Records of the Nevada State Legislature in the Nevada State Archives

The Nevada Legislature creates a number of different kinds of records in carrying out its mandates. Some records are transferred to the Nevada Secretary of State's office for official filing and some are retained by the Legislature according to records retention schedules developed by the Legislature. The practice of the Legislature is to transfer records to the State Archives two or three legislative sessions (four to six years) following the date the records were created so the inclusive dates listed below may be subsequently updated. Some records created by the Legislature are published and available in other libraries or on the Legislative Council Bureau's webpages.

The following records have been transferred to the State Archives.

-**Legislative Bills**, 1864-2005. Various formats; transferred from the Legislature and the Secretary of State. These include bills enrolled and engrossed, bills and resolutions that died in committee, and bills and resolutions approved by committees but not approved by the Legislature.

-**Registers of Bills from Assembly and Senate**, 1875-1945. Legislative histories for each bill that include the date a bill was introduced, name of legislator who introduced a bill, dates in and

out of committee, and date approved or vetoed by the governor.

-**Enrolled Bills and Resolutions**, 1864-2001. Bills passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

-Journals of the Assembly and Senate, 1864-1945. Published accounts of proceedings of each house. References were made to bill numbers but the full texts of bills were not provided.

Many contain a summary list of bills in numerical order cross-referenced to page numbers on which discussion occurred.

Indexed.

-**Appendices to Senate and Assembly Journals**, sometimes referred to as Biennial Reports to the Legislature, 1864-1977. State officers and agencies were required to submit reports to the Legislature detailing their activities over the previous biennium; these reports were published every two years.

Reports begin in the 1869 volume and provide a wealth of information not always found in other resources.

The Legislature went to a different format after 1977.

These volumes are also available in the Nevada State Library, the University of Nevada libraries, law libraries, and other places.

-**Legislative Commission Minutes**, 1945-2000. This commission is the interim body that carries out on-going activities between biennial sessions of the full Legislature.

-**Legislative Investigations**, 1917-1929. Reports of topical investigations carried out by the Legislature.

-**Legislative Minutes (of committees),** 1965-2005. Minutes of committee meetings provide a record of discussions and the decision-making processes.

-**Proceedings of the Assembly and Senate on Audio Media**, 1961-2003. Audio recordings of the two chambers of the Legislature.

The formats include dictabelts, cassette tapes, CDs and digital recordings.

The Archives does not have the equipment to listen to dictabelts but does have recording devices with which to listen to and make copies of tapes.

-**Legislative Log of Minutes to Chamber Proceedings**, 1963-2003. These logs serve as indices to the minutes of meetings of the Assembly and Senate.

-**Reapportionment Maps**, 1953-1971. These maps show district boundary lines reconfigured as a result of the U.S. Census.

-**Miscellaneous ledgers, time books, various dates**. Various dates.