



## USING WESTLAW AND LEXISNEXIS TO RESEARCH NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

### Introduction

There are several guides to North Carolina legislative history that cover the extensive free resources available online. See:

LLRX: <http://www.llrx.com/features/nclegis.htm>

North Carolina Supreme Court Library:

<http://www.aoc.state.nc.us/www/copyright/library/libleg.html>

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School:

<http://library.law.unc.edu/festival/festival2002/leghist.html>

This guide is dedicated to using Westlaw and LexisNexis to research this topic. Westlaw and LexisNexis are commercial databases available at no charge to Charlotte School of Law students and are included in services provided for Library Members.

### Westlaw

2000 to Present

NC legislative history can be searched under the Statutes & Legislative Materials section.

The screenshot shows the Westlaw search interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'North Carolina', 'South Carolina', and '4th Circuit'. Below the tabs is a search bar with a 'Search Westlaw' button and a 'Thesaurus' link. There are also dropdown menus for 'Recent Searches & Locates', 'Dates' (set to 'Unrestricted'), and 'Fields' (set to 'Select an Option'). Below the search bar is a section titled 'Select Database(s)' with a sub-section for 'Cases' and a sub-section for 'Statutes & Legislative Materials'. The 'Statutes & Legislative Materials' section includes the following options:

- North Carolina Statutes Annotated | [Table Of Contents](#) | [Statutes Index](#) ⓘ
- North Carolina Legislative Service ⓘ
- North Carolina Legislative History ⓘ
- North Carolina Bill Tracking ⓘ
- Code of Federal Regulations ⓘ
- United States Code Annotated | [Table Of Contents](#) | [Statutes Index](#) ⓘ

The 'North Carolina Legislative Service' option is circled in red.



Legislative materials may also be accessed under the following database identifiers:

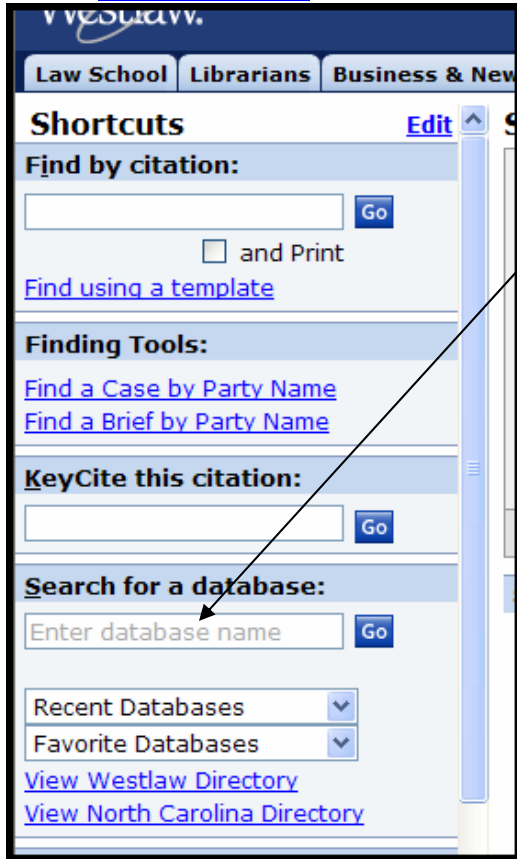
Reports: [NC-LH-REP](#)

Includes bill summaries from 2001 to present

House and Senate Journals: [NC-LH-JRNLS](#)

Contains proceedings of the North Carolina General Assembly from 2001 to present.

Votes: [NC-LH-VOTES](#)



Type in database name on the main screen to search database.



**Not finding what you need?**

Remember Westlaw and LexisNexis both have coverage only to 2000/2001. Older House and Senate Journals are available in print or stop by the reference desk.

LexisNexis describes its service as: "Each document provides helpful insight into the legislative history of a particular Bill, Resolution, Ballot Measure, Executive Order, Amendment, or other legislation. A document may be any of the following types: Bill Analyses, Governor's Messages, Committee Reports, Fiscal Messages, Summary Amendments, and other types."

## LexisNexis 2000 to Present

