

TIPS FOR RESEARCHING ALASKA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
USING ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE WEB SITE

[www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov)

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- *INFOBASES*
- *LEGISLATIVE LIBRARY (LLIB) INFOBASE*
- *GUIDE TO ALASKA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY MATERIALS*

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## **Introduction:**

The Alaska State Legislature website at [www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov) has legislative materials including session laws, journals, bills, committee records (minutes, audio, documents), and *Alaska Statutes*.

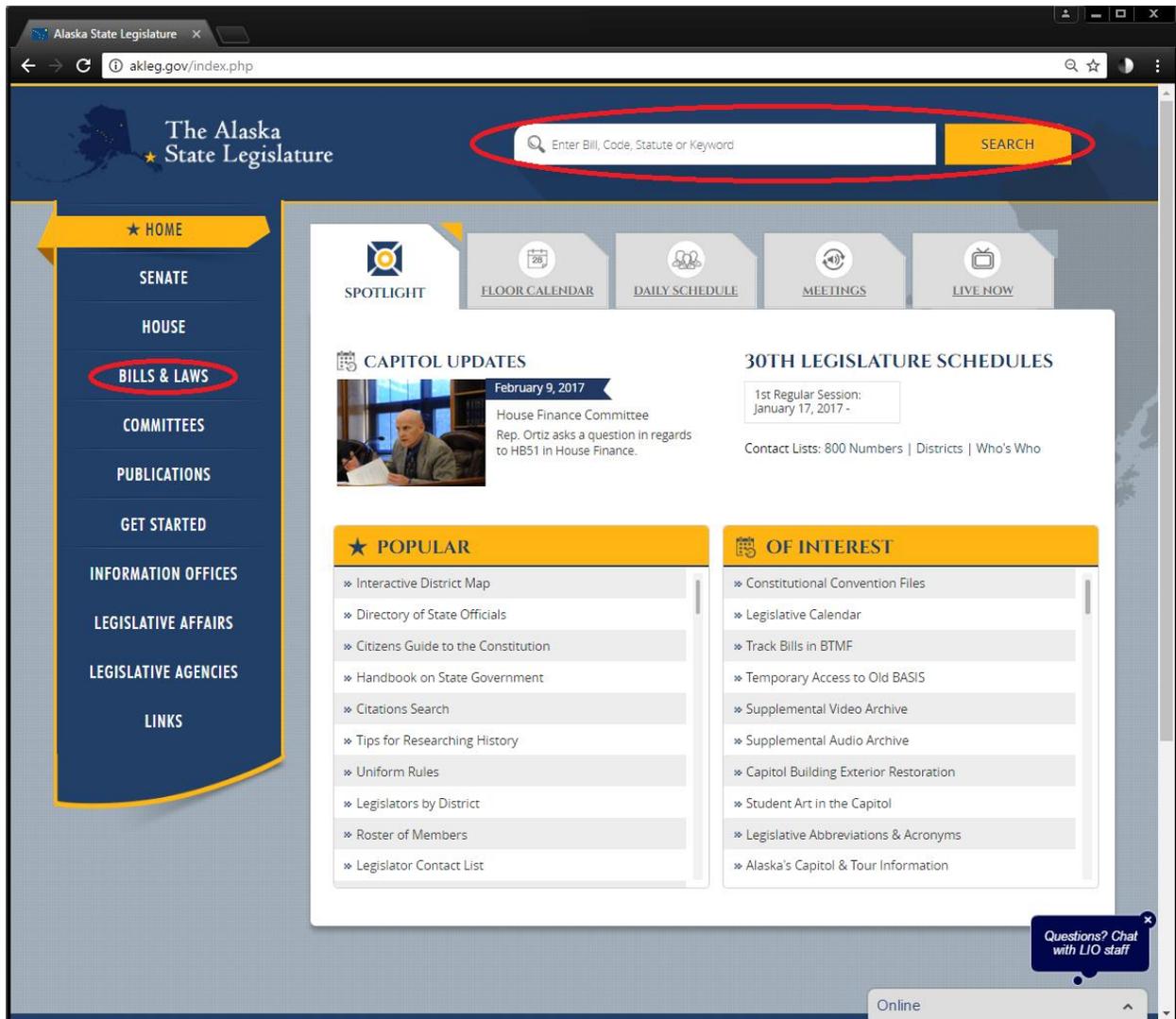
***BASIS*** (*Bill Action Status Inquiry System*) covers the years 1993 to the present. Prior to 1993 you must use ***Infobases***, which cover 1982 to the present and include some materials not found on BASIS.

