

# 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 1200 to 1500 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 1977.)

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](#).

No. of <u>Compiled Histories</u>	Session <u>Year</u>
1	1865
1	1867
1	1867 SS (1 <sup>st</sup> )
1	1873
1	1875
1	1893
2	1925
3	1931
3	1937
3	1941
2	1945
3	1947
3	1949
1	1951
3	1953
7	1955
1	1956 SS (8 <sup>th</sup> )
2	1957
3	1959
8	1960
5	1961
7	1963
22	1965
36	1967
1	1968
67	1969
77	1971
93	1973
121	1975
144	1977
144	1979
1	1980 SS (14 <sup>th</sup> )
177	1981
162	1983
1	1984 SS (15 <sup>th</sup> )
177	1985
222	1987
272	1989
1	1989 SS (16 <sup>th</sup> )
346	1991
365	1993
440	1995
305	1997
208	1999
140	2001
17	2001 SS (17 <sup>th</sup> )
2	2002 SS (18 <sup>th</sup> )
141	2003
2	2003 SS (19 <sup>th</sup> )
16	2003 SS (20 <sup>th</sup> )
53	2005
4	2005 SS (22 <sup>nd</sup> )
72	2007
1	2007 SS (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
1	2008 SS (24 <sup>th</sup> )
25	2009
7	2011

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