

## North Dakota House and Senate Journals – Quick Guide to Locating Discussions on Legislative Bills

Legislative History includes the following resources:

- [Legislative committee minutes and testimony](#)
- [North Dakota House and Senate Journals](#)
- [North Dakota Session Laws](#)

Please note that:

- \* There are no legislative committee minutes or testimony available before 1959
- \* Some early legislative history is pretty scarce
- \* Most early legislative history is only available on microfiche

The legislative history for the years between 1959 and 1977 are on microfiche, and on separate sets of microfiche by House/Committee and Senate/Committee

- \* To locate bills in the House and Senate Journals:
  - Find the *Record of Senate Bills & Record of House Bills* in the Journals (note: the wording for these sections might slightly differ)
  - Find the Bill Number
    - Under the Bill Number there will be pages in the Journal where actions were taken on that Bill
      - If it is a House Bill, you will need to locate the Bill in both the House and Senate Journals
      - If it is a Senate Bill, you will need to locate the Bill in both the House and Senate Journals
- The legislative history for the years 1977 through 2009 are on microfiche by bill number
- The legislative history for legislative sessions after 2009 are on the Legislative Council's website. Some legislative history for previous years can also be located on the Legislative Council's website

**A North Dakota Legislative History Research – Quick Guide** information sheet can be found at [ndcourts.gov/legal-resources/law-library](http://ndcourts.gov/legal-resources/law-library)

**North Dakota Session Laws** are found at [ndlegis.gov/library-and-research/session-laws](http://ndlegis.gov/library-and-research/session-laws)

**North Dakota House and Senate Journals** are found at [ndlegis.gov/library-and-research/journals](http://ndlegis.gov/library-and-research/journals)

**Legislative committee minutes and testimony** may be found at [ndlegis.gov/research-center/history](http://ndlegis.gov/research-center/history)