***Infobases*** are text-searchable. You can search all the documents of an Infobase for the entire two year legislature (and also search in multiple Infobases).

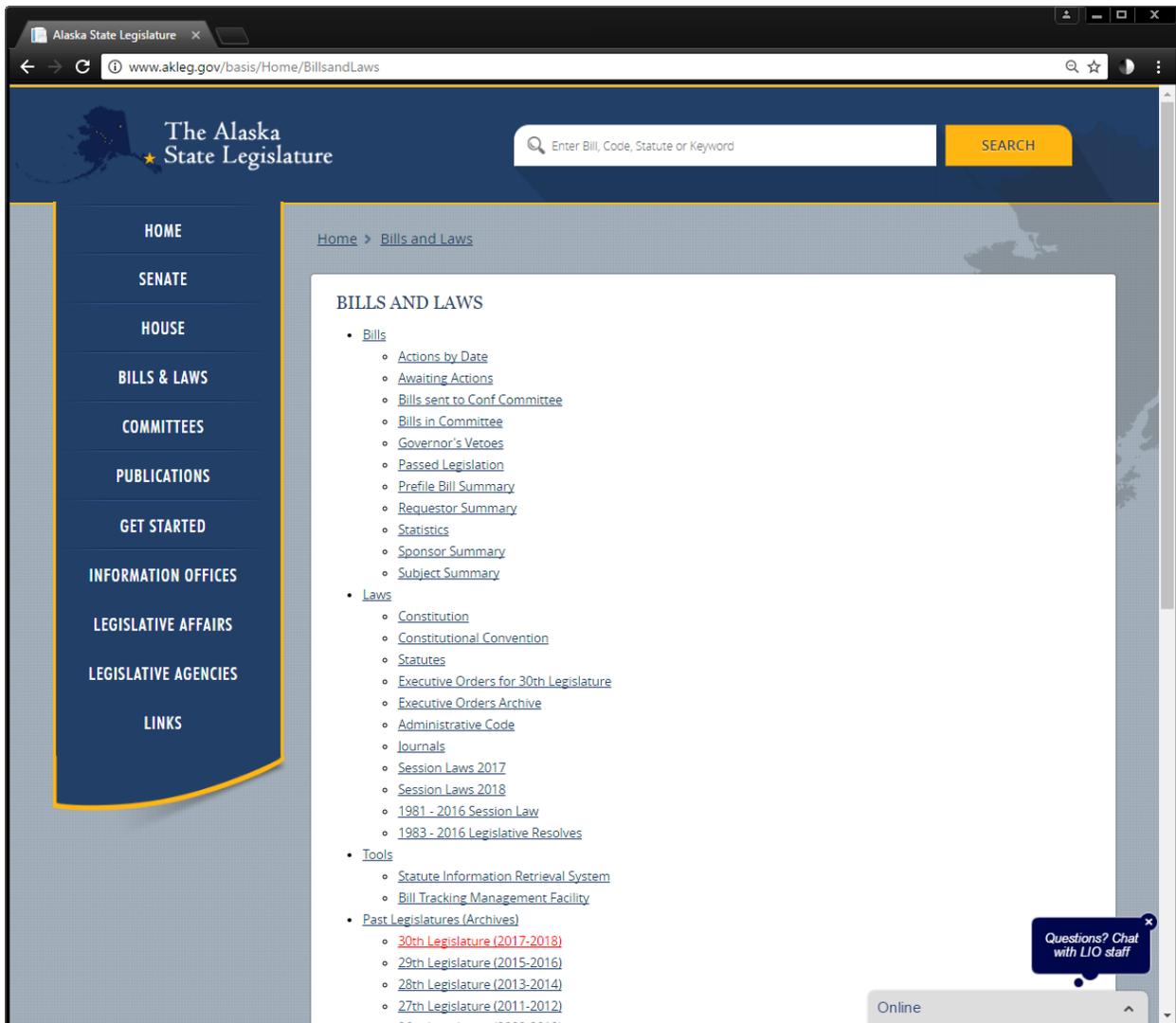
***BASIS*** is also text-searchable. **You may use the *BASIS* search box (in top red circle on the next page) to do text searches in the *Alaska Statutes, Alaska Administrative Code, journals, bills, and minutes of recent two year legislatures*.** Information is being continually added.

