



Official Version of the State Statutes/Code

Definition: The word "official" means that the text of the statutes is the legal evidence of the law in a court of law.

STATE	OFFICIAL NAME	CONSIDERED THE OFFICIAL VERSION OF THE STATUTES/CODE		
		PRINT EDITION	CD OR OTHER	ONLINE VERSION
Alabama	Code of Alabama	X		
Alaska	Alaska Statutes	X		
Arizona	Arizona Revised Statutes	X		X
Arkansas	Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated	X		X
California				
Colorado	Colorado Revised Statutes	X		
Connecticut	The General Statutes of Connecticut	X		X
Delaware	Delaware does not have an "official version" of its statutory code. (1) Editor's note: The statutes do give a name to use in citations. Delaware Code (<i>Chapter 1. Delaware Code</i>)	---	---	(2)
Florida	The Florida Statutes Fla. Stat. Title III, §11.2421	X	CD	Considered Unofficial
Georgia	Official Code of Georgia Annotated Editor's note: See § 1-1-1. Enactment of Code	X		
Hawaii	Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)	X		
Idaho	Idaho Code	X		
Illinois	Illinois Compiled Statutes	X		
Indiana	The Indiana Code	X	X (3)	
Iowa	Iowa Code and Iowa Acts (Iowa Code in a Code year. Iowa Code Supplement in the alternate year.)	X		
Kansas	Kansas Statutes	X		
Kentucky	Kentucky Revised Statutes	X		(4)

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Louisiana	West's Louisiana Statutes Annotated Editor's note: See RS 1:1 §1. Revised Statutes; how cited (5)	X		
Maine	Maine Revised Statutes and Laws of Maine	X		
Maryland	Editor's note: See § 2A. Each reference in the codified laws of Maryland to "the Annotated Code of Maryland", "the Annotated Code", "the Maryland Code", "the State Code", "the Code", or "this Code" shall mean any code of the Public General Laws of the State that has been adopted and made evidence of the Public General Laws of the State under § 10-201 of the Courts Article.			
Massachusetts	Massachusetts General Laws (MGL).	X		
Michigan	Michigan Compiled Laws Editor's note: See §8.8	X		
Minnesota	Minnesota Statutes, Laws of Minnesota, Revised Laws of Minnesota 1905, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, General Statutes of Minnesota 1923, Mason's Minnesota Statutes 1927 Editor's note: See 3C.13 Legal status of statutes.	X		
Mississippi	Mississippi Code of 1972 Editor's note: See § 1-1-8. Official code; recognition as evidence of public statute laws; restrictions on use of certain words or names in title of codes other than official version.	X		X
Missouri	Missouri Revised Statutes	X	(6)	
Montana	Montana Code Annotated	X		
Nebraska	Revised Statutes Nebraska	X		
Nevada	Nevada Revised Statutes with Annotations	X	X (7)	X
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated	X		
New Jersey	No official name. Citation is complicated. Editor's note: See 1:1-5.1. Citation of, pleading or otherwise referring to legislation contained in Revised Statutes or New Jersey Statutes The legislation contained within any title, subtitle, part, chapter, article, section or group of sections of these Revised Statutes or of the New Jersey Statutes may be cited, pleaded or otherwise referred to by reference to such title, subtitle, part, chapter, article, section or group of sections of the "Revised Statutes" or the "New Jersey Statutes" containing such legislation, as the case may be; and the use of the words "Revised Statutes" or "New Jersey Statutes" shall have the same effect as if the legislative title, under which these Revised Statutes or the New Jersey Statutes were adopted and the approval date thereof had been used.	X (8)		X (8)

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	<p>In any citation the abbreviation "R.S." shall be equivalent to "Revised Statutes," and "N.J.S." shall be equivalent to "New Jersey Statutes" and sections of these Revised Statutes or the New Jersey Statutes may be cited by section number only preceded by the appropriate abbreviation.</p> <p>In any citation of legislation contained in the New Jersey Statutes which has been printed in the Pamphlet Laws, there shall be superadded the chapter number and year of the Pamphlet Laws in which the same was published (P.L.19 , c.).</p> <p>Amended by L.1960, c. 187, p. 780, s. 5, eff. Jan. 18, 1961.</p>			
New Mexico	New Mexico Statutes Annotated	X		
New York				
North Carolina	General Statutes of North Carolina	X		
North Dakota	North Dakota Century Code	X		X
Ohio				
Oklahoma				
Oregon	Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS)	X		
Pennsylvania	The official codification, <i>Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes</i>	X		
Rhode Island	Rhode Island General Laws	X		X
South Carolina	Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976	X		
South Dakota	South Dakota Codified Laws Editors' note: See §2-16-18.			
Tennessee	Tennessee Code Annotated Editors' note: See §1-1-111.	X		
Texas	There is no officially designated source for statutory law in Texas beyond the session laws as adopted by the legislature and signed by the governor.	X		
Utah				
Vermont	Vermont Statutes Annotated Editors' note: See TITLE 1 General Provisions : CHAPTER 1. VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED : Subchapter 2. Enactment of Vermont Statutes Annotated : § 51. Vermont Statutes Annotated defined.	X		

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Virginia	Code of Virginia Editors' note: See § 1-1. Contents and designation of Code.	X		
Washington	Revised Code of Washington	X		
West Virginia				
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Statutes and Annotations	X		
Wyoming	Wyoming Statutes Annotated	X		X

Footnotes:

- (1) DE Per survey respondent.
- (2) DE – Found on state statute website - NOTICE: The Delaware Code appearing on this site is prepared by the Delaware Code Revisors and the editorial staff of LexisNexis in cooperation with the Division of Research of Legislative Council of the General Assembly with the assistance of the Government Information Center, and is considered an official version of the State of Delaware statutory code. This version includes all acts effective as of February 22, 2011, up to and including 78 Del. Laws, c. 5. (<http://delcode.delaware.gov/index.shtml>)
- (3) IN- CD-ROM and DVD.
- (4) KY - our internal statutory database is the only official version. Our Web version is not official and not admissible in court. The two publishers we use publish "certified" versions which are supposed to match our internal database, but they are not "official" versions. However, they are admissible in court. If the versions differ, ours controls unless it's proven to be incorrect. As Reviser of Statutes, I can certify statutes for court use as needed.
- (5) LA - The Law Institute is the official legal research, revision and reform agency of the state per LSA R.S.24:201 et seq. We also prepare printer's copy for the official printer, West. Lexis recently also received official printer status and carries La statutes online, but is not currently printing La statutes.
- (6) MO – Found on legislature's website "We are aware of one private company that has produced the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri on CD ROM." Refers people to KF Media Group for purchasing.
- (7) NV-CD
- (8) NJ- I have no idea what you mean by "official"

Sources: NCSL survey of code revisors – 32 state responded AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, CT, DE, FL, HI, ID, IN, IA, KY, LA, MN, MS, MT, NE, NV, NJ, NC, ND, OR, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WY. Review of state statutes provided information for all other states

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