Arizona Legislation

The first issuance of an enacted law passed by the Arizona Legislature is a slip law. This pamphlet contains the text of a single act and is individually paginated. At the end of each legislative session, the slip laws are consolidated and arranged chronologically into a permanent set of bound volumes called session laws. Codes are the subject arrangement of session laws. A code with annotations provides citations to law reviews, and legal encyclopedias, as well as abstracts of cases decided on a particular point of law.

ARIZONA SLIP LAWS

Slip laws are published by the Secretary of State and are not widely distributed. None of the East Valley law libraries receive slips laws. To access slip laws, please go to http://www.azleg.state.az.us/SessionLaws.asp

ARIZONA SESSION LAWS

Session laws are an official publication of the Secretary of State’s office and are issued annually at the end of a legislative session. There is usually a six 6-12 month lag time from the end of the legislative session until the session laws are published.

Each enacted law is assigned a chapter number. At the beginning of each chapter is the title of the bill and the Senate or House bill number. Additions to the law are usually indicated by an underline, while repeals or removal of language are indicated by a strike through.

Session laws lack subject arrangement and are not cumulative, making it more difficult to locate laws on a particular subject.

Features:
- The Order of Acts are listed by bill number and provide the session law chapter, short title of the law, and the page number at which it can be located.
- Parallel conversion tables for Chapter-Bill and Bill-Chapter.
- Index lists the 49 statute titles and is further subdivided into brief subject headings.

Aside from enacted legislation, session laws also contain:
- Veto messages written by the Governor.
- Election results for the year.
- Listing of federal and state elected officials for Arizona.
- The Governor’s Message to the legislators at the start of the legislative session.
- Listings of memorials and proclamations.

Locations:
1912-present KFA 2425 .A212 Law State Collection (3rd Floor)

Citation:
A. [Year] Laws Ch. X, § X Ex. 1973 Laws Ch. 103 § 3
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED (Annotated code)

This is the official code for the State of Arizona. When issued in 1956, an enacting clause designated this set as the positive law (binding authoritative text of law) for Arizona. Arizona legislators also passed a statute repealing all prior session laws, revisions and compilations.

Annotated codes have history notes on statutes. History notes provide the session law cite for each section added and for any amendments since it has been in effect. There are also Historical and Statutory Notes, which provide brief descriptions of amendments.

Following the statutory and historical notes are citations to law reviews, legal forms, legal encyclopedias, treatises, and West Digest key numbers. Attorney General opinions and cross-references to the Arizona administrative code, the United States Code or, Uniform laws may also be listed. Lastly are the notes of decisions. These provide brief synopsis of cases decided on that point of law.

Features:
- 2 volume softbound index for the entire set. The index is topical, descriptive, conceptual and colloquial
- Index at the end of each title
- Popular Names Table
- Parallel conversion tables for prior codes, session laws and statute renumbering
- Title outline

Aside from enacted legislation, the Arizona Revised Statutes Annotated also contains:
- Annotated Rules of Court
- Constitutions -Arizona and United States
- Declaration of Independence
- Treaties- Treaty of Guadeloupe, Hidalgo and Gadsden Treaty
- Proclamation of Admission/Admission of the State of Arizona
- State Anthems
- Constitutional Convention
- Election Ordinance no.2
- Enabling Act

Location:
Superceded annotated codes are available on the third floor in the Law State Collection.

Citation:
A.R.S. § X          Ex.  A.R.S. § 33-1365

ARIZONA ANNOTATED REVISED STATUTES (Annotated code)

This is an unofficial code for the State of Arizona. LexisNexis began publishing the AARS in 2004. It consists of 14 volumes which are replaced annually. The annotations include case law from all Arizona cases since 1983 and all federal cases since 1991.

Features:
- Topical Index
- Table of Sections Affected. This table indicates actions that affected the statutes during the last legislative session. Additions, amendments, or repeals are listed. It also provides the session law chapter, the bill number and the date it went into effect.

Location:
Ross-Blakley Law Library does not own this set.
ONLINE OR ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Arizona Legislative Information Service (A.L.I.S.) - [http://www.azleg.state.az.us/](http://www.azleg.state.az.us/)
- Contains full-text session laws from the 42nd Legislature (1995-1996) to the present
- Arizona Revised Statutes (unannotated)

**Westlaw Patron Access** (Law Library Access only)
*For links to work, you must open Westlaw Patron Access first.*
- Arizona Statutes Annotated – [AZ-ST-ANN](#)
- Arizona Statutes-Unannotated – [AZ-ST](#)
- Arizona Statutes Annotated (historical) 1988-2005- [AZ-STANNYY](#) (where yy is the year)
- Arizona Legislative Service-[AZ-LEGIS](#)
- Arizona Historical Legislative Service, 1988-2005- [AZ-LEGIS-OLD](#)

**Lexis/Nexis Academic Universe** (On campus use only)
- Contains full-text of the [Arizona Revised Statutes Annotated](#)

**Lexis** (available to law students and law faculty only)
- Arizona Code, Constitution and Current Advance Legislative Service – [Library: ARIZ File AZCODE](#)
- Arizona Revised Statutes Annotated- [Library: ARIZ File CODE](#)

**Westlaw** (available to law students and law faculty only)
- Arizona Statutes Annotated– [AZ-ST-ANN](#)
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