Following are tips for performing an Alaska legislative history search using these legislative online resources.

This is the home page for the Alaska Legislature's website (aka BASIS). The search box is located in the upper right portion of most pages.



To get to the "Bills & Laws" page, click on "Bills & Laws" in the left navigation bar.



The "**Bill and Laws**" page allows you to search by bill number and find a bill's Bill History/Action page with links to floor and committee action. Use the "**Past Legislatures (Archives)**" links for prior two-year legislatures (1993 to current).

Use the "**Session Laws**" link to find the bill that became the session law.

Use the "**Statute Information Retrieval System (SIRS)**" to find a companion bill or bill that merged into your bill. SIRS will allow you to find all bills that modify a given statute section. These other bills may have important discussions of intent.

If you know the bill number you are looking for, type it into the search box and hit enter. This will bring up the bill history page:

The screenshot shows the Alaska State Legislature website. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: HOUSE, **BILLS & LAWS**, COMMITTEES, PUBLICATIONS, GET STARTED, INFORMATION OFFICES, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES, and LINKS. The main content area displays the bill history for HB 16. The title is "BILL HISTORY/ACTION FOR LEGISLATURE". The current status is "TRANSMITTED TO (S)". The status date is "02/08/2017". The sponsor(s) are listed as REPRESENTATIVES THOMPSON, Saddler, Tarr, Gara, Wool, Millett, Stutes, Foster, Wilson, Johnson, Claman, Gutfenberg, LeDoux, Grenn, Tuck, Ortiz, Rauscher, Kawasaki, Sullivan-Leonard, Chenault, Knopp, Fansler, Tilton, Josephson, Kito, Spohnholz, Kopp, Birch, Drummond, Parish. The title of the bill is "An Act relating to training regarding disabilities for police officers, probation officers, parole officers, correctional officers, and village public safety officers; relating to guidelines for drivers when encountering or being stopped by a peace officer; relating to driver's license examinations; and relating to a voluntary disability designation on a state identification card and a driver's license." Below the title is a search bar for the bill number. The main content area has a navigation bar with the following items: Actions, **Full Text**, Fiscal Notes, Amendments, **Minutes and Audio**, and Documents. Below the navigation bar is a table of actions with the following columns: Jrn Date, **Jrn Page**, and Text. The table contains the following rows:

Jrn Date	Jrn Page	Text
1/18/2017	<a href="#">32</a>	(H) PREFILE RELEASED 1/9/17
1/18/2017	<a href="#">32</a>	(H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
1/18/2017	<a href="#">32</a>	(H) STA, FIN
1/20/2017	<a href="#">70</a>	(H) COSPONSOR(S): MILLETT, STUTES, FOSTER, WILSON, JOHNSON, CLAMAN, GUTTENBERG
1/25/2017	<a href="#">105</a>	(H) COSPONSOR(S): LEDOUX, GRENN, TUCK
1/27/2017	<a href="#">114</a>	(H) STA RPT 7DP
1/27/2017	<a href="#">114</a>	(H) DP: JOHNSON, WOOL, LEDOUX, KNOPP, BIRCH, TUCK, KREISS-TOMKINS

Click "**Full Text**" for all versions of your bill, to see if the language you are interested in was present in the first version of the bill or added later by a committee substitute or floor amendment. If a large section was added, look for another bill that may have merged into yours.

Committee minutes and audio are available at "**Minutes and Audio.**" "**Display Committee Actions**" will expand the list below to include committee action and minutes. The "**Journal Page**" column links to documents for the associated actions.

The screenshot shows the Alaska State Legislature website. On the left is a navigation menu with 'PUBLICATIONS' circled in red. The main content area shows 'BILL HISTORY/ACTION FOR LEGISLATURE' for Bill HB 16. Below this, there are tabs for 'Actions', 'Full Text', 'Fiscal Notes', 'Amendments', 'Minutes and Audio', and 'Documents', with 'Documents' circled in red. Under the 'Documents' tab, there is a table of documents for Bill HB 16.

