

How to Make a Legislative History

Begin with one of the six most likely access points:

1. US Code Section
2. Law Section
3. Name of Act
4. Public Law Number
5. Bill Number
6. Statutes at Large Citation

Law Section

(EX. Section 4A of the Securities Act of 1933)

Name of Act

(EX. Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000)

Popular Name Table

Located at the end of the USCA and also online at

<http://uscode.house.gov/popularnames/popularnames.htm;jsessionid=E48AFEDA22AE1F6EFD55FFFFFF04FB4A4>

Classification Tables

US Code Section
(EX. 15 USC 7217)

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Public Law Number
(EX. PL 104-172)

OR

Statutes at Large Citation
(EX. 126 Stat. 315)

LH Notes at the end of the section (post-1975)

OR

Bill No.

(EX. HR. 3204, 113th Cong.; HR. 3107, 104th Cong.)

What is the enactment date of the language in question?

Pre-1994

Post-1994

Various Sources (depending on your subscriptions):

- Heinonline libraries
 - Congressional Documents
 - Statutes at Large
 - US Code
 - Federal Legislative Histories
- USCCAN (print or via Westlaw)
- ProQuest Congressional (Serial Set)
- Westlaw's GAO Histories
- General Lexis/Westlaw
- CQ.com
- LLSDC's Union List

Various Sources (much is available for free):

- Congress.gov
- FDSys
- Congressional Committees
- Westlaw/Lexis (pay)