



# How to Find A Bill Number

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In order to do research on Colorado law and compile the legislative history related to the Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS), researchers must locate the proper bill number associated with the statute they are researching. The statutes are derivative of legislation passed by the Colorado General Assembly. Below find **4** simple steps for locating the bill number related to the statute you are interested in.

## Step 1:

### Locate the Statute Number

Before beginning a search for a bill, a statute number from the CRS is necessary.

Example Statute Number: **C.R.S. 1-1-101**

## Step 2:

### Locate Statute in CRS Book

Once the statute number of interest is identified, the next step is to locate it in the CRS book.

You can find the most updated CRS books at [Lexus Nexis Online](#).

For older versions of the CRS books, feel free to contact Colorado State Archives or [submit a formal request](#).

Example CRS book screen shot:

**C.R.S. 1-1-101**

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Current through all Laws passed and signed in the First Regular and First Extraordinary Sessions of the 71st General Assembly (2017)

**Colorado Revised Statutes > TITLE 1. ELECTIONS > GENERAL, PRIMARY, RECALL, AND CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY ELECTIONS > ARTICLE 1.ELECTIONS GENERALLY > PART 1. DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**1-1-101. Short title**

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Articles 1 to 13 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Uniform Election Code of 1992"; within these articles, "this code" means the "Uniform Election Code of 1992".

**History**

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**Source:**

L. 92: Entire article RARE, p. 624, § 1, effective January 1, 1993.

▼ Annotations

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**Notes**

**Editor's note:** Articles 1 to 13 were numbered as articles 1, 3, 4, 9 to 19, and 21 of chapter 49, C.R.S. 1963. The substantive provisions of these articles were repealed and reenacted in 1980, resulting in the addition, relocation, and elimination of sections as well as subject matter. For amendments to these articles prior to 1980, consult the Colorado statutory research explanatory note and the table itemizing the replacement volumes and supplements to the original volume of C.R.S. 1973 beginning on page vii in the front of this volume. Former C.R.S. numbers prior to 1980 are shown in editor's notes following those sections that were relocated. For a detailed comparison of these articles for 1980, see the comparative tables located in the back of the index.

**Cross references:** For school elections, see articles 30, 31, and 42 of title 22; for elections for removal of county seats, see article 8 of title 30; for municipal elections, see article 10 of title 31; for special district elections, see part 8 of article 1 of title 32; for exemption of certain statutory proceedings from the rules of civil procedure, see C.R.C.R. 81; for recall from office, see article XXI of the state constitution; for recall of state and county officers, see part 1 of article 12 of this title; for recall of municipal officers, see part 5 of article 4 of title 31; for recall of directors of special districts, see § 32-1-906, 32-1-907; for provisions relating to initiative and referendum, see article 40 of this title; for campaign finance, see article 45 of this title.

**Editor's note:** Articles 1 to 13 were repealed and reenacted in 1980, and this article was subsequently repealed and reenacted in 1992, resulting in the addition, relocation, and elimination of sections as well as subject matter. For amendments to this article prior to 1992, consult the Colorado statutory research explanatory note and the table itemizing the replacement volumes and supplements to the original volume of C.R.S. 1973 beginning on page vii in the front of this volume and the editor's note following the title heading. Former C.R.S. section numbers are shown in editor's notes following those sections that were relocated in 1992. For a detailed comparison of this article for 1980 and 1992, see the comparative tables located in the back of the index.

**Law reviews:** For a discussion of a Tenth Circuit decision dealing with elections, see 66 Den. U.L. Rev. 757 (1989); for article, "Psst-There's a New Election Code", see 22 Colo. Law. 1703 (1993); for article, "Hey, They Revised the Election Code Again!", see 23 Colo. Law. 1821 (1994); for article, "Yes, Even More Election Code Revisions", see 24 Colo. Law. 1803 (1995); for article, "Fill in the Blank: More ---- Election Code Revisions", see 25 Colo. Law. 93 (Aug. 1996); for article, "Wow, What a Surprise! Still More Election Code Revisions", see 26 Colo. Law. 77 (Aug. 1997); for article, "Florida Fallout and Other Colorado Election Law Amendments of 2002", see 31 Colo. Law. 63 (Aug. 2002).

**Editor's note:** This section is similar to former § 1-1-101 as it existed prior to 1992.

## Step 3:

# Use CRS Book to find Session Law Number

When the statute is located, the researcher should look to see what Session Law it is associated with. Here is an example of a Session Law location from a CRS book:

**Source:**

L. 92: Entire article R&RE, p. 624, § 1, effective January 1, 1993.

“**L. 92**” refers to the year when the Session Law was added or updated.

“**p.624**” refers to the page in the 1992 Session Law book where the statute is listed.

## Step 4:

# Use Session Law Book to Locate Bill Number

Using the information from the CRS book, turn to the page in Session Law book. Session Law books are released annually and reflect any changes in statute after each Legislative session.

Digital copies of Session Law books for Colorado from 1861-present are available at this link from the William A. Wise Law Library at CU Boulder:

<http://lawcollections.colorado.edu/colorado-session-laws/>

At the top page with the correct statute number in the Session Law book, find the chapter number. The first page of the chapter containing the statute number will show bill number . See example below:

## CHAPTER 118

## ELECTIONS

HOUSE BILL 92-4333

BY REPRESENTATIVES Grant, Grampas, Wright, Fritz, S. Johnson, Martin, Neale, Fankay, Swenson, and S. Williams;  
also SENATORS Owens, Birkenscherfer, J. Johnson, and Metzgerhugh.

