

Research Guide: PA Constitutional Law

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Primary Sources

Constitution of Pennsylvania of 1968

[Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes](#). Harrisburg: PA Legislative Reference Bureau, 1975-.

The looseleaf service has the official, unannotated version of the current Pennsylvania Constitution.

[Purdon's Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes Annotated](#). West Pub. Co., 1930-.

There are three volumes for the Constitution in an annotated format similar to U.S.C.A.

[Constitution of Pennsylvania. Constitution of the United States. Analytically indexed](#). 1986.

Contains the five versions of the Pennsylvania Constitution (1776, 1790, 1838, 1874, and 1968).

For the text of all constitutions, conventions, and other primary sources, see below, [Pennsylvania Constitution Web Site](#).

Bibliography

There is no single bibliography of Pennsylvania constitutional law, though there is a bibliography in the back of Friesen's [State Constitutional Law](#) and Gormley et al., [The Pennsylvania Constitution](#).

Extensive bibliographies can be found in the decennial bibliographies published in *Rutgers Law Journal*:

King, Susan. *State Constitutional Law Bibliography: 1989-1999*, 31 RUTGERS L. J. 1623 (2000). Available in Hein Online

Maltz, Earl M., Robert F. Williams & Michael Araten, *Selected Bibliography On State Constitutional Law, 1980-1989*, 20 RUTGERS L. J. 1093 (1989). Available in Hein Online

Encyclopedias

[Pennsylvania Law Encyclopedia 2d](#). Lexis Law Pub., 1998- . KFP65.P42

Vols. 10 and 11 contain the topic, Constitutional Law Vols. 10-11.

Treatises

Buckalew, Charles R. [An Examination of the Constitution of Pennsylvania...](#) Kay & Bro., 1883. KFP401 B8 1874. Analysis of the 1874 Constitution by one of the members of the Constitutional Convention of 1873. Available online at:

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White, Thomas Raeburn. [Commentaries on the Constitution of Pennsylvania](#). T. & J. W. Johnson, 1907. KFP402 W45. Scholarly interpretation of the 1874 Constitution by a professor at the U. of Pennsylvania Law School.

Available online at: <http://library.law.duq.edu/record=b176664~S3>

Woodside, Robert. [Pennsylvania Constitutional Development](#). Murrelle Printing Co., 1985.

KFP402 W66 1985. Available online at :

<http://www.paconstitution.duq.edu/Documents/TREATISES/PA%20CONST%20LAW.pdf>

Web Sites

Pennsylvania Constitution Web Site, at <http://www.duq.edu/law/pa-constitution/>

Prof. Bruce Ledewitz and Dr. Joel Fishman, Co-Editors. This comprehensive site contains all versions of the Pennsylvania constitutions along with their constitutional convention materials, new cases, newspaper accounts, bibliography, treatises, attorneys-general opinions, and legislative histories.

LEXISNEXIS

Pennsylvania Constitution (PACNST)
Pennsylvania Statutes, Annotated by Lexis
(Code)
Pennsylvania Law Encyclopedia (PLE)

WESTLAW

The [General Assembly Web Site](#), provides a link to the [unannotated Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes](#). The Constitution is located at the end of the statutory titles.

Pennsylvania Statutes Unannotated (PA-ST)
Pennsylvania Legislative Service (PA-LEGIS)
Pennsylvania Statutes Annotated (PA-ST-ANN)