



# Clark County Law Library



## Legislative History Search for the NRS

Legislative history research is conducted to determine the intent or meaning of a statute. Not all information is available on the Internet. Some legislative history research must be conducted in the library using microfiche.

**[1]** At the end of each statute, citations reflecting changes to the law appear in parentheses. These citations provide the year and page number of each change in the Statutes of Nevada. Copy these cites to be used later.

(Added to NRS by 1975, 1624; A 1977, 103)

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Statutes of Nevada 1975, page 1,624 ↑  
A = Amended by Statutes of Nevada 1977, page 103

**[2]** Find the Statutes of Nevada for the year. The Statutes of Nevada are located on shelf #2 in the Nevada section of the library. At the beginning of each session law is listed:

- Bill number (e.g. A.B. # or S.B. #)
- Sponsor of the bill (either persons or a committee)
- Summary of the bill
- Enactment Date

If a citation is located in the middle of a session law, page back to the beginning of the bill for the above information. Write down the bill number. Changes are noted by *italicized words* for parts added, and omitted words are noted by ~~strike throughs~~.

**[3]** Search for a Bill Summary prepared by the Legislative Counsel Bureau on their webpage at [www.leg.state.nv.us/dbtw-wpd/SimpleSearch.htm](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/dbtw-wpd/SimpleSearch.htm).

If a Bill Summary is available, it will contain Histories, Journals, and Committee Minutes. Additional research may not be necessary.

**[4]** Find the Nevada Senate Legislative Final History or the Nevada Assembly Legislative Final History for the bill's year. Bills are listed in numerical order with activity for each bill. Note dates and corresponding name(s) of committee(s) to which the bill was referred in both houses of the legislature. Take notes for all amendments to the bill.

**[5]** Nevada Legislative Committee Minutes are on microfiche, or fiche, located in the copy room. They are divided into Senate and Assembly, by year, and then alphabetically by committee name within each year.

**[6]** Indexes for the committee minutes appear on the first fiche of the set. They provide bill numbers and discussion dates, or page numbers. Note all dates and page numbers relating to the bill from the Index.

**[7]** Microfiche are arranged by date, with beginning dates in the upper right corner of each fiche. The date refers to the minutes on the fiche sheet. View entries for each date noted from the fiche Index.

**[8]** Check the minutes for each committee in each house.

**[9]** References to floor debates may be found in the Journals of the Senate and Assembly. These volumes contain daily records of the activities on the floor of each house of the legislature. Each volume begins with a Table of Bills arranged by number.

Please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk of you have difficulty conducting legislative research.

You may also contact the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for help locating additional information by calling 775-684-6827 or through their webpage at [www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Library/About/Contact/feedbackmail.cfm](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Library/About/Contact/feedbackmail.cfm).