

## OHIO

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### Online Legal Information

This chart provides status information about free online access to state primary legal materials.

	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
<b>Publications Title</b>	Laws of Ohio	Ohio Revised Code	Register of Ohio	Ohio Administrative Code	Ohio Court of Appeals	Ohio Official Reports
<b>Official Status</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>(Notes)</b>	<p>Secretary of State is required by statute to publish the session laws, in print or electronic format at the end of each biennial session of the GA. R.C. 149.091</p> <p>As of 2007, online only, no print (Sampson, et. al., Ohio Legal Research, p.117).</p>	<p>The Director of the Legislative Service Commission is the codifier of the state's laws and administrative rules (R.C. 103.05 and 103.131). Additionally, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, R.C. 149.21 to 149.27, designates LSC as official publisher of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code. LSC's electronic publication of the Revised Code and the Administrative Code are official publications</p>	<p>Published by the Director of Legislative Service. "The director shall display the register free of charge on the internet, and shall ensure that printed copies of all or part of a document published in the register can be easily produced by users of the internet." R.C. 103.051-103.054 and R.C. 119.037-119.039.</p>	<p>The Director of the Legislative Service Commission as the codifier of the state's laws and administrative rules (R.C. 103.05 and 103.131). Additionally, the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act, R.C. 149.21 to 149.27, designates LSC as official publisher of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code. LSC's electronic publication of the Revised Code and the Administrative Code are official publications</p>	<p>"The Supreme Court hereby designates the Supreme Court website as the Ohio Official Reports for opinions of the courts of appeals and the Court of Claims as of July 1, 2012." Rep.Op.R. 3.2</p>	<p>All opinions of the Supreme Court, the courts of appeals, and the Court of Claims reported in the bound volumes of the Ohio Official Reports shall control as to accuracy over the same opinions as reported in any other printed source or posted to the Supreme Court website or any other electronic database. Effective Date: July 1, 2012 Rep.Op.R. 2.1</p>
<b>Authentication</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
<b>(Notes)</b>						



<b>Online Preservation</b>	Partial	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>(Notes)</b>	Only has session laws back to 2007-2008 session. Then has list of acts with effective dates for 2001-2006, but not full text of acts.	LSC provides access to some prior, superseded versions of Revised Code sections. The authentication stamp on a superseded version should not be interpreted to mean that the version is currently in effect.			"All opinions posted to the Supreme Court website prior to July 1, 2012 and all opinions posted to the Supreme Court website on or after July 1, 2012 pursuant to Rep.Op.R. 2.1 and 3.2 shall be permanently available to the public without charge." Rep.Op.R. 4.3	"All opinions posted to the Supreme Court website prior to July 1, 2012 and all opinions posted to the Supreme Court website on or after July 1, 2012 pursuant to Rep.Op.R. 2.1 and 3.2 shall be permanently available to the public without charge." Rep.Op.R. 4.3
<b>Permanent Public Access</b>	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

<b>(Notes)</b>	Only recent sessions appear available online. Session laws prior to 2007 must be accessed in print or requested from SoS office.	Current edition of the code online only. Per statute, amendments are harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation. R.C. 1.52(B)	For current issue, access is always available, per R.C. 103.051	Current codified rules only.	“The Supreme Court reserves the right to electronically transmit and post its materials and those of the other courts of Ohio (without the enhancement of any publisher) via the Supreme Court’s website, or any other means. Materials posted to the Supreme Court’s website may be maintained indefinitely as a publicly accessible database.” Agreement to Publish the Ohio Official Reports, Sect. 9	“The Supreme Court reserves the right to electronically transmit and post its materials and those of the other courts of Ohio (without the enhancement of any publisher) via the Supreme Court’s website, or any other means. Materials posted to the Supreme Court’s website may be maintained indefinitely as a publicly accessible database.” Agreement to Publish the Ohio Official Reports, Sect. 9
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<b>UELMA Adopted</b>	Yes. Enacted by Senate Bill 139, 132nd General Assembly. Codified at R.C. 149.21					
<b>Universal Citation Adopted</b>	Yes. Adopted in 2002. Ohio Revised Code 1.01 – “R.C.” for Revised Code. Adopted “WebCite” for citations to court opinions, includes the year of decision, the word “Ohio,” and a unique opinion number (example: 2002-Ohio-2220). Court opinions also include numbered paragraphs and the paragraph number must be included for pinpoint citations.					

### Public Law Libraries in the State

Public law libraries provide access to primary legal sources and other materials.

Public Law Libraries	Website	Phone	Email	Provide Services to Inmates?
Supreme Court Law Library Supreme Court of Ohio 65 South Front Street, 11th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431	<a href="https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/LawLibrary/default.asp">https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/LawLibrary/default.asp</a>	614-387-9680	<a href="https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/LawLibrary/default.asp">https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/LegalResources/LawLibrary/default.asp</a>	Yes. Please contact library for details.
Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries A map and listing of county law libraries for the state.	<a href="https://cocll.ohio.gov/resources/finder">https://cocll.ohio.gov/resources/finder</a>	614-525 4971	<a href="https://cocll.ohio.gov/help-center">https://cocll.ohio.gov/help-center</a>	Contact each county library for policy.