

Legislative History Online Guide

Many legislative history materials, such as session laws, bill texts, statements of purpose, committee minutes, and journals, are available on the Legislature's website for legislation from 1998 to Present. Legislative histories can be helpful when trying to understand when a statute was enacted or when a specific change in statute occurred, what the discussion was around the change, as well as providing additional context for the legislation.

If you have questions or need legislative histories prior to 1998, please contact the Legislative Reference Library at library@lso.idaho.gov or (208) 334-4822.

STEP 1: LOCATE THE STATUTE

Go to www.legislature.idaho.gov, click on "Laws and Rules" and then "Idaho Statutes." Navigate through the Titles, Chapters, and Subsections until you find the statute that you need a legislative history for.



STEP 2: READ THE HISTORY LINE

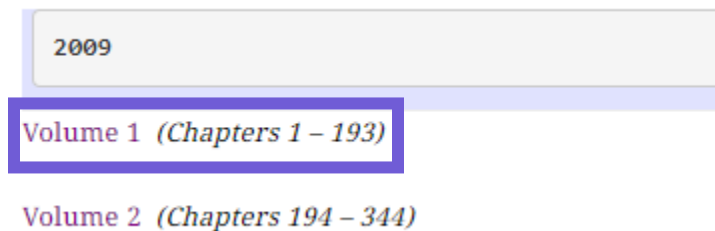
The history line for each statute shows when the statute was added under the current numbering system (it may not show the statute's entire history if it was recodified), as well as each year it has been amended and the chapter number, section number, and page number where the change in statute can be found in that year's Session Laws. Take note of each year, chapter, and section of the statute iterations you are interested in.

History:

[67-704, added 2009, ch. 52, sec. 11, p. 144; am. 2009, ch. 224, sec. 1, p. 704.]

STEP 3: FIND THE CHAPTER IN SESSION LAWS

Return to the Legislature homepage, click on "Laws and Rules" and then "Session Laws." Scroll down to find the year from the statute's history line and click on the volume linked. If there are multiple volumes listed, select the volume that includes the history line's chapter number in the range.



You can then search the document for the chapter number (e.g., "c. 52" or "CHAPTER 52") using Ctrl + F, Adobe's search function, or by scrolling to the page number indicated in the history line. After locating the chapter, the associated bill number will be listed below the chapter heading.

CHAPTER 52
(S.B. No. 1043)

AN ACT
RELATING TO THE LEGISLATURE; REPEALING SECTIONS 67-201, 67-202, 67-406c, 67-412, 67-434 AND 67-436, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO ARCHAIC STATUTES DEALING WITH THE LEGISLATURE AND WITH LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT; REPEALING CHAPTER 7, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL; AMENDING SECTION 67-401, IDAHO CODE, TO DELETE REFERENCE TO AN ARCHAIC METHOD OF LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT; AMENDING SECTION 67-406, IDAHO CODE, TO DELETE ARCHAIC LANGUAGE AND TO PROVIDE CORRECT TERMINOLOGY; AMENDING SECTION 67-428, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNCIL AND TO DELETE REFERENCE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 67-429, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; AMENDING SECTION 67-431, IDAHO CODE, TO DELETE ARCHAIC LANGUAGE AND TO PROVIDE A CORRECT REFERENCE TO LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION; AMENDING SECTION 67-435, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTION 67-450B, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITS AND FILING REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH AUDITS BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES; AMENDING SECTION 67-450C, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL AUDITS AND FILING REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH AUDITS OF AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS TO STATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR ENTITIES; AMENDING TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 7, TITLE 67, IDAHO CODE, TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUDIT FUNCTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICES OFFICE, TO PROVIDE THE BUDGET AND POLICY ANALYSIS FUNCTION OF THE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESEARCH AND LEGISLATION FUNCTION OF THE



STEP 4: FIND BILL INFORMATION

Return to the Legislature homepage and click on “Legislative Sessions.” Use the dropdown to change the year to the session year from the statute’s history line.

2009 Legislative Session

Select Legislative Session:

2009 Session

The next few steps will be completed by returning to this main Legislative Session page for the year you are looking for.

