to view the bill.
7. → **Ballot Issues (1998 to present).** Blue book analysis, initiative process guidelines and rules, ballot issue history index (1964 to present).
8. → **Interim Information (1998 to present).** Interim committees, year-round committees, meeting times and places, agendas, proposed legislation.
9. → **Contact Information.** For information to contact members and staff.
10. → **General Legislative Resources.** For research and publications, ballot issues and initiatives, legislative rules, and FAQs.