Document Name	Date/Time	Subjects
<a href="#">HB016 Letter of Support- WallBusters 1.25.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/26/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 Supporting Documents Partial List of Hidden Disabilities 1.25.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/26/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 Supporting Document -Letters of Support 1.23.17 (1).pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 Fiscal Note DOA-DMV 1.23.17 (1).pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 Fiscal Note DPS-APSC 1.23.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 Fiscal Note DOC-CA 1.23.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 Sectional Analysis ver A 1.18.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 Sponsor Statement 1.18.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB 016 - Non-apparent disabilities symbol 1.18.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16
<a href="#">HB016 ver A 1.18.17.pdf</a>	HSTA 1/24/2017 3:00:00 PM	HB 16

“**Documents**” are materials created or collected by a committee during its deliberation. They include bill drafts, amendments, sectional analyses, and public comments. 2009 is the first year *some* of these are available online. *Committee Bill Files* are the **complete** set of documents, and are kept in the Legislative Reference Library and the State Archives. The *Guide to Alaska Legislative History Materials* (on the **Publications** page) has a comprehensive listing of which resources are available, and where.

The Alaska State Legislature

HOME SENATE HOUSE **BILLS & LAWS** SEARCHES MEDIA CENTER PUBLICATIONS GET STARTED

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**Infobases**

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**Choose the infobase of interest:**

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**Alaska Statutes**

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**Alaska Information**

- [The Alaska Constitution](#)
- [The Alaska State Executive Orders](#)
- [The Alaska State Administrative Journal](#)
- [The Alaska Administrative Code](#) Including changes received by the publisher through June 2009.

**QUICK LINKS**  
[BASIS Infobases](#) [Districts](#) [FAQ](#)  
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How to find the Infobases

**Infobases** are used primarily for legislative history searches 1982-1992, but are also helpful to use with BASIS, 1993 to present. You can:

- 1) examine materials not available in BASIS: replaced titles of Alaska Statutes from 1993 to present are one example.
- 2) locate information not easily found in BASIS: executive orders and confirmation hearings (must know date and committee to find in BASIS)

3) search materials not in BASIS, such as the Legislative Library LLIB catalog of legislative history materials.



**Measures** (all versions of bills) and **Committee Minutes** are the Infobases used most for legislative history searches.

See attachment, “*Guide to Using Infobases on Alaska State Legislature web site,*” for a guide on using the Infobases.

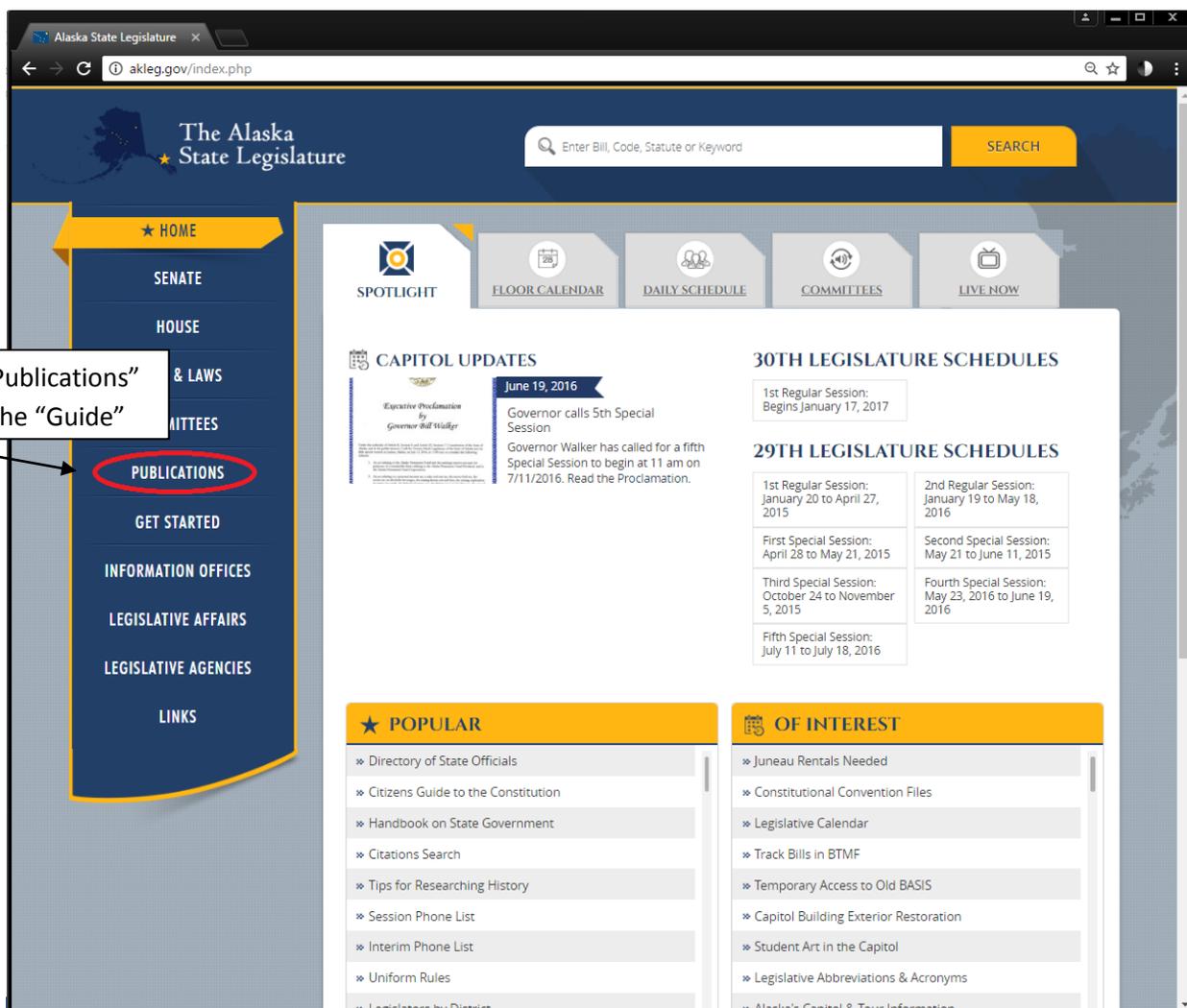
The Alaska Legislature also has Infobases on each computer desktop as **ALECSYS Infobases**. **ALECSYS** includes everything the web version

