

# The Alaska State Legislature: Internet Researching

**GENERAL LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION**--Legislature's home page--<http://www.legis.state.ak.us>, with links to the

- State Capitol
- Legislative Affairs Agency
- legislative committees
- Legislative Research Services
- Division of Legislative Audit
- Handbook on State Government
- list of abbreviations & acronyms
- Legislative Information Offices
- Office of the Ombudsman
- House of Representatives
- Senate
- Legislative Finance Division

and to the State of Alaska's home page, to BASIS (see below), and to the ALECSYS Infobases (Searchable Text--see below).

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**BASIS** (Bill Action & Status Inquiry System)-- <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp> --for the current Legislature (with links to the 18<sup>th</sup> through 24th Legislatures) is continuously updated and offers

- measures (with line numbers)
- current status
- bill histories
- daily calendars
- daily floor journals
- sponsor summaries
- subject summaries
- committee members
- committee schedules
- committee minutes
- measures in committee
- statute correlations

Use the tab key to select buttons. For the text of the bill, select a measure's number (e.g., **HB 1**), click on **Full Text**, then click on the **PDF** link for the fully formatted version of the bill (requires Acrobat Reader, available free from <http://www.adobe.com>).

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**ALECSYS INFOBASES** (Searchable Text)--<http://www.legis.state.ak.us/folhome.htm>

Some of these infobases are updated often--measures (without line numbers), bill histories, journals, and committee schedules are updated every evening, a one-day delay; committee minutes often have a long lag time:

- current legislation
- bill histories (BASIS)
- daily journals
- committee schedules
- committee minutes

Other infobases are updated periodically or never:

- previous years' legislation
- previous years' committee minutes
- previous years' journals
- the Alaska Administrative Code (AAC)
- the Alaska Statutes (AS) (without annotations)
- the Administrative Journal
- Legislative Research requests
- the Legislative Library catalog
- the State Constitution
- the Uniform Rules
- State Executive Orders

These infobases are searchable by word or number. Query/search formats are described in **Help** (the **FOLIO INFOBASE** button).

Printing caution: You'll likely get more text printing out than you ask for. The best bet is to copy & paste into your own document first.

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**LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION**--audits, memos, links, etc.--<http://www.legaudit.state.ak.us/>

**LEGISLATURE'S ETHICS COMMITTEE**--code, decisions, opinions, forms, etc.-- <http://ethics.legis.state.ak.us/>

**LEGISLATIVE FINANCE DIVISION**--reports, data, handbook, etc.--<http://www.legfin.state.ak.us>

**LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICES**-- <http://w3.legis.state.ak.us/legaff/lioinfo.htm>

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE HEARINGS** and (+) **TELECONFERENCES**-- [http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/hearing\\_form.asp?session=25](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/hearing_form.asp?session=25)

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