



Sources of Information for Bill Research

In-Library Materials

Robert's Rules of Order (*keep in mind that 4-H LEG has its own unique language, as do most governing bodies. Robert's Rules are used when it is not clear in the 4-H LEG manuals.*)

Florida Statistical Abstract

(updated annual with demographical information)

Information Plus issue guides

Guidelines for Bill Drafting

(also available here:

[http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/contentViewer.aspx?Category=PublicGuide&File=About The Legislative Process Guidelines for Bill Drafting.htm](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/contentViewer.aspx?Category=PublicGuide&File=About%20The%20Legislative%20Process%20Guidelines%20for%20Bill%20Drafting.htm))

Library Databases

Gale InfoTrac

Gale General Reference Center

Gale Opposing Viewpoints

NewsBank Archive: America's Newspapers

Legislative Resources Online

Online Sunshine

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us>

(Select Senate or House for member, committee and bill information)

National Conference of State Legislatures

<http://www.ncsl.org/>

(Discussion of state issues and links to other state legislatures.)

The Buzz: Florida Politics News from the St. Pete Times Staff

<http://www.tampabay.com/blogs/the-buzz-florida-politics/>

(Political blogposts with insider comments. Often Entertaining.)

Other Resources

ipl2

(A public service organization and learning/teaching environment. The "librarians index to the internet.")

<http://www.ipl.org/>

FindLaw

Very thorough web site for U.S. state resources and Federal information. Legal Subject Index provides legal information searching by subject. Many sources to search for information including: legal dictionary and legal news.



<http://www.findlaw.com/>

State and Local Government on the Net

This site provides frequently updated directory of links to government sponsored and controlled resources on the Internet. Great source to access Florida legislative information.

<http://www.statelocalgov.net/>

THOMAS Legislative Information

Very thorough Congressional legislative information. Quick search of summary of bills and status. Can search by subject. Covers federal legislation (bill summary and status) and Congressional Record back to 1976. Full text of public laws back to 1976. Link to "Bills in the News" can be searched by alphabetical scroll index.

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