- **Bill Center** - text, history, statements of purpose, fiscal notes of legislation
 - [Legislation by Bill Number \(Mini-Data\)](#)
 - [Legislation By Subject/Topic](#)
 - [Enacted Legislation](#) - bills passed and filed with the Secretary of State
 - [Vetoed Legislation](#) - bills passed by the Legislature and vetoed by the Governor
 - [Final Bill Status](#)
- [Session Laws](#) - general laws of the state of Idaho
- [House and Senate Journals](#) - daily record of the business of the House and Senate
- [Committee Minutes](#) - minutes of House and Senate standing committees

For bill text, statement of purpose, and bill status, click on “Bill Center” or “Legislation by Bill Number” and scroll down until you find the bill number from Step 3. The bill pages may have a slightly different format depending on the year. Click on any hyperlinks to open PDFs available for the bill and click “Print Friendly” to save or print the bill status.

SENATE BILL 1043

[Print Friendly](#)

The status of each bill, resolution, proclamation, and memorial is updated when the offices of the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House publish the un-official daily journals and should not be deemed official. The official bill actions are located in the final journal, which are maintained by the offices of the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House. **The daily journals are published at the end of each legislative day.**

Full Bill Information

Individual Links:

[Bill Text](#)

[Statement of Purpose / Fiscal Note](#)

S1043 by STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

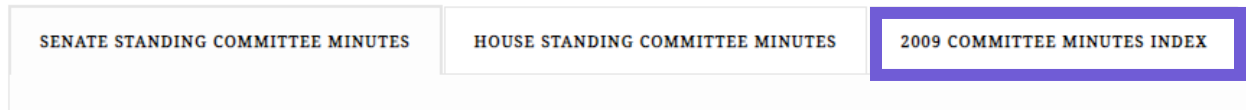
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – Amends, repeals and adds to existing law to recodify statutes dealing with the Legislature and Legislative Council to update and modernize the statutes.

01/26	Introduced; read first time; referred to JR for Printing
01/27	Reported Printed; referred to State Affairs
01/30	Reported out of Committee with Do Pass Recommendation; Filed for second reading
02/02	Read second time; filed for Third Reading
02/03	Retained on calendar
02/09	Read third time in full



STEP 5: FIND COMMITTEE MINUTES

Return to the main Legislative Session page from Step 4 and click on “Committee Minutes.” If you already know the dates that the bill was discussed in committees, select the appropriate House and/or Senate Committees from the list. To find when a bill was discussed, click on the “Committee Minutes Index” tab of the Committee Minutes page.

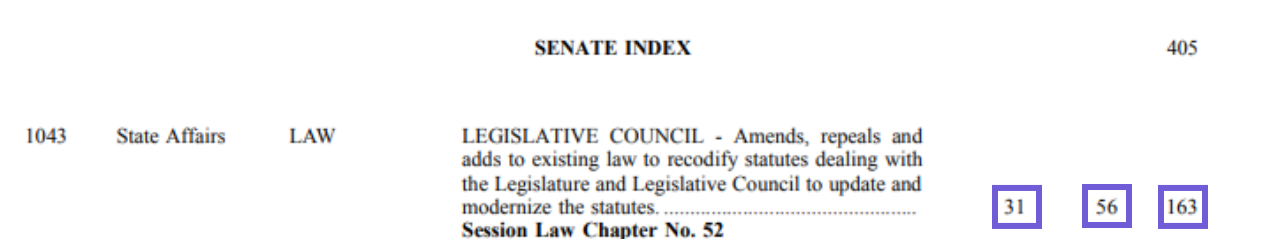


Scroll down to find the bill number and click on each hyperlinked date provided for the bill. The link will open the committee minutes document for the date clicked. Note: the RS (in this case RS18337) is helpful in locating the earliest discussion of a bill, before it has been assigned its bill number. In this example Senate Bill 1043 has a related trailer bill, House Bill 265. Sometimes it is helpful to review any committee discussions on related bills as well. You can follow the same process to locate the related bill’s bill information and committee minutes.

S1043	RS18337	(Trailer is H 265) Senate State Affairs 1-23, 1-30, 4-3; House State Affairs 2-17, 3-9; House Ways & Means 3-24
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STEP 6: FIND HOUSE AND SENATE JOURNALS

Return to the main Legislative Session page from Step 4 and click on “House and Senate Journals.” Open the PDF of one of the journals and scroll to the journal’s index near the end. Find the bill number you are looking for and take note of the page numbers listed. The pages can be navigated to by scrolling, using Adobe’s page number feature, or by using Ctrl + F and the bill number (e.g., “1043” and “S 1043”) to find each time the bill is mentioned. Note: depending on the journal, the PDF page number may not match up with the journal’s actual page number. Always verify the page number in the top right corner of the PDF viewer to verify that you are looking at the correct page.



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STEP 7: REPEAT STEPS 3-6

Repeat steps 3-6 for each additional entry in the statute’s history line to compile a full legislative history.