## AN ACT

CONCERNING ELECTIONS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AMENDING AND RECODIFYING THE "COLORADO ELECTION CODE OF 1980" AS THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992", AND EXTENDING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE ELECTION CODE TO INCLUDE SPECIAL DISTRICT, SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND OTHER ELECTIONS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Section 1. Article 1 of title 1, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1980 Repl. Vol., as amended, is REPEALED AND REENACTED, WITH AMENDMENTS, to read:

ARTICLE 1  
Elections GenerallyPART 1  
DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS

**1-1-101. Short title.** ARTICLES 1 TO 13 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992"; WITHIN THESE ARTICLES, "THIS CODE" MEANS THE "UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992".

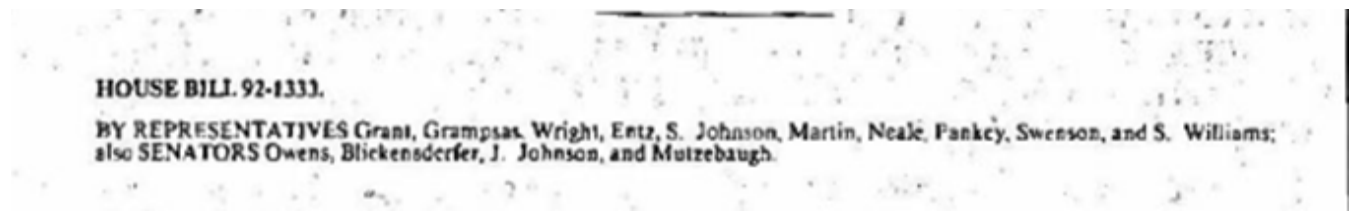
**1-1-102. Applicability.** THIS CODE APPLIES TO ALL GENERAL, PRIMARY, CONGRESSIONAL VACANCY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SPECIAL DISTRICT ELECTIONS UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THIS CODE. ANY MUNICIPALITY MAY PROVIDE BY ORDINANCE THAT IT WILL UTILIZE THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES OF THIS CODE IN LIEU OF THE "COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE OF 1965", ARTICLE 10 OF TITLE 31, C.R.S., WITH RESPECT TO ANY REGULAR ELECTION OR ANY SPECIAL ELECTION DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-10-108, C.R.S.

**1-1-103. Election code liberally construed.** (1) THIS CODE SHALL BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED SO THAT ALL LEGALLY QUALIFIED

*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

**C.R.S. 1-1-101** is on page 624 in chapter 118 of the 1992 Session Law book. The bill number associated with this statute is found at the

top of this page here:



**C.R.S. 1-1-101** therefore is associated with **HB 92-1333**.

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While locating a bill number can seem daunting at first, using these **4** steps should allow for simplified research on Colorado Legislative History.

The Colorado State Archives has a number of resources available to researchers and the public related to Bills heard in the Colorado General Assembly. Below find a list of these record types.

**Colorado Revised Statutes:**

The Colorado State Archives has copies of the most current C.R.S. books as well as previous versions. The C.R.S. contains all the laws of a general and permanent nature in the state and most can be changed by the General Assembly. Under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution, some statutory changes relating to

taxes and tax policy require voter approval.<sup>1</sup> You can find digital copies of these records at the link under **Step 2**.

### **Session Laws:**

The Colorado State Archives has all versions of the Sessions Law books dating back to 1877-2014. The Session Laws are the official compilation of the bills enacted by both houses of the Colorado General Assembly. This includes bills that amend the C.R.S. and appropriations bills that fund various state agencies, institutions, and programs. The session laws also include concurrent resolutions, resolutions, and memorials.<sup>2</sup> You can find digital copies of these records at the links under **Step 3**.

### **Bills:**

All versions of a bill heard by the Colorado General Assembly and the amendments attached including enrolled bill signed by the governor and the engrossed bills with amendments and notes attached.

### **Committee Summaries:**

A short summary of what occurred during a House or Senate Committee hearing on a specific bill. Committee Summaries include the time and room where a committee met as well as a list

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<sup>1</sup> "Session Laws and Statutes." Colorado General Assembly. 1. Accessed May 04, 2018. <https://leg.colorado.gov/agencies/office-legislative-legal-services/session-laws-and-statutes>.

<sup>2</sup> "Session Laws and Statutes", 1.



of those who testified on the bills discussed. Committee Summaries also include any relevant attachments and resources used in arguments for or against the bill in a committee hearing. Committee Summaries are available from 1973-1999 on the State Archive's website at

<https://archives.colorado.gov/collections/legislative-records>

### **Legislative Audio and Legislative History:**

Since 1973 the Colorado General Assembly has been recording all of the floor sessions and committee hearings at the Capitol. The Colorado State Archives holds all of the recordings in their various formats from 1973-2011. Legislative Audio can be used to find the Legislative intent of a bill and gives the only complete view of the Legislative history for bills heard in the Colorado General Assembly. For bills 2012 - present, find the audio at:

<http://www.leg.colorado.gov/watch-listen>

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Interested in making a request for records from the State Archives? Please make a formal request at <https://archives.colorado.gov/request> and select the appropriate record type. Use the bill number located with this guide to make your request. Requests without the bill number will not be processed.

Questions about this guide? Please call the Colorado State  
research desk at: (303)-866-2358