

Q: How do I update federal/state statutes by using the PRINT versions of the statutes?

It's actually pretty easy to update the statutes by using the print version. However, you should use the annotated unofficial version to update the statutes in print because they are kept current with frequent supplements. Check the following table to determine which statute set you should use and where it is located in the Loyola Law Library.

	Source	Cite	Location	Check First	Check Second	Check Third	Check Fourth
Federal (official)	United States Code	U.S.C.	4 th floor KF 62 .A1	Main volume (every 6 years)	Annual bound supplements (cumulative)	N/A	N/A
Federal (unoffic.)	United States Code Annotated	U.S.C.A.	3 rd floor 4 th floor KF 62 .W4	Main volume	Pocket Part/Cum. Supp.	Quarterly Pamphlets (Update pamphlets, by code section)	USSCAN (monthly advance sheets, code tables)
Federal (unoffic.)	United States Code Service	U.S.C.S.	4 th floor KF 62 1972 .L38	Main volume	Pocket parts	Quarterly supplements (Cum. Later Case & Statutory Supplement, by Code section)	Monthly advance sheets, code tables
Illinois (official)	Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS)	Ill. Comp. Stat.	3 rd floor KFI 1230 1996 .A44	Main volume (every 2 years)	Annual supplement	N/A	N/A
Illinois (unoffic.)	West's Smith-Hurd Illinois compiled statutes annotated.	Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann.	3 rd floor KFI 1230 1993 .A4	Main volume	Pocket parts	Interim Annotation Service (update pamphlets, by code section)	Illinois Legislative Service (code tables)
Illinois (unoffic.)	Illinois Compiled Statutes Annotated (Lexis)	Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann.	3 rd floor KFI 1230 1993 .A42	Main volume	Pocket parts	Advance Code Service (update pamphlets, by code section)	Advance Legislative Service Pamphlet (code tables)

First, check the main volume that contains the title and section or chapter and section of the statute you are updating. By looking at the copyright date in the front of the volume or on the spine, you can tell how current the volume is.

Second, check to see if there is a bound supplement or pocket part for that volume. The official versions usually only have annual supplements, but the unofficial have annual supplements or pocket parts for each volume. This is as current as the official print versions of both Federal and Illinois statutes go, so use the unofficial version and proceed to the next steps to gather more recent information.

Third, and Fourth, each unofficial version of the statutes has its own unique arrangement designed to provide updates for the statutes. The pamphlets usually are found at the end of the set and note on the front cover exactly what dates and Public Acts or Public Laws are covered by the pamphlet. These sets also provide tables that allow you to check quickly to see whether your particular statutory section has been affected by any of the Acts or Laws in that pamphlet. Check for a particular Public Act or Public Law, or check the tables for your particular statutory section.

The final fourth step should bring you to within a month of the current date, provided you have all of the most recent volumes available to you on the shelf. If you are uncertain that you have the most recent pamphlets available for a set, check on Pegasus (the online catalog) or ask the Reference Librarian on duty for assistance.