

Tracking Arkansas Legislative Bills and Information

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This tip sheet will assist you in the location and tracking of legislative bills and information through the Arkansas Legislative Information web site.

Step 1

Begin by locating the icon for your browser of choice. (This tip uses Internet Explorer as its example browser.)



Step 2

Double-click the icon to open the browser.

Step 3

Locate the Internet site field near the top of the window. The address of the default home page will be listed there and highlighted.



Step 4

Insert the address of the Official Arkansas Legislative Information web site listed below.

<http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us>

Step 5

Press the Enter key.

Step 6

Your browser will take you to the home page of the Official Arkansas Legislative Information web site.



Step 7

A number of linked buttons appear on the left hand side of the page.



Step 8

Choose the Bills and Resolutions link, the second from the top. This page contains 6 main parts. Click on "Bills by Primary Sponsor."

The screenshot shows the website header for the Arkansas 85th General Assembly. A navigation menu on the left includes links for Legislators and Committees, Bills and Resolutions (highlighted), Previous Legislative Sessions, Arkansas Code, Research Resources, Batch Bill Status, Meetings and Events, Staff Organizations, and Education Issues. The main content area is titled "Bills and Resolutions of the 85th General Assembly" and lists several options: Bills by Primary Sponsor, Bill Status, Download Bills, Full Text of a Bill, Search Bills and Acts for Specific Text (with a note about browser requirements), and Select Range of Bill Titles.

Step 9

The first section provides a listing of bills by their Primary Sponsor.

This screenshot shows the search interface for locating bills by primary sponsor. It features a navigation menu on the left with "Bills and Resolutions" highlighted. The main heading is "Locate Bills by Primary Sponsor". Below it, the instruction "To Locate Bills by the Primary Sponsor" is followed by a form with the label "Enter Member's Last Name:" and a text input field. A "Locate Bills" button is positioned to the right of the input field. Below the form, a note states: "To list all Primary Sponsors, leave entry blank and click the 'Locate Bills' button".

If you do not know the sponsor, simply click on the Locate Bills button and you will see a list of all legislators who have submitted bills.

This screenshot shows the results of clicking the "Locate Bills" button. The navigation menu on the left includes "Agency Budget Information" and a section for viewing bills by date: "-Current Activities-", "-Filed Today-", and "-Filed Previous Day-". Below this is a "View Bill" section with a text input field and the example "(Ex: HB1002)". The main heading is "Locate Bills by Primary Sponsor" followed by a list of legislators: Representative Boyd, Representative Burris, Representative D. Creekmore, Representative Dangeau, Representative Edwards, Representative Glidewell, Representative J. Hutchinson, Representative L. Smith, Representative Mahory, Representative R. Green, Representative Stovall, Representative Thompson, Representative Thyer, Representative Walters, Senator Altes, and Senator Womack.

By clicking on the legislator's name, you will see any bill he/she has sponsored.

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Bill Listing for Representative Mahony

Bill Number	Sponsor	Subtitle/Action
HB1027	Mahony	AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - SECONDARY VOCATIONAL AREA CENTERS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION. 12/15/2004 12/15/2004 3:38:56 PM - Prefiled
HB1031	Mahony	AN ACT TO ALLOW DONATED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO BE DISPENSED TO PATIENTS AT CHARITABLE CLINICS. 12/29/2004 12/29/2004 2:45:39 PM - Prefiled

Step 10

Return to the Bills and Resolutions page. The second link is used to find the current status of a bill by entering its bill number.

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Bill Status Query

To See Current Status for a Bill

Enter Bill Number:
(Ex: HB1002)

Step 11

The next two links allow you to download bills. The first choice is to download the full bill.

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Download Bills

Enter Bill Number:
(Ex: HB1002)

You also have the option of viewing full files in either Microsoft® Word or PDF documents by choosing the option for viewing “full text of a bill.”

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View Bill
<input type="text"/>
(Ex: HB1002)

View Bills Online

Electronic versions of bills available at this site do not necessarily display the text of these documents exactly as the official printed version with respect to line and page numbering. They should not therefore be relied upon for the purpose of drafting amendments.

Choose Below to View Files Online

1. View Bills

2. Enter Bill Number:
(Ex: HB1002)

3. Having problems viewing the bill? Try this alternate link.

Enter Bill Number:
(Ex: HB1002)

Note: To obtain software to read the .PDF format click the link below to download the Adobe Acrobat Reader program.

(5.6 MB file)

Step 12

If you do not know the bill's number, "Search Bills and Acts for Specific Text" allows you to search by keywords or phrases.

Field Search

You can search a subset of the site by choosing sections in the table of contents (in the frame on the left).

Search for documents...

