CITING ANNOTATED CODES IN PRINT
(What do I use for the date?)

Generally
The date you use in the parentheses of a statutory code citation signals the reader where to go to read the entire text of the code section. Is the text of the section solely in the bound volume? Or is part of the section amended in the pocket part? Or is the code section entirely re-written as amended in the pocket part?

Where does the reader have to go to read the code section as amended?

a. Bound volume only
If the entire text of the statute is found only in the bound volume (no amendment in the pocket part), cite it as:

49 U.S.C.S. § 30302 (LexisNexis 2018).
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Date of bound volume

b. Bound volume and pocket part
If the text of the statute appears in the bound volume but is partially amended in the pocket part, signal the reader by citing in the parentheses the dates of both the bound volume and the pocket part.

50 U.S.C.S. § 1871 (LexisNexis 2014 & Supp. 2018).
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Date of bound vol. Date of pocket part
"Supp." = pocket part

How do you know if the code section is only partially amended in the pocket part? See if any subsections in the pocket part have a bracketed note "[Unchanged]." If so, then the reader must put together the entire amended code section from:1) the changed subsections in the pocket part, and 2) the unchanged subsections in the bound volume.

Example: Here is a page from the pocket part of the USCS volume for title 50 USCS section 1871.

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(a), (b) [Unchanged]

(c) Submissions to Congress. The Attorney General shall submit to the committees of Congress referred to in subsection (a)–

(1) not later than 45 days after the date on which the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court or the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review issues a decision, order, or opinion, including any denial or modification of an application under this Act, that includes significant construction or interpretation of any provision of law or results in a change of application of any provision of this Act or a novel application of any provision of this Act, a copy of such decision, order, or opinion and any pleadings, applications, or memoranda of law associated with such decision, order, or opinion; and

(2) [Unchanged]

(d), (e) [Unchanged]

(As amended June 2, 2015, P.L. 114-23, Title VI, § 604, 129 Stat. 297.)

Pocket part—The bracketed insert “[Unchanged]" indicates that (a) is unchanged from the bound volume. So, to read the entire text of § 510 as amended, the reader would need to consult both the bound (main) volume and the pocket part.

c. Pocket part only
If the entire text of the statute is found only in the pocket part, cite only to “Supp.” and the date of the pocket part.

How do you know if the text in the pocket part totally replaces the text of the section in the bound volume or simply partially amends it? If there is no bracketed “[Unchanged],” then you may assume that the pocket part text is the complete amended code section.

50 U.S.C.S. § 1527 (LexisNexis Supp. 2018).
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“Supp." = pocket part (with pocket part date)

d. Quarterly supplement
If a statutory change appears in a quarterly supplement, cite it to the “Supp” with the month and year. (The month distinguishes a quarterly supplement from a pocket part.)

42 U.S.C.S. § 404 (LexisNexis 1998 & Supp. 2018 & Supp. July 2018).
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Date of bound volume “Supp.” = pocket part |
(with pocket part date) |
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“Supp.” with month and year indicates quarterly supplement

e. Amended in legislative service
If a code section is amended by a session law found only in a legislative service pamphlet, cite it as:

22 U.S.C.S. § 7813(a) (LexisNexis 2007), as amended by the North Korean Human Rights Reauthorization Act of 2017, Pub. L. No. 115-198, § 4, 132 Stat. 1519, 1521 (2018).

NOTE: The publisher designation appears in the parentheses—regardless of which date is used. For U.S.C.S., use "LexisNexis." If using a state code, consult T.1 of the *Bluebook* and use whatever abbreviation for the publisher is listed under "Statutory Compilations" for your state.