

# 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](#).

<u>Compiled Histories</u>	<u>Session Year</u>
1	1865
2	1867
1	1867 SS (1 <sup>st</sup> )
1	1873
1	1875
1	1893
1	1901
4	1911
2	1915
1	1919
1	1921
2	1925
5	1931
3	1937
4	1941
2	1943
1	1945
3	1947
3	1949
4	1951
6	1953
15	1955
1	1956 SS (8 <sup>th</sup> )
5	1957
4	1959
9	1960
5	1961
8	1963
23	1965
41	1967
3	1968 SS (13 <sup>th</sup> )
73	1969
90	1971
104	1973
129	1975
160	1977
152	1979
1	1980 SS (14 <sup>th</sup> )
188	1981
174	1983
1	1984 SS (15 <sup>th</sup> )
198	1985
244	1987
292	1989
1	1989 SS (16 <sup>th</sup> )
353	1991
367	1993
447	1995
311	1997
216	1999
144	2001
17	2001 SS (17 <sup>th</sup> )
2	2002 SS (18 <sup>th</sup> )
146	2003
2	2003 SS (19 <sup>th</sup> )
16	2003 SS (20 <sup>th</sup> )
58	2005
4	2005 SS (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
84	2007
1	2007 SS (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
1	2008 SS (24 <sup>th</sup> )
34	2009
1	2010 SS (26 <sup>th</sup> )
25	2011
17	2013
11	2015

**Total: 4227**

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