Bill Number:

Act Number:

Sponsor:

containing all these words:

containing this exact phrase:

containing these words near each other:

Show document excerpts in the results list: Off

Step 13

By selecting Range of Bill Titles you are able to see all bills in the House or Senate.

View Bills

House Bills (HB1002 through HB1031)

House Resolutions (HR1001)

Senate Bills (SB2 through SB13)

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At this point you may continue by choosing either House Bills or Senate Bills.

View House Bills

The Range of House Bills begins with [HB1002](#) and goes through [HB1031](#)

Below, you may modify the numbers in order to expand your search of Bills.

Enter Beginning Bill Number: HB

Enter Ending Bill Number: HB

Note: The default view will only list the LAST BILL.

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View Senate Bills

The Range of Senate Bills begins with SB2 and goes through SB13

Below, you may modify the numbers in order to expand your search of Bills.

Enter Beginning Bill Number: SB

Enter Ending Bill Number: SB

Note: The default view will only list the LAST BILL.

Step 14

There are other useful resources on this site besides the Bills and Resolutions section. If you need information from past sessions, return to the home page and choose "Previous Legislative Sessions."

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<input type="text"/>

Previous Legislative Sessions

Historical Acts and Bills (from now, back to 1987)

- Search Historical Acts and Bills

2nd Extraordinary Session of the 84rd General Assembly (Dec 2003)

- Second Extraordinary Session Bills and Resolutions
- Second Extraordinary Session Acts
- Second Special Session Summaries/Journal

1st Extraordinary Session of the 84rd General Assembly (May 2003)

- First Extraordinary Session Bills and Resolutions
- First Extraordinary Session Acts
- 2003 Regular/First Special Session Summaries(170+ pages)
- 2003 Regular/First Special Session Fiscal Summaries
- 2003 First Special Session Senate Journal

Step 15

You are able to track bills throughout the session by clicking on the "Batch Bill Status" option found on the home page. This allows you to subscribe to a service that tracks the status of up to 40 bills at a time.

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View Bill
<input type="text"/>
(Ex: HB1002)
<input type="button" value="GO"/>

Batch Bill Status

You must register in order to track bills for the 85th General Assembly Regular Session!

Track the status of up to 40 bills and maintain a database of those bill numbers. A report will be displayed AND sent to address as a text file. This report is only emailed to you when you login and request a report. It is not sent each night, when changes to the status have occurred. You do have the option to request that the report only be displayed and n

Valid E-Mail Address: <input type="text"/>
Password: <input type="password"/>
NOTE: If You are a New User, Type the Password You Would Like to Use
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Current User - Already Registered
<input type="radio"/> New User - Have Not Registered
<input type="button" value="Submit"/> <input type="button" value="Clear Entry"/>
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Forgot Your Password? [Click Here!](#)

Please E-Mail WebMaster to Report any Problems with this Application

Step 16

If you want to find out what committee meetings are coming up, choose the "Meetings and Events" link from the home page.

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Query Committee Meetings

Click [HERE](#) for the Monthly Calendar Format.

Meetings to be Held within the Next Week (7 Days)

Meetings to be Held within the Next Month (31 days)

Display Committee Meetings between two dates

Enter Begin Date in MM/DD/YYYY format:

Enter End Date in MM/DD/YYYY format:

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You will find a whole section devoted to Educational Issues when you click on the link found on the home page.

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AN EVIDENCED-BASED APPROACH TO SCHOOL FINANCE ADEQUACY IN AR

[Executive Summary Only \(373 KB \)](#)
[Full Report \(Exec. Summ. Included\)2,378 KB](#)
[Errata Sheet](#)

DEVELOPING DIFFERENTIATED COMPENSATION FOR TEACHERS

[Executive Summary Only 78 KB](#)
[Full Report \(Exec. Summ. Included\) 458 KB](#)

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL ADEQUACY

[Executive Summary 97 KB](#)
[Full Report \(Exec. Summ. Included\) 2,531 KB](#)

Step 18

The current activities for the day are also detailed through a link on the home page.

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Recent Activity During Last 60 Minutes - 12/30/2004 1:48:42 PM

[Today's Activity](#) [Previous Day's Activity](#)

No Activity in the Last Hour

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Step 19

There is also a quick link to bills by current day or filed the day before.

[Non-frame version /](#)

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Bills Filed Today - Thursday, Dec 30, 2004

Click [Here](#) for Bills Filed Yesterday

No House Bills/Resolutions Introduced this Date
No Senate Bills/Resolutions Introduced this Date

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Bills Filed Wednesday, Dec 29, 2004

House Bills

[HB1031](#) [?](#) [Mahony](#) -- AN ACT TO ALLOW DONATED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS TO BE DISPENSED TO PATIENTS AT CHARITABLE CLINICS

No Senate Bills/Resolutions Introduced this Date

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Once you learn your way around this site, you will find much useful information. Happy Hunting!