

California Legislative History Checklist

1. **IDENTIFY CODE SECTION, CHAPTER, BILL NUMBER AND CASE ANNOTATIONS**
 - a. Deering's and West's Annotated California Codes (Reading room south wall)
Note year of enactment and chapter number
Year _____ Chapter _____
Review annotations and notes for Cases, Law Revision Commission Comments and Law Review Commentaries
 - b. Statutes and Amendments to the Codes
Read Chaptered law and Summary Digest (last volume of year's statutes)
Determine Bill number and author(s) using Digest or Table of Laws Enacted (vol.1)
SB or AB _____ Author(s) _____
2. **ASSEMBLY OR SENATE FINAL HISTORY OR CALENDAR**
(Multiple locations; ask at Reference Desk)
Identify Committee(s) that heard the bill and note amendment history
Assembly: _____
Senate: _____
3. **CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE BILLS**
(Multiple locations; ask at Reference Desk)
Examine all versions of Assembly or Senate bill as it passed through the Legislature
4. **ANALYSES**
(Multiple locations; ask at Reference desk)
Assembly Office of Research File Analyses, 1975-2002
Selected Committee Bill Analyses, 1981-2006
Complete Committee Bill Analyses, 1993-current session - www.leginfo.ca.gov/billinfo.html
California State Archives Judiciary Committee Bill Files 1969-1994
5. **ASSEMBLY AND SENATE JOURNALS & APPENDICES**
(Multiple locations; ask at Reference desk)
Examine for legislative discussion and comments
Journals are indexed by bill number and subject
Statement of Intent Index 1991-current (Reference desk)
6. **COMMITTEE HEARINGS & REPORTS**
Search for Assembly & Senate Committee reports and hearings by bill number, committee name or subject (use library catalog)
7. **LAW REVIEWS**
CEB / Pacific Law Journal / McGeorge Law Review / Annual Review of Selected California Legislation
Search LegalTrac, an online index to periodicals and legal newspapers
8. **OUTSIDE SOURCES**
The California State Archives, 916-653-2246 or <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives.archives.htm>
Fee based research services

