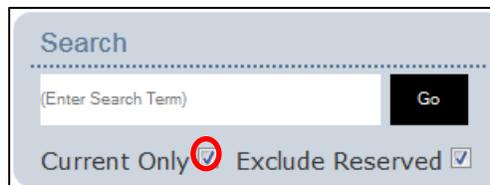


## Legislative Document Research

The Legislative Document Research tool is the main search engine on the legislative website. This tool allows you to search our website for information. This includes searching for past and present legislation, legislators, publications, committees, Iowa law, and more. You can “drill down” to the information you want by using the “Search Within” box or you can perform keyword searches. To navigate to the Legislative Document Research tool, go to the **Publications** tab on our website and then click “Legislative Document Research” along the left-hand side of the screen.

On the main page of the search engine, you can enter a keyword to search for that information on our site. You can check the boxes to search for current results only and to exclude reserved chapters. Enter your search term and hit the **Go** button.

Note: If you wish to search older information, uncheck the “Current Only” box before clicking **Go**. (See below.)



The screenshot below shows the different sections of the Legislative Document Research tool:

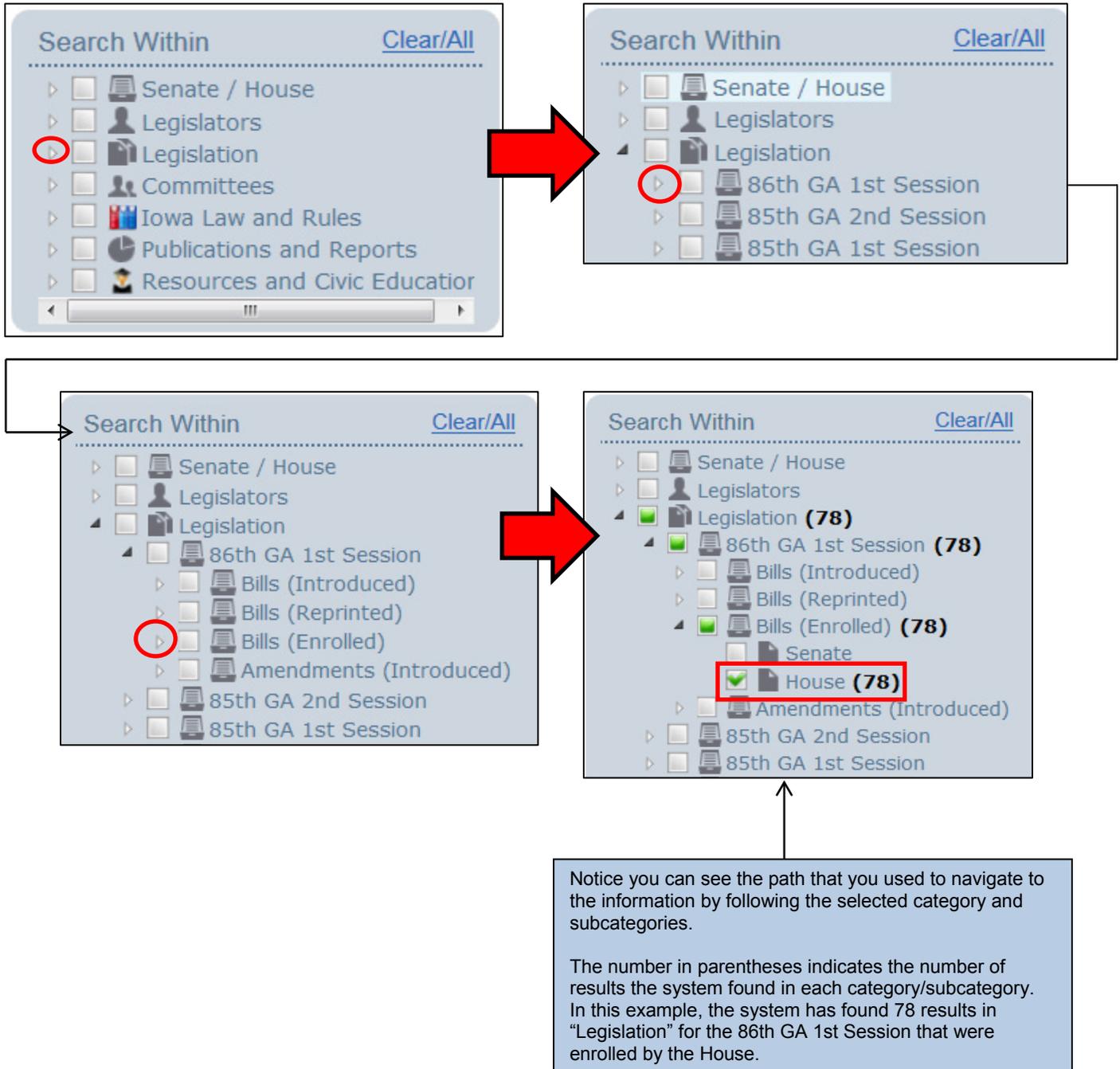
- **Navigation Pane:** This pane gives you the ability to search each one of the tabs on our website or to drill down to the information you need by expanding each one of the website tabs.
- **Document Viewing Area:** The Document Viewing Area takes up most of the space on the screen. This is the area where you view the documents you select from the Navigation Pane or from the results of a search.



