

GUIDE TO LOCATING COMPILED SOURCES OF LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

- 1) ***Sources of Compiled Legislative Histories*** (REF KF49 B5 GENERAL) (also on <http://heinonline.org/>)

Latest update: current. Arranged by public law or statute number. This source provides titles of compiled legislative histories for particular acts. References are to books, journals and fiche. Major laws from all Congresses are covered. To find out if we own a title, check the online catalog or consult the librarian.
- 2) ***CIS Annual Legislative Histories*** (REF KF49 C62)

This volume has been published separately from 1984 through the present. Prior to 1984, the Legislative History section is included in the back of the CIS Annual Abstracts volume. The CIS series runs from 1970-present. Legislative histories for all significant enactments are included and are arranged numerically by public law numbers and contain references to Reports, Hearing, Debates, Presidential Statements. Most references in CIS Publications are to fiche; some are to *Congressional Record* and *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*. Summaries of each public law are provided. There are no cumulative indexes to the set; indexes and legislative histories for each year must be consulted.
- 3) ***Union List of Legislative Histories*** 5th ed. (REF KF4 .U55 1985)

Covers legislation passed from the 47th Congress to the 98th Congress (1881-1984). Public Laws are listed numerically for the Congresses with act title, bill number, statute number and participating library code. The library code within this volume indicates those libraries that own a compiled legislative history for a particular public law.
- 4) ***Federal Legislative Histories : an Annotated Bibliography and Index to Officially Published Sources*** (REF KF42.2 1994)

Gives brief information on the content of 250 legislative histories from the 4th Congress through the 101st Congress. Contains good bibliographic detail for potentially locating the material in our collection. Contains a variety of tables to make locating the information easy.
- 5) **Bernard Reams** is the compiler of numerous legislative histories that are published by Hein. Searching his name and a keyword from the name of the legislation is a good way to find a thorough source.
- 6) Printed legislative histories will have "legislative history" are part of the subject heading. Search the phrase as **KEYWORDS** together with a word descriptive of the topic, e.g.: **KEYWORDS** *legislative history securities*.
- 7) ***GPO Legislative Histories Files*** (microfiche - consult location guide).
- 8) ***Legislative Histories of Selected U.S. Laws 1910-1972*** (microfiche - consult location guide).
- 9) ***Legislative History Library on HeinOnline*** (<http://heinonline.org/>) The Legislative History Title Collection is a collection of full-text legislative histories on some of the most important and historically significant legislation of our time. In addition to major complete legislative histories this collection includes texts related to legislative histories. At time of writing the database had sixteen (16) legislative histories.

Florida Specific

- 1) A discussion of extrinsic aids to statutory construction is provided in Rhodes Seereiter, "The Search for Intent: Aids to Statutory Construction in Florida--An Update," 13 FLA. ST. U. L. REV., 485 (1985).
- 2) ***Florida Legislative Histories: A Practical Guide to Their Preparation and Use*** (REF KFF75 R64 1986) by Carol A. Roehrenbeck published by D. & S. Publishers in 1986.

Provides a step-by-step approach to finding legislative Documents describing how to obtain documents and explaining their relevant value to courts in Florida.
- 3) ***Research in Florida Law*** (KFF75 F7 1965) by Harriet L. French (Oceana, Dobbs Ferry, NY, 1965)

Is an older but still valuable resource. Chapter 1, "Statutory Law," has an excellent historical review of legislative materials.
- 4) ***Guide to Florida Legal Research*** (KFF75 .B76 2001) 6th edition.

Provides materials in Chapter 1, "Constitutions and Other Organic Law" and Chapter 2, "Legislative Materials."