does, and additional Infobases such as the *Alaska Statutes annotated*. ALECSYS is also much easier to use.



The **Legislative Library Catalog Infobase** (LLIB) contains entries for materials helpful to those doing legislative history searches:

- reports done by or for the legislature, now digitized and downloadable
- legislative history compilations
- lists of committees, including Conference Committees, and which committee materials are available -- files, minutes, and/or audio.



The “**Guide to Alaska Legislative History Materials**” is a comprehensive description of legislative materials and where they are. The table of contents may be used as a checklist for doing legislative history searches.

Library staff, (907) 465-3808, can help you with legislative history searches in BASIS and Infobases.

ATTACHMENT:

Guide to Using INFOBASES on  
Alaska State Legislature web site

# Guide to Using INFOBASES on AK State Legislature web site:

The screenshot shows the Alaska State Legislature website. The main header includes the title "The Alaska State Legislature" and navigation tabs for HOME, SENATE, HOUSE, BILLS & LAWS, SEARCHES, MEDIA CENTER, PUBLICATIONS, and GET STARTED. A search bar is located at the top right. The main content area is titled "Infobases" and features a "FOLIO INFOBASE" button. A warning message states: "WARNING: These Infobases are not the official versions of the Alaska statutes and regulations currently in effect. The Infobases may contain errors or omissions. They will not contain information that has been inserted after their preparation. These Infobases are intended as informational guides only. The State of Alaska makes no warranty, express or implied, of the accuracy of the Infobases. To be certain of the current version of the statutes and regulations, please refer to the official printed version of the statutes and regulations." Below the warning, there are two sections: "Alaska Statutes" with a list of links from 1993 to 2008, and "Alaska Information" with links to the Alaska Constitution, Executive Orders, Administrative Journal, and Administrative Code. At the bottom of the page, a "QUICK LINKS" section is circled in red, containing links for BASIS Infobases, Districts, FAQ, Legislative Information, Offices, Legislative Affairs Agency, and Public Opinion Messages. A callout box on the left side of the page points to this "QUICK LINKS" section with the text "How to find the Infobases".

To find the Infobases use the Quick Link at the bottom of any page on the legislative website at [www.akleg.gov](http://www.akleg.gov).

Choose an Infobase, such as Committee Minutes 1989-1990.

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HELP QUERY

The infobases listed to the right are searchable. You may perform word, phrase, field, group or level searches. For help querying an infobase, click the 'Foio Infobase' button above.