Enter your search term and click **Go** when you wish to launch your search.

## Navigating to Information / Using the “Search Within” Box:

If you know where the information you want is located, you can use the “Search Within” section of the Navigation Pane. For example, if you want to search for legislation, click the small arrow in front of Legislation; it will expand the category and allow you to choose the GA and session. Click the arrow in front of the GA and session you wish to search within and then click the type of legislation you wish to view (introduced, reprinted, or enrolled). Keep expanding the categories until you reach the information that you want to view. (When you reach the end of the category, you will not see an arrow in front of the category; rather, you will just click on your choice.) All of the results will display for you in the Document Viewing Area. (See below.)



## Keyword Search / Advanced Search:

For more search options, go to the top of the screen and click on “Advanced Search”. (See below.)

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Main Search **Advanced Search** Topic Category Search Tools Disclaimer

### Search Within [Clear/All](#)

- Senate / House
- Legislators
- Legislation
- Committees
- Iowa Law and Rules
- Publications and Reports
- Resources and Civic Education

### IOWA CODE Quick Search

  
(e.g., 7E, 7E.1) 

### IOWA ACTS Quick Search

GA  (20) Session

Chapter

### IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE Quick Search

  
(e.g., 11 [agency], 11.1 [chapter], 11.1.1 [rule]) 

## Legislative Document Research

You can search a subset of the site by choosing sections in the table of contents (in the frame on the left).

Search for documents...

**By Topic:**

**Search by code affected by bill:**

**Containing all these words:**

**Search by sponsor:**  This is only for bills and amendments

**and not containing any of these words:**

**Search by author:**

**and containing one or more of these words:**

**Search by department:**

**and containing this exact phrase:**

**Search by budget unit:**

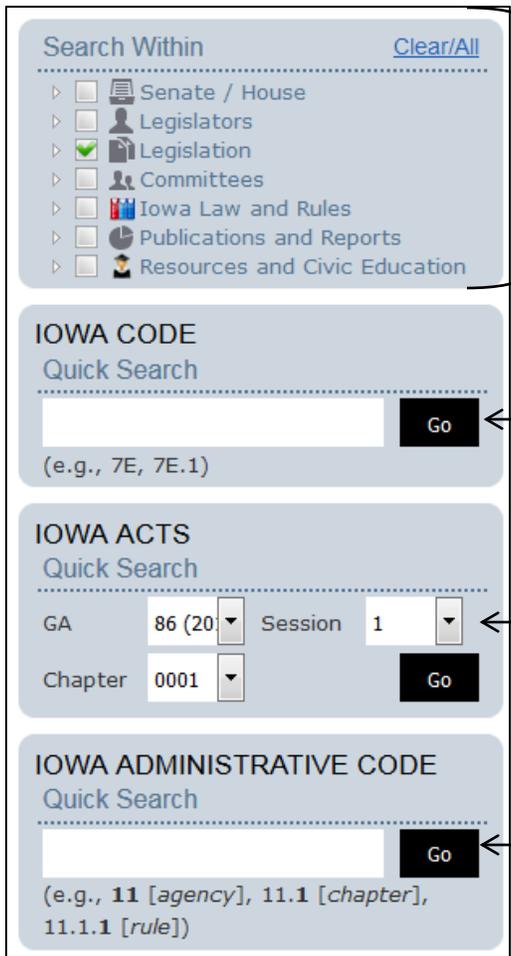
**and containing all these words near each other:**  Terms ie. state payment program  Current Only

Proximity ie. 10, 25 or 50 (distance apart words are allowed to be, default is 25)  Exclude Reserved

All Resolutions

All Amendments

Broken down, here's what each search option does.



