

**Citing Legislative Related Materials**  
according to The Bluebook, Nineteenth Edition

**Statutes (Rule 12)**

**1. Cite code versions (Rule 12.2.1)**

**- Statutes currently in force.**

1. Cite to the current official code or its supplement or an unofficial code or its supplement.

42 U.S.C. § 1983 (1994).

42 U.S.C. § 3001 (1994 & Supp. V 1999).

42 U.S.C. § 1985 (Supp. V 1999).

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 §102, 42 U.S.C. § 4332 (1994).

42 U.S.C.A. § 3450 (West 2000).

42 U.S.C.A. § 1983 (West 2000 & Supp. 2002).

42 U.S.C.A. §2001 (West Supp. 2002)

**- Statutes no longer in force**

1. Cite to current official or unofficial code if still therein.

2. If no longer found in the current code cite to (in this order of preference):

- the last edition of the official code or unofficial code in which the statute appeared or

- the session laws or

- a secondary source

3. The fact of repeal or amendment must be noted parenthetically (Rule 12.2.1(b), 12.7.1, 12.7.2, and 12.7.3)

**- Mechanics of citing code sections**

1. Cite title, abbreviation for code, and section number

- T.1 lists the abbreviations for federal and state codes

2. Code date - date on code volume. The order of preference is:
- Spine
  - Title page
  - Latest copyright year

## **2. Cite session laws:**

- **The statute is scattered throughout various code sections. (Rule 12.2.2(a))**

Tax Reduction Act of 1975, Pub. L. No. 94-12, 89 Stat. 26 (codified as amended in scattered sections of 26 U.S.C.).

- **Reference is to the historical fact of enactment, amendment, or repeal. (Rule 12.2.2(b))**

Voting Rights Act of 1965, Pub. L. No. 89-110, 79 Stat. 445 (codified as amended at 42 U.S.C. §§ 1971, 1973 to 1973bb-1 (1994))

- **There is a material difference between the language in the code and the language found in the session law AND the code title has not been enacted into positive law. (Rule 12.2.2(c))**

- **The statute is too new to be found in the code.**

- **Mechanics of citing session laws**

1. Provide name of statute (official or popular or both may be used)
2. If no official or popular name, use the full date.  
Example: Act of Aug. 21, 1974, ch. 85, 1974 N.J. Laws 385 (providing unemployment compensation for jurors).
3. Give volume number or, if none, year.
4. Name of set (see T.1 for list of federal and state session law services)
5. In parenthetical, provide year in which it was passed by the legislature.
  - If no date of enactment, give date statute became effective.
  - Omit date if indicated earlier in name.
6. Indicate where it is or will be codified unless it will not be codified.

### 3. Citing online statutes

#### - Commercial databases - Rule 12.5(a)

1. Cite as provided in the main rules: Rules 12.3 and 12.4.

2. Provide the following in a parenthetical:

- name of database
- currency of the database as indicated by the database
- name of publisher, editor or compiler unless done by government

Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code § 1670 (Deering, LEXIS through 1995 Sess.).

Wis. Stat. Ann. § 19.43 (West, Westlaw through 1995 Act 26).

#### - Internet - Rule 12.5(b)

1. When official source is only available online (states and municipalities), cite the source directly.

Bellingham, Wash., Mun. Code § 16.60.060 (2008),  
<http://www.cob.org/web/mbcode.nsf/CityCode?OpenView>.

2. Authenticated, official, or exact copies of a source available online can be cited as to the original print source.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 2-1247 (2007).

3. Unofficial online sources should be cited as follows.

Haw. Rev. Stat. § 142-23.5 (2009), *available at*  
[http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Volo3\\_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0142/HRS\\_0142-0023-0005.htm](http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/hrscurrent/Volo3_Ch0121-0200D/HRS0142/HRS_0142-0023-0005.htm).

## Legislative Materials (Rule 13)

### **Bills (Rule 13.2)**

Unenacted:

S. 516, 105<sup>th</sup> Cong. § 2 (1997).

- may include name before bill number if relevant.

Enacted:

S. 515, 106<sup>th</sup> Cong. (1999) (enacted).

### **Hearings (Rule 13.3)**

*Protection from Personal Intrusion Act and Privacy Protection Act of 1998: Hearing on H.R. 2448 and H.R. 3224 Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, 105<sup>th</sup> Cong 56-57 (1998) (statement of Richard Masur, President, Screen Actors Guild).*

### **Reports, Documents, and Committee Prints (Rule 13.4)**

H.R. REP. NO. 99-253, pt. 1, at 54 (1985).

For reports, provide a parallel cite to United States Code Congressional And Administrative News (U.S.C.C.A.N.) if available.

S. REP. NO. 95-797, at 4 (1978), *reprinted in* 1978 U.S.C.C.A.N. 9260, 9263.

### **Debates (Rule 13.5)**

123 CONG. REC. 17,147 (1977).

131 CONG. REC. S11,465-66 (daily ed. Sept. 13, 1985)(statement of Sen Wallop).

## **Online**

### - Commercial Database (Rule 18.1.3)

Provide name of the database and any identifying codes or numbers that uniquely identify the material.

H.R. 3781, 104<sup>th</sup> Con. § 2(b) (1976), WL 1996 CONG US HR 3781.

### - Internet (Rule 18.2.4)

Provide parallel cite if it will substantially improve access.

H.R. 2762, 105<sup>th</sup> Cong. §2 (1997), *available at*

<http://www.wetlands.com/pdf/hr2762ec.pdf> (Revised Nov. 5, 1997).