[Legislature Home](#)

**Committee Minute Text**

- 17th (1991-1992) Legislature House and Senate Journals
- 16th (1989-1990) Legislature House and Senate Journals
- 15th (1987-1988) Legislature House and Senate Journals

• 25th (2007-2008) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 24th (2005-2006) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 23rd (2003-2004) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 22nd (2001-2002) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 21st (1999-2000) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 20th (1997-1998) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 19th (1995-1996) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 18th (1993-1994) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 17th (1991-1992) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• **16th (1989-1990) Legislature Committee Minutes**  
• 14th (1987-1988) Legislature Committee Minutes  
• 1982, 13th and 14th (1982-1986) Legislature Committee Minutes

**Session Laws and Resolves**

- 2010 Legislative Resolves
- 2010 Session Laws
- 1981 - 2009 Session Laws
- 1983 - 2009 Legislative Resolves

**General Legislative Information**

- Legislative Uniform Rules
- Legislative Research Requests
- Legislative Library Catalog

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**EXECUTIVE BRANCH LINKS**  
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Click on the oval Query button.

The screenshot shows the website for The Alaska State Legislature. The main header includes the state name and navigation links like HOME, SENATE, HOUSE, etc. The page title is 'COMMITTEE MINUTES - 16TH LEGISLATURE'. On the left, a 'Basis Navigation' menu is visible, with the 'Query' button circled in red. The main content area lists various legislative items such as House, Senate, House Finance, Senate Finance, Leg. Budget and Audit, and Leg. Council. The footer contains quick links and related sites.

When you query put quotes around a phrase or bill number: "hb 4"  
Put a check by "Records with Hits" and "Headings with Hits" display options. Click on Search.



After you get the number of results, click on the “records with hits” bar

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WITNESS REGISTER

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89  
HHES  
89/01/18  
0830

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HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
January 18, 1989  
8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT  
Rep. Johnny Ellis, Chairperson  
Rep. Mark Boyer, Vice Chairperson  
Rep. Cheri Davis  
Rep. Walter Fumace  
Rep. Peter Goll  
Rep. Max Gruenberg, arriving late  
Rep. George Jacko

MEMBERS ABSENT  
None

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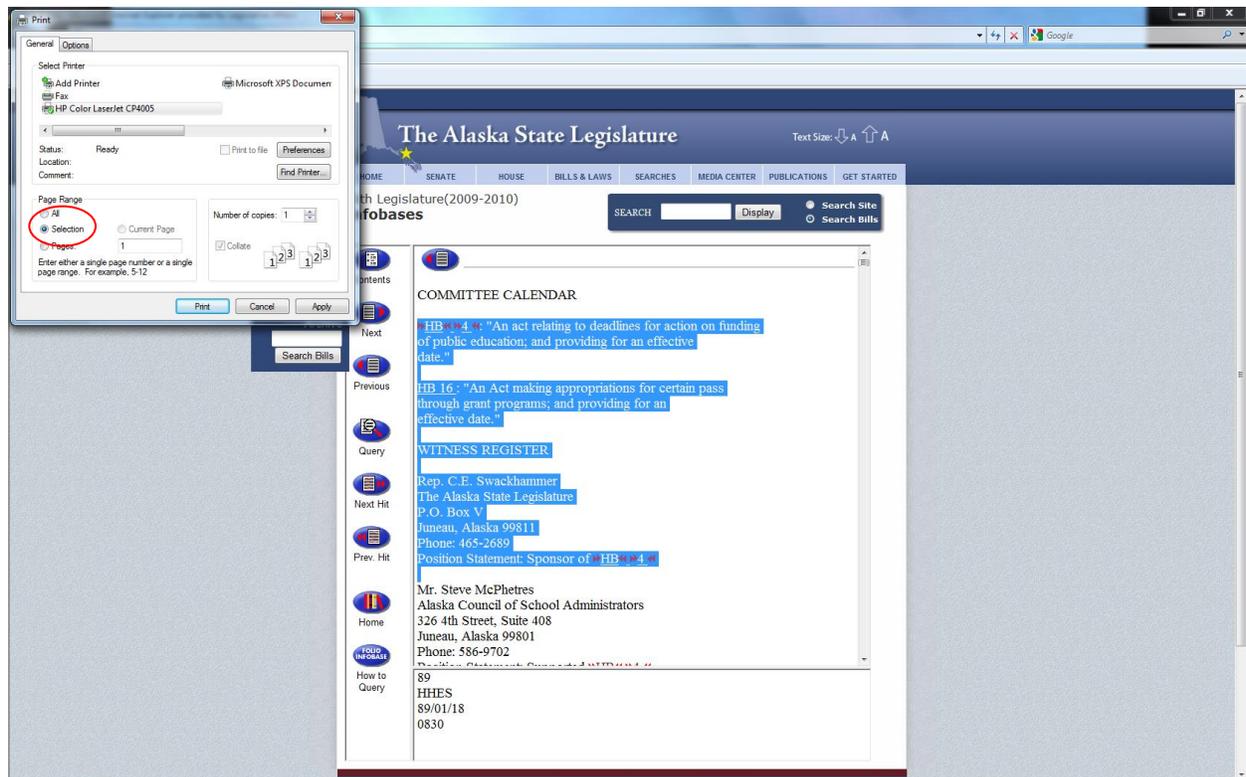
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Use “next hit” and “prev hit”, rather than “next” and “previous”.