The “Search Within” section allows you to narrow your search results. By default, the system will search all data within the system for the term you enter at right. However, you may limit your search to one section of the website by checking the box in front of the section you wish to search. The example given here will only search for documents within “Legislation”.

Type the Iowa Code section you wish to view and hit the **Go** button to pull up the most current version of that section. Examples of the format to use are shown in parentheses.

Use the drop-downs to select the Iowa Acts chapter you wish to view and then hit the **Go** button to pull up the Acts chapter.

Type the Iowa Administrative Code agency, chapter, and/or rule you wish to view and hit the **Go** button to pull up the most current version of that agency/chapter/rule. Examples of the format to use are shown in parentheses.

Clicking on the arrow next to the example topic will pull up a list of all topics to select from. The topics listed are the indexing terms used to organize all documents.

Search Within [Clear/All](#)

- ▶  Senate / House
- ▶  Legislators
- ▶  Legislation
- ▶  Committees
- ▶  Iowa Law and Rules
- ▶  Publications and Reports
- ▶  Resources and Civic Education

Search for documents...

By **Topic:**

Abandoned property 

- A
  - B
  - C
  - D
  - E
  - F
  - G
  - H
  - I
  - J
  - K
  - L
  - M
  - N
  - O
  - P
  - Q
  - R
  - S
  - T
  - U
  - V
  - W
  - X
  - Y
  - Z
  - #
- Abandoned property
- Abandoned vehicles
- Abandoned wells
- Abduction
- Abortifacients
- Abortions
- Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
- Absentee voting
- Absentees
- Abuse
- Abuse Education Review Panel
- Academies
- Academy of Science
- Accelerated career education program
- Access Iowa highways
- Accessibility
- Accessories after the fact
- Accident insurance
- Accidents
- Accountable Government Act
- Accountancy
- Accounts
- Accretion
- Acid rain
- Acknowledgments
- Acquisition of property
- Acre
- Actual value
- Actuarial analyses
- Acupuncture
- Addictions
- Adjutant general — see *Public Defense Department*
- Administration and regulation
- appropriations

Click on a letter to navigate to that portion of the topics list.

Click on a topic to enter that topic into the text box.

## Advanced Search Continued...

Containing **all** these words:

and **not** containing any of these words:

and containing **one or more** of these words:

and containing this **exact phrase**:

and containing all these words **near** each other:

 Terms ie. state payment program Proximity ie. 10, 25 or 50 (distance apart words are allowed to be, default is 25)

Type the keyword(s) you wish to search for in the appropriate box and then click the **Search** button to launch your search.

Search by **code affected by bill**:

Search by **sponsor**:

 This is only for bills and amendments

Search by **author**:

Search by **department**:

Search by **budget unit**:

Current Only

Exclude Reserved

All Resolutions

All Amendments

Type the keyword(s) you wish to search for in the appropriate box and then click the **Search** button to launch your search.

You may also check any of the boxes below the text boxes to limit your search results.

## Legislator Search:

To search by legislator, check the “Legislators” box in the “Search Within” section on the Main Search tab. This will pull up all current legislators in alphabetical order by last name, and by Senate and House membership. Notice that the “Current Only” box is checked by default on the “Main Search” page, automatically limiting your search to current legislators; uncheck the “Current Only” box to search for all Iowa legislators. (See below.)

