

CHAPTER 3-STATUTORY LAW

A. Federal Legislation

1. Enactment of federal statutes

a. Congress

(1) Steps to enact: see chart on p. 67

**HR=House; S=Senate

2. Classification of federal statutes:

a. Public law

b. Private law

c. Permanent

d. Temporary

3. Publication of federal statutes

a. U. S. Statutes at Large

(1) Process

(2) researching drawbacks: pp. 72 & 73

(3) Thomas & GPO Access-see p. 72

(4) Westlaw & Lexis

b. United States Code

- (1) official publication
- (2) topic/subject organization
- (3) 50 titles-see p. 74
- (4) Citation form: pp. 75 & 103

c. Annotated Codes: the "law +"

+ = research aids: pp. 76 & 77

- (1) United States Code Annotated:
U.S.C.A.

(a) Features:

- (2) United States Code Services (U.S.C.S)

(a) Features:

- (3) Citation form: see pp. 75 & 103

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**Conversion tables in last volumes of U.S.C.A. will convert U.S. Stat. at Large cite to U.S.C.A. cite; also see Internet sites on p. 87

***Research Rule: Always check both the hardbound volume and pocket parts/supplements & see Figure 3-8 on p. 88

***See info on statutory supplements on p. 85 (after Title 50)

4. Research Techniques:

a. Descriptive word index: see pp. 91 & 94

b. Title/Topic approach:

c. Popular Name approach: see pp. 94 & 95

d. Tables- after title 50 in U.S.C.A.

5. Constitution: located in last volumes after Title 50

B. State Legislation

1. Enactment of state statutes

a. Process:

see p. 98: <http://www.ncsl.org>

2. Publication and Codification of State Statutes

a. topically arranged codes

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b. annotated codes

c. features:

d. See Bluebook: Table T.1

e. Citation form: see p. 103

3. Research Techniques: same as federal code

a. Index

b. Title/Topic

c. Popular Name

4. Update through pocket parts/supplements

**Uniform & Model Laws—will hit in Chap. 7

**Review statutory research overview on pp. 102 & 103 & CyberSites on p. 104