To print: Highlight what you want, then select "File", "Print"



Choose Print "Selection", not Print "All". (All = entire Infobase)



To search multiple infobases, go to Infobase main page, select Query

The screenshot shows the website for the Alaska State Legislature's Infobases. The browser title is "Infobases - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Legislative Affairs" and the URL is "http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/folio.asp". The page header includes "The Alaska State Legislature" and a navigation menu with links for HOME, SENATE, HOUSE, BILLS & LAWS, SEARCHES, MEDIA CENTER, PUBLICATIONS, and GET STARTED. Below the header, the page is titled "26th Legislature(2009-2010) Infobases". A search bar is present with a "Display" button and radio buttons for "Search Site" and "Search Bills". A "Basis Navigation" sidebar on the left lists various categories, with "Folio Infobases" circled in red. The main content area features a "Choose the infobase of interest:" section with a warning: "WARNING: These Infobases are not the official versions of the Alaska statutes and regulations currently in effect. The Infobases may contain errors or omissions. They will not contain information that has been inserted after their preparation. These Infobases are intended as informational guides only. The State of Alaska makes no warranty, express or implied, of the accuracy of the Infobases. To be certain of the current version of the statutes and regulations, please refer to the official printed version of the statutes and regulations." Below this is a section titled "Alaska Statutes" with a list of links for each year from 2010 down to 1993.