The screenshot shows the 'Main Search' interface with the following elements:

- Search Bar:** Includes a search input field, a 'Go' button, and checkboxes for 'Current Only' (checked) and 'Exclude Reserved' (checked).
- Search Within:** A list of filters including 'Senate / House', 'Legislators (151)', 'Legislation', 'Committees', 'Iowa Law and Rules', 'Publications and Reports', and 'Resources and Civic Education'. The 'Legislators (151)' filter is highlighted with a red circle.
- Sorting and Results:** A top bar contains 'Separate Tabs', 'Sort by: Year | Name', and 'Results per page: 10'. Below it, it shows 'Page 1 of 16' with 'next last' links and a 'Generate Link' button.
- Senator Rick Bertrand Profile:** Includes a photo, name, and details: General Assembly: 86, District: 7, Party: Republican, Home County: Woodbury, and a list of committees.
- Senator Tod R. Bowman Profile:** Includes a photo, name, and details: General Assembly: 86, District: 29, Party: Democrat, Home County: Jackson, and a list of committees.

Use the options given in the top bar to adjust the results if you wish. (See above.)

Click on the legislator’s name to be taken to their page on our website. (See above.)

Click on the district number to view a current map of the district that legislator represents. (See above.)

Click the arrow next to “Committees” to expand the list. This will allow you to choose a committee and to see only the legislators on the committee you chose. (See below.)

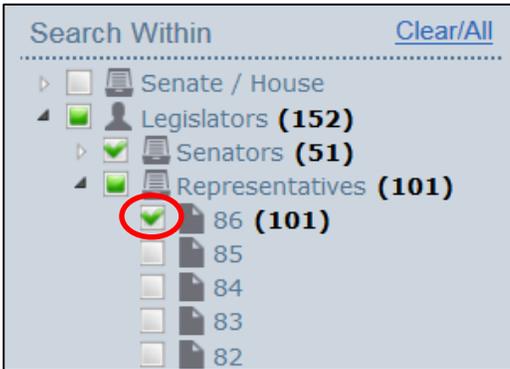
The screenshot shows the expanded 'Committees' list with the following items:

- (27) Ways and Means (House)
- (10) Agriculture (House)
- (7) Administration and Rules (Ho...)
- (7) Commerce (House)
- (6) Economic Growth (House)
- (6) State Government (House)
- (6) Transportation (House)
- (6) Education (House)
- (6) Legislative Council
- (5) Tax Expenditure Committee
- (5) Labor (House)
- (5) Judiciary (House)
- (4) Veterans Affairs (House)
- (4) Administration and Regulation...
- (4) Human Resources (House)

Annotations:

- A blue box with an arrow pointing to the collapse arrow at the top of the list: "Click the arrow again to collapse the list of committees."
- A blue box with an arrow pointing to the committee name "Ways and Means (House)": "Choose a committee by clicking on the committee name. Pay attention to the House or Senate labels in parentheses to make sure you select the appropriate committee. The number in front of each committee name represents the number of legislators who are members of that committee."

To search legislators from a previous GA, click the arrow next to “Legislators” in the “Search Within” section to expand the category, click the arrow in front of “Senators”, “Representatives”, or both and then check the box for the GA you wish to view. Whatever your selection, the results will display at the bottom of the page.



**Topic Tab:**

Click on “Topic” at the top of the screen. This will allow you to choose a topic from the list and display the results for that topic. This functions the same way as the “By Topic” option on the “Advanced Search” page, however, it will allow you to view your results on the same page as the topic you chose in the list. This page does not give you the option to narrow your search of a topic. Clicking on a topic on this page will pull up all results pertaining to this topic across all document types for the current GA or the most recent version of a document.

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The search results are broken up by publication for you. It will only list the first few results for each publication type.

For example, you can see that the search results for 86th GA Legislation contain 28 documents, but only three are listed below. To view all of the results for 86th GA Legislation, click the “28 Documents” link. This will only display the “Legislation” results.

