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	Session Laws	Code of Statutes	Register	Administrative Code	Appeals Court Opinions	Supreme Court Opinions
Publications Title	Acts of Assembly	Code of Virginia	Virginia Register of Regulations	Virginia Administrative Code	Court of Appeals of Virginia Published and Unpublished Opinions	Supreme Court of Virginia Opinions
Official Status	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
(Notes)	<p>The print Acts of Assembly are the official version. Uncodified Acts of Assembly are available in full text back to 1994 at law.lis.virginia.gov/uncodifiedacts/</p> <p>A table of contents of Uncodified Acts is available back to 1946.</p>	"Virginia's Code had been printed privately as early as 1733. A searchable version of the Code of Virginia is available on the Legislative Information System."	"As provided in § 2.2-4031 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Register of Regulations is published by posting the Register on the Virginia Code Commission's website. The portable document file (PDF) is the official version of the Register."	Official print copies of the Virginia Administrative Code are available in most Virginia public library systems. The online Virginia Administrative Code can be found at http://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode	No notice is provided regarding the official or unofficial status of the online opinions or their accuracy. The print Court of Appeals Reports series is the official source for published opinions.	No notice is provided regarding the official or unofficial status of the online opinions or their accuracy. The print Virginia Reports series is the official source for published opinions.
Authentication	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
(Notes)	§ 2.2-3819 of the Code of Virginia	§ 2.2-3819 of the Code of Virginia	§ 2.2-3819 of the Code of Virginia	§ 2.2-3819 of the Code of Virginia		
Online Preservation	No	No	No	No	No	No

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Permanent Public	No	No	No	No	No	No
(Notes)		Only the current version of the Code is available online.	The Virginia Register of Regulations website provides complete coverage back to volume 1 (1984), but there is no statement or policy regarding permanent public access.	Only the current version of the Administrative Code is available online.		
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