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| 1. Idea                      | suggestions, hearings, messages | ■ microfiche collection  
■ GPO Access (1993-94 to current)  
■ Thomas (1989-90 to current)  
■ LexisNexis Congressional (1989-90 to current)  
■ LexisNexis (1989-90 to current)  
■ Westlaw (1995-96 to current) | ■ microfiche collection from state  
■ Illinois General Assembly Web site* (90th GA (1997-98) to current)  
■ Westlaw (1991 to current)  
■ LexisNexis (current session only) |
| 2. Legislation Drafted       | bill               | ■ CIS (1970–83) or GPO (1983 to current) microfiche collections  
■ GPO Access (1995-96 to current, selected)  
■ Thomas → available through links to committee Web sites  
■ LexisNexis Congressional (1989-90 to current) | ■ House — audiotaped; must request  
■ House conducts hearings but does not record them |
| 3. To Committee              | hearings           | ■ CIS (1970–83) or GPO (1983 to current) microfiche collections  
■ GPO Access (1995-96 to current, selected)  
■ Thomas → available through links to committee Web sites  
■ LexisNexis Congressional (1989-90 to current) | very brief: “Do Pass”, “Do Not Pass”, “Do Pass As Amended”; included in Legislative Synopsis & Digest (1917 to current)  
■ Illinois General Assembly website* included in bill status reports from 91st GA (1999-2000) to current  
■ Westlaw included in bill status reports from 91st GA (1999-2000) to current (Illinois Legislative History Reports (IL-LH-REP)) |
■ USCCAN (1948 to current, selected reports only, arranged by P.L. No.)  
■ GPO Access (1994-95 to current)  
■ Thomas (1994-95 to current)  
■ LexisNexis Congressional (1990 to current)  
■ LexisNexis (1990 to current)  
■ Westlaw (1948–89, selected; 1990 to current, complete) | transcripts available on microfiche  
■ Illinois General Assembly Web site* (transcripts from 77th GA (1971-72) to current)  
■ Westlaw from 91st GA (1999-2000) to current (Illinois Legislative History Testimonies (IL-LH-TMY)) |
| 5. Floor Debate              | transcript         | ■ Congressional Record  
■ GPO Access (1994 to current)  
■ Thomas (1989-90 to current)  
■ LexisNexis Congressional → (1985 to current)  
■ LexisNexis (1985 to current)  
■ Westlaw (1985 to current) | ■ transcripts available on microfiche  
■ Illinois General Assembly Web site* (transcripts from 77th GA (1971-72) to current)  
■ Westlaw from 91st GA (1999-2000) to current (Illinois Legislative History Testimonies (IL-LH-TMY)) |
| 6. Reconciliation            | conference report  | same as 4         | if issued, conference reports can be found in Journal of one of the chambers of the General Assembly — see Step 7 |
| 7. Executive Action          | presidential message | ■ Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents  
■ GPO Access (1993 to current)  
■ LexisNexis (1979 to current)  
■ Westlaw (1986 to current, signing statements; 2000 to current, messages) | ■ print: separately published journals of each chamber, House & Senate  
■ Illinois General Assembly Web site* (91st GA (1999-2000) to current)  
■ Westlaw from 91st GA (1999-2000) to current (Illinois Legislative History Journals (IL-LH-JRNLS)) |