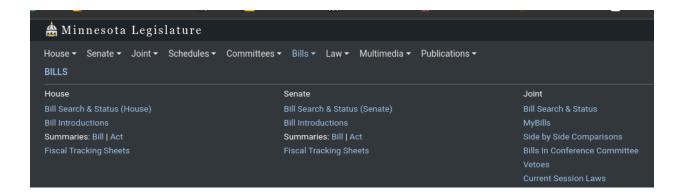
# MN Legislature Site Cheat Sheet

# https://www.leg.mn.gov/

I wanted to be able to see some of the proposed legislation in Minnesota this session, but this dinosaur of a site can be dense to look at. I hope this helps you track the bills that matter to you!

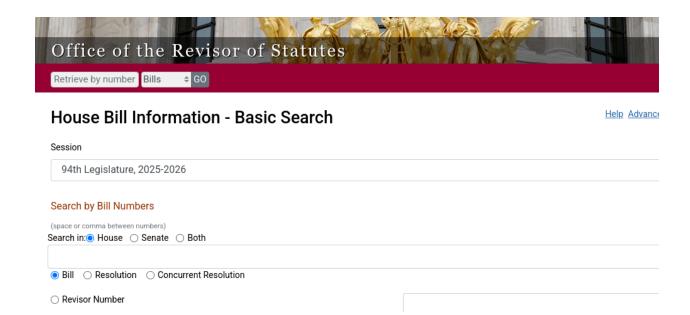


To find the bills that are currently being considered, select the bills tab near the center of the top of the screen.



From here you can select House, Senate or Joint bills. I usually choose House out of habit.

Select Bill Search & Status, and it will take you to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes basic search page. This year's session will auto-populate, but you can search previous years, too.



From here, you can scroll down and search bills by number, keyword, author, topic, committee, or action. I usually start with "Topic", but "Author" and "Committee" can be really useful to keep track of what your representative is up to, and "Action" can be incredibly useful, too. I'll come back to that.

# Search by Topic Cities and Towns-Specific (344) Commerce Department (45) Constitutional Amendments (14) Consumer Protection (12)

It looks like there have been 14 constitutional amendments proposed so far in the house this session.

# 14 Documents Found in Legislative Session 94 (2025-2026) for Topics of "Constitutional Amendments"

Body	Bill Status	Official Actions	Last Action	<u>Law</u>	Bill Text	Chief Author	Short Description
House	HF2195	1	03/12/2025			<u>Hollins</u>	Equal rights under the law provided and discrimination based on the listed characteristics prohibited, and constitutional amendment proposed.
House	HF2112	1	03/10/2025			Backer	Composition apportionment of legislative districts changed, conforming statutory changes made, and constitutional amendment proposed.
House	HF2003	1	03/06/2025			Sencer- Mura	Political subdivisions allowed to lower the voting age to 16 for local elections, conforming changes made, and constitutional amendment proposed.
<u>House</u>	HF1849	1	03/03/2025			Gordon	Term limits provided for governor and lieutenant governor, and constitutional amendment proposed.

The short description gives you a rough idea of what the bill is about. You can select the bill number to see the history of all the actions taken on the bill. The text icon will take you to the full text of the bill. You can also select the author, and it will take you to the page for the representative who authored the bill. This time I'm selecting the bill number under "Bill Status."

HF 2195 Status in the House for the 94th Legislature (2025 - 2026)						
Current bill text: As Introduced Add HF 2195 to MyBills Version List	Companion: SF1884 Companion Text Senate Search	Revisor number: 25-02628				
Long Description	Further Committee Actions	House Research Summary Fiscal Notes				

## Description

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### Authors (29)

Hollins; Keeler; Berg; Curran; Finke; Jordan; Kozlowski; Reyer; Gomez; Xiong; Stephenson; Frazier; Pursell; Mahamoud; Coulter; Falconer; Freiberg; Johnson, P.; Greene; Sencer-Mura; Frederick; Youakim; Clardy; Long; Kotyza-Witthuhn; Smith; Jones; Virnig; Kraft

From here, you can find the full text of the bill, see all the actions taken on the bill, and see all the authors who have been added. You can also see if there is a companion bill in the other chamber of the legislature.

For example, this bill is a proposed constitutional amendment for marriage equality. HF2195 is the house file, and there is a corresponding senate file, SF1884.

1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5	A bill for an act relating to state government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article I, by adding a section; providing for equal rights under the law and prohibiting discrimination based on the listed characteristics.  BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:	
1.6	Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.	
1.7	An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendme	<u>nt</u>
1.8	is adopted, a section shall be added to article I, to read:	
1.9	Sec. 18. Marriage is a fundamental right and shall not be restricted based on gender or	
1.10	race.	
1.11	Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.	
1.12	The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2026 general election.	
1.13	If ratified, the amendment is effective January 1, 2027. The question submitted must be:	
1.14	"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to state that marriage is a fundamental	
1.15	right and shall not be restricted based on gender or race?	
1.16		<u>Yes</u>
1.17		<u>No</u>

One of my favorite functions from the basic search page is the "search by action" function.



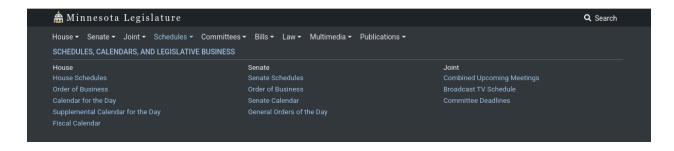
The action "House rule 1.21, placed on Calendar for the Day" means that a House bill has had it's first two readings and is ready to go to the floor for a vote. Searching bills this way can let you know a few days in advance if you want to reach out to your representative or advocate a little louder.

03/06/2025	Committee report, to adopt	pg. <u>569</u>
03/06/2025	Second reading	pg. <u>573</u>
03/06/2025	House rule 1.21, placed on Calendar for the Day Monday, March 10, 2025	pg. <u>585</u>
03/10/2025	Amended	pg. <u>645a</u>
03/10/2025	Third reading as amended	pg. <u>646</u>
03/10/2025	Bill was passed as amended	pg. <u>646</u> vote: <u>133-0</u>
03/10/2025	Author added Schwartz	pg. <u>647</u>
Senate		
03/13/2025	Received from House	
03/13/2025	Introduction and first reading	
03/13/2025	Referred to <u>Judiciary and Public Safety</u>	

Here's a snippet of the action taking place on HF23, the bill adding whistleblower protections for public employees. You can see that on March 6th, the bill was added to the calendar for March 10th for a third reading and floor vote. Now it's over in the senate in committee.

The senate equivalent to House Rule 1.21 appears to be the "Comm Report: . . ." options. Those are committee reports, but they don't make it easy to tell when it's going to be on the calendar for a vote.

There's also the option to go back to the beginning and search by Schedule instead of Bills.



Here, you can view all the upcoming meetings and the bills that are scheduled to be discussed. Some of the meetings can be livestreamed and you can read the minutes for some of the previous meetings. Some of the upcoming meetings allow you to get in touch with the committee administrator if you would like to testify. This is a really dense section of the website, and if you have a specific bill you want to track, it's probably easiest to track the actions on the bill tracker to find the exact dates you're looking for.

Once you find a bill you want to track, you can create an account and add it to your list so you can find it easily again.

Happy tracking!