Selected Background Readings on the Legislature

Minnesota-Focused Books and Reports:


Legislatures Generally:


*Inside the Legislative Process: A Comprehensive Survey by the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries in Cooperation with the National Conference of State Legislatures*. National Conference of State Legislatures, updated annually.


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**Note:** Most of these items are available at area college and university libraries. They are also found in the collection of the Legislative Reference Library, 645 State Office Building.

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**Minnesota Periodicals (tracking the actions of the Minnesota Legislature):**


- *Session Daily.* Minnesota House Public Information Office.

- *Session Weekly.* Minnesota House Public Information Office.

- *St. Paul Legal Ledger Capitol Report/Politics in Minnesota.*

**Web Resources:**

- [Minnesota Legislature](#) - includes a great deal of background information on legislative activities and members. Use the Senate Publications and House Publications pages for lists of reports from various legislative offices.

- [Minnesota Legislative Reference Library](#) – a wealth of information including Historical Information About the Minnesota Legislature, and Links to the World pages: particularly Politics and Elections, Legislatures, and State Information.

- [Smart Politics](#) - a political blog from the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance at the University of Minnesota.

- [National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)](#) - a premier site for state legislative information, includes their blog The Thicket, “A Bipartisan Blog by and for Legislative Junkies.”

- [Stateline.org](#) - a news service specializing in state level policy issues.

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