

## Where to Find Legislative Information

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**T**he Internet has revolutionized the way in which you can access and use information. As an Internet user, you can move easily and swiftly throughout the legislative process.

Legislative committee schedules, including time, place and agenda are posted as soon as the meeting has been scheduled. This saves time for both you and legislative staff.

You will be able to involve yourself in considerably more legislative activity without having to be present at the capitol or in other locations from which you need information. Your trek from office to office to obtain daily journals, bills, and amendments will not be necessary. The Internet will make the trek for you!

In addition, you will be able to access other extremely useful information such as statutes, rules and regulations, news releases from both the executive and legislative branches of government, bill summaries, and much, much more. These resources will prove valuable to you in many ways – from merely “becoming acquainted” to conducting serious research.

Due to the Internet, legislative operations have realized both time and financial savings. For example, the number of requests for paper bills (hard copy bills) has been greatly reduced. These savings have freed staff to offer additional assistance to those who do not have use of the Internet.

There are a number of places to obtain information concerning legislators, staff, and legislation. The following is a list of the most requested types of information. Actual titles of publications are underlined. The Information Network of Kansas also operates the Kansas Legislative Services’ website which can be found at <http://www.kslegislature.org>.

**Kansas State Library**, 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Room 343-North, Topeka, (785) 296-3296,  
<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL>

- ◆ A toll-free HOTLINE [1-800-432-3924] operates during the Legislative Session.
- ◆ During the session, either the regular phone number or hotline number will connect you to staff that can provide information on the status of any bill and agenda information for committee meetings. After the session adjourns, the regular library number can be used to get the final status of a bill in the last session, plus the history and content of the bill.
- ◆ The Document Room (see next page) is only in operation during the regular legislative session. During other times of the years, the State Library provides access to these documents.

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**Legislative Administrative Services**, 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Room 511-S, Topeka, (785) 296-2391, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/government/las/index.html>

- ♦ Legislative Telephone Directory
- ♦ A directory of legislative staff serving the Kansas Legislature
- ♦ A calendar of events sponsored by lobbyists
- ♦ Email addresses of state legislators
- ♦ Interim Legislative Committee Schedule (requests to be on the list are taken in May).

**Document Room**, 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Room 145-N, Topeka, (785) 296-4096

- ♦ Subject Index Reports: Available every Friday during the session; includes the status and title of all bills introduced.
- ♦ Free copies of legislative bills (up to ten copies of each bill).
- ♦ Senate and House Calendars for each day of the session (schedules of committees and the order of bills to be debated).
- ♦ Senate and House Journals for each day of the session (proceedings of the sessions from the previous day).
- ♦ Folding pocket cards of legislators' room numbers, phone numbers, and committee assignments.

**Legislative Research Department**, 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Room 545-N, Topeka, (785) 296-3181, <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/ksleg/KLRD/kldr.html>

- ♦ Interim Committee Reports: Available on the first day of the Session after Legislators receive their copy.
- ♦ Annual Summary of Legislation: Available in June, date varies.
- ♦ Budget analyses and appropriations committee reports.

**Division of the Budget**, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 504, Topeka, (785) 296-2436, <http://da.state.ks.us/budget>

- ♦ The Governor's Budget Report
- ♦ The Governor's State of the State Address
- ♦ Governor's Budget Amendments

**Legislative Division of Post Audit**, 800 SW Jackson, Suite 1200, Topeka, (785) 296-3792, <http://www.kslegislature.org/postaudit>

- ♦ Completed Performance Audits, Financial Compliance Audits, and Compliance and Control Audits.

**Secretary of State**, Elections & Legislative Matters, Memorial Hall, 120 SW 10th Avenue, First Floor, Topeka, (785) 296-4564, <http://www.kssos.org>

- ♦ Directory of legislative lobbyists
- ♦ Legislative Directory which includes home and business addresses and phone numbers of elected officials
- ♦ Enrolled bills