



RESEARCH GUIDE

alberta statutes

Alberta public statutes exist in revisions of the statutes, the latest being *Revised Statutes of Alberta, 2000 (R.S.A. 2000)*, in annual volumes of the statutes and in paper copies (printed after Royal Assent and before the annual volume). Alberta statute research may be conducted electronically or in print.

Statutes are cited by the short title, in italics, followed by R.S.A. or S.A., then the year, then the designated chapter number, e.g. *Limitations Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. L-12. Revised statutes and all new statutes are cited by an alpha-numeric chapter number, e.g. R.S.A. 2000, c. L-21 or S.A. 2005, c. A-1.5. Amending statutes are cited by a numerical chapter number, e.g. S.A. 2005, c. 34.

finding

By title

Alberta Queen's Printer

http://www.qp.alberta.ca/Laws_Online.cfm

You may browse statutes by title, search by word(s) in the title, or display the statutes by responsible ministry.

CanLII (Canadian Legal Information Institute)

<http://www.canlii.org/>

The [Statutes and Regulations of Alberta] page indicates the latest update to the content (which may not be as up to date as other sources). You can retrieve statutes from an alphabetical list.

Table of public statutes (Table)

This is an alphabetical table, frequently referred to as the "pink pages", arranged by title of statute and included in the looseleaf consolidated *Revised Statutes of Alberta* and in the annual bound *Statutes of Alberta* volumes.

By subject

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Canadian encyclopedic digest (Western). 3rd ed. Carswell, 1979-

You can access the statutes by subject using the TABLE OF STATUTES found at the beginning of each topical chapter. The TABLES are also available electronically on LawSource.

Index to the Statutes of Alberta : RSA 1980 to SA 1985 inclusive. 2nd ed. Publication Services, 1985.

Though dated, this print index provides subject access to earlier versions of the statutes.

Subject-specific legal texts and looseleaf services often identify statutes either in a table or by footnotes. You will find texts on annotated Alberta statutes in the ALSL catalogue.

The subscription services of QPSources Professional, LexisNexis *Quicklaw* and LawSource include updated, searchable Alberta legislation in their collections. Check the currency information in each source for the date of the last update.

For further assistance, call 403.297.6148 (Calgary) or 780.422.2342 (Edmonton) or contact your local ALSL branch.

updating

New statutes and amendments to existing statutes are introduced as bills in the Legislative Assembly and may come into force when receiving Royal Assent. Alternatively, there may be a "coming into force" provision at the end of the statute which specifies a date or the statute may come into force on proclamation given by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. Once in force, existing statutes may be repealed by the Legislative Assembly.

Bills

Legislative Assembly of Alberta

http://www.assembly.ab.ca/net/index.aspx?p=bills_home

The Bills and Amendments page provides the texts of bills and status reports for individual bills. It also lists session bill activity by date.

Alberta Hansard

The BILL STATUS REPORT in the *Hansard* issue at the end of the session provides a report on the status of all bills introduced in that session. The Thursday issues give a summary to date.

Canadian current law : legislation. Carswell, 1991-

A PROGRESS OF BILLS section in each issue reports activity from first reading through the stages to Royal Assent and proclamation.

Alberta Queen's Printer

Print copies of bills are published during the current session.

In force

Table of public statutes

Amendments to statutes are identified by consulting the "pink pages" in the latest bound annual volume or in the last volume in the looseleaf consolidated statutes. The *Table* lists amendments to the latest *R.S.A.* by statute and section. "Proc." indicates that the statute or amendments are not yet proclaimed, and so not in force, as of the date of the *Table*. Currency information is clearly given at the beginning of the "pink pages".

Alberta Gazette, part I

The official text of proclamations is published in the *Gazette*. An annual index is produced and cumulative tables of content are published in issues during the year.

Alberta Queen's Printer

<http://www.qp.alberta.ca/514.cfm>

Proclamations are listed alphabetically and a link to the related Orders in Council is provided.

Statutes

The annual volumes and the last volume of the looseleaf consolidation contain tables on the status of proclaimed and unproclaimed statutes.

Canadian current law : legislation. Carswell, 1991-

The PROGRESS OF BILLS section of the issues and STATUTES AMENDED, REPEALED OR PROCLAIMED IN FORCE section in the issues and annuals have information on in force status.

Legislative Counsel

The most current information is available from their office at 780.427.2217.

history

Table of Concordance

Schedule D, in the last volume of the looseleaf consolidated *R.S.A. 2000*, is a chart that shows where previous legislation may be found in the new revision. You can trace the legislative history of a statute using the history notes found at the end of each section of revised or consolidated statutes. The history notes indicate previous sources for the current text.

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Alberta Heritage Digitization Project

<http://www.ourfutureourpast.ca/law/>

The Alberta statutes are digitized beginning in 1906 and may be browsed or searched. Bills are included since 1906. The Northwest Territories Ordinances 1877 to 1905 are also available.

LexisNexis *Quicklaw* offers point-in-time statutes from 2002 in the source [Alberta Statutes]. It also contains the sources [Alberta Repealed Statutes] from 2000 and [Alberta Annual Statutes] from 2001. You can browse or search any of these sources.

background

Alberta Hansard

The *Hansard* Index, published after a session, has two parts: SUBJECT INDEX and SPEAKER INDEX. The introduction and discussion of a statute in the Legislative Assembly is followed. Older *Hansards* (1972 to 1993) are available on the Alberta Heritage Digitization Project website.

Legislative Assembly

http://www.assembly.ab.ca/net/index.aspx?p=adr_home

Issues of *Hansard* from 1989 are viewable and searchable.

Alberta Law Reform Institute

<http://www.law.ualberta.ca/alri/Publications/index.php>

Publications from the Institute report on many pieces of Alberta legislation. Reports for Discussion and Final Reports are published and also are available on their website.

Canadian abridgment : index to Canadian legal literature. Carswell, 1981-

The TABLE OF STATUTES section indexes articles under specific statutes.

private statutes

Legislation enacted as a private statute is limited and is restricted to private companies, organisations or individuals.

Table of Private Statutes of the Province of Alberta

The *Table* (blue pages), found in the annual statute volumes, lists alphabetically all private statutes and any amendments to them. Private statutes are only published in the annual volumes of the statutes.

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