

Number of Compiled Legislative Histories by Year

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Q: What is a legislative history?

A: A legislative history records official action taken by either the Senate or Assembly affecting the legislative process of a bill or resolution, including action taken on measures considered but not passed by the Legislature. ([More...](#))

Q: Does the library compile a legislative history for every bill?

A: The Research Library compiles legislative histories for legislators, Legislative Counsel Bureau staff, and state agencies. Once we have compiled a history, we scan it and make it available in PDF format on our website. Out of the more than 1,000 bills and resolutions introduced in the average session, the Library will have compiled histories for a small percentage of those measures.

Q: Why are there so few compiled histories for bills from earlier legislative sessions?

A: Unfortunately, no committee minutes exist for years prior to 1965. (Legislative committee minutes do not exist prior to 1965 as the committees were not required to retain records of hearings. Not all standing committees kept minutes from 1965 through 1973. The Assembly adopted a standing rule in 1973 to maintain the minutes of standing committee meetings. The Senate adopted a similar rule in 1975.)

Here is a [chart](#) showing which legislative committees' minutes are available on microfiche.

Q: Why have the number of compiled histories decreased since 1995?

A: Beginning in 1997, bills, journals, and committee minutes were made available on the [legislative website](#) and therefore are easily accessed by everyone.

For more information, see our [Legislative History FAQs](#).

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Session Year	No. Compiled
1864-65	2
1866	0
1867	2
1867 SS	1
1869	0
1871	1
1873	1
1875	1
1877	0
1879	0
1881	0
1883	0
1885	0
1887	0
1889	0
1891	0
1893	1
1895	0
1897	0
1899	0
1901	0
1903	1
1905	0
1907	0
1908 SS	0
1909	0
1911	4
1912 SS	0
1913	0
1915	2
1917	1
1919	2
1920 SS	0
1921	1
1923	0
1925	2
1926 SS	0
1927	0
1928 SS	0
1929	0
1931	6
1933	1
1935	0
1937	3
1939	0
1941	4
1943	3
1945	1
1947	3
1949	3
1951	5
1953	7
1954 SS	0
1955	15
1956 SS	1
1957	6
1958 SS	0
1959	4
1960	9
1961	5
1963	5
1964 SS	0
1965	25
1965 SS	0
1966 SS	0
1967	41
1968 SS	3
1969	74
1971	92
1973	105
1975	129
1977	160
1979	153
1980 SS	1
1981	190
1983	174
1984 SS	1
1985	199
1987	245
1989 SS	295
1989	1
1991	353
1993	369
1995	447
1997	312
1999	218
2001	148
2001 SS	17
2002 SS	2
2003	146
2003 SS	2
2003 SS	16
2004 SS	0
2005	58
2005 SS	4
2007	84
2007 SS	1
2008 SS	1
2008 SS	0
2009	34
2010 SS	1
2011	26
2013	18
2013 SS	0
2014 SS	0
2015	19
2015 SS	0
2016 SS	0
2017	6
Total	4277