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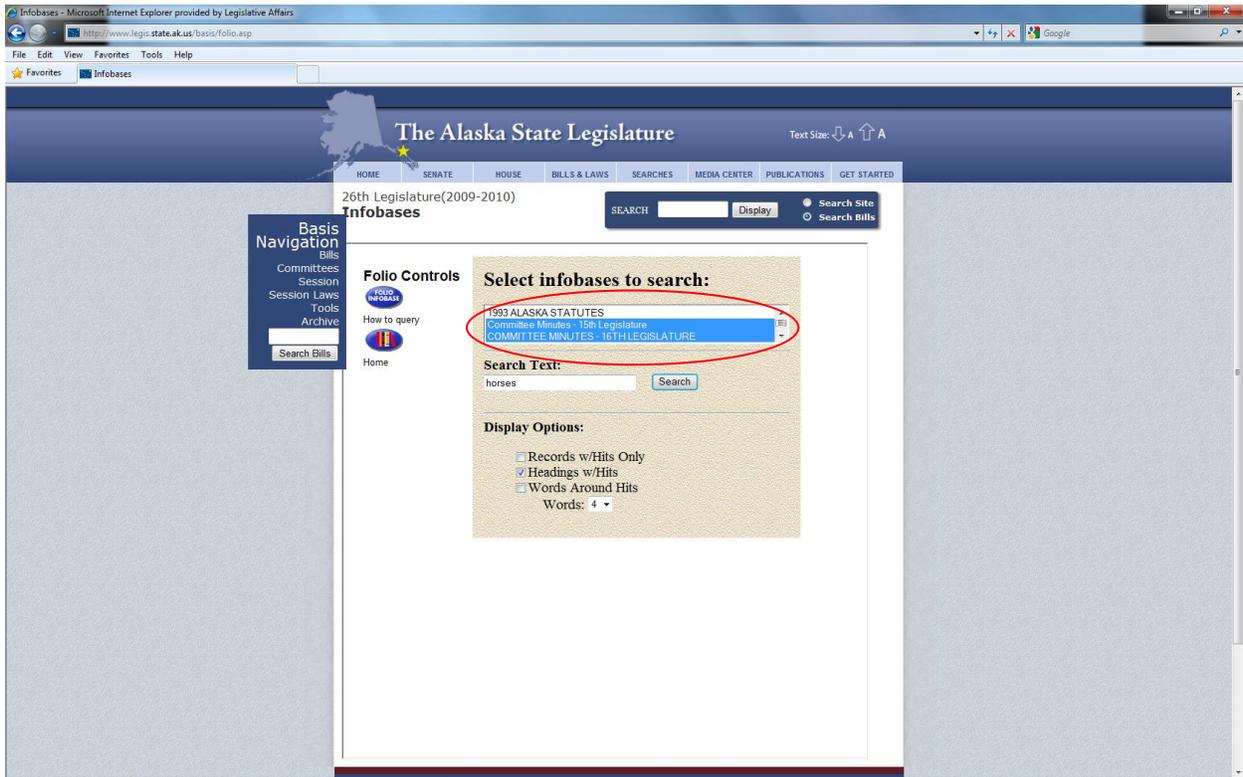
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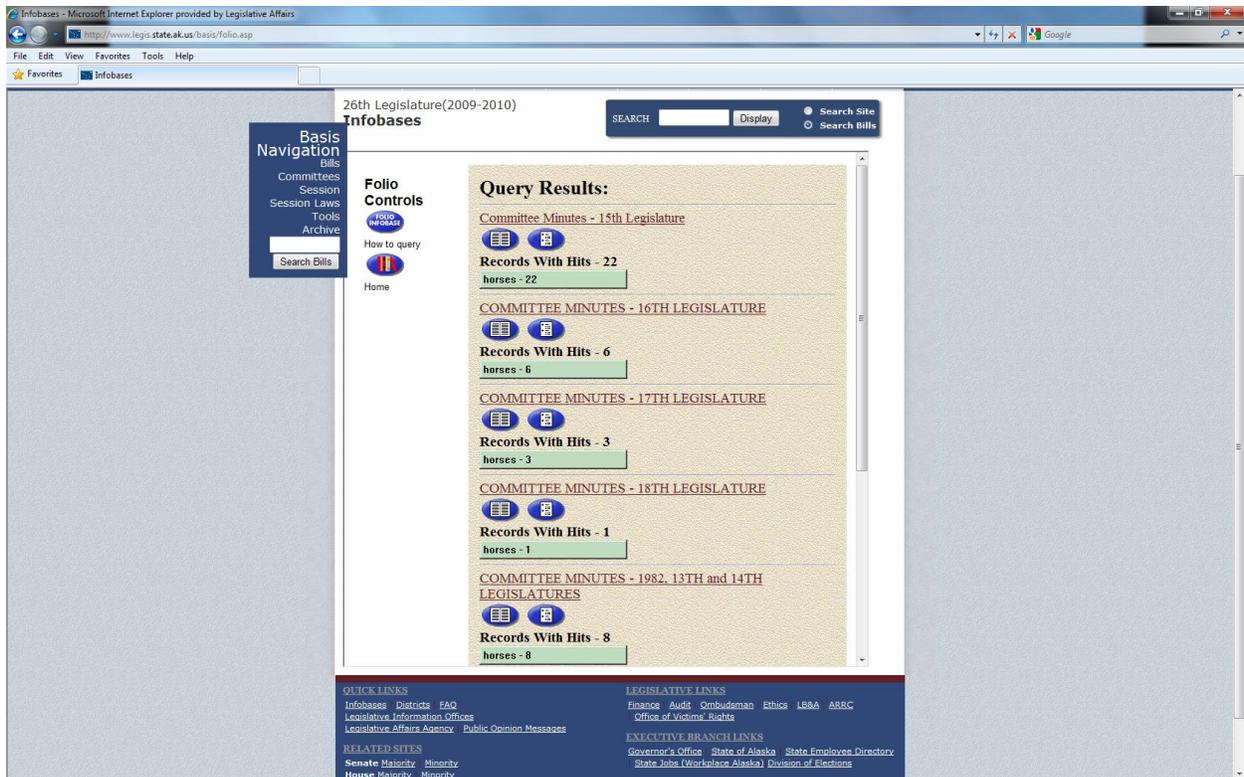
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Highlight the infobases you want to search, in “Select Infobases to search” box. To select Infobases that aren’t next to each other on the list, hold down the Ctrl key while you click on the infobases.



Query results will appear for each Infobase which has your search term.



To get back to these results, you need to use the browser "back" button. "Contents" will only view the Infobase you click into.