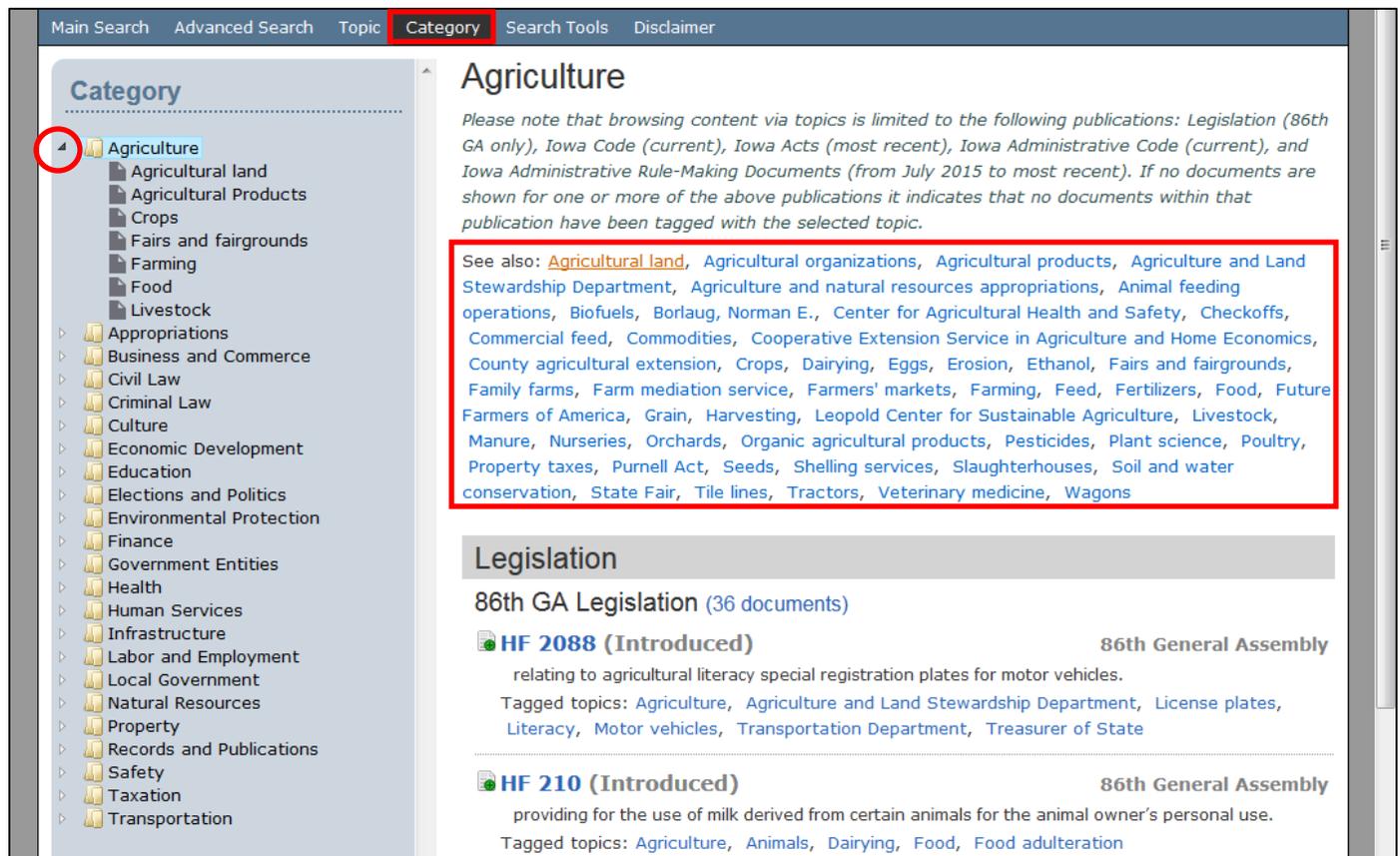
## Category Tab:

Click on the "Category" tab at the top of the screen to use the "Category" search option.

As in the "Search Within" section, use the arrows in front of each topic to expand the list and drill down to your results. Your search results will appear at right after you have made your selection.



In addition to displaying all of the search results, you will also see related content under the "See Also" section. You can click any of the linked terms under "See also" to show the results for that category.



**Category**

- 4 Agriculture
  - Agricultural land
  - Agricultural Products
  - Crops
  - Fairs and fairgrounds
  - Farming
  - Food
  - Livestock
- Appropriations
- Business and Commerce
- Civil Law
- Criminal Law
- Culture
- Economic Development
- Education
- Elections and Politics
- Environmental Protection
- Finance
- Government Entities
- Health
- Human Services
- Infrastructure
- Labor and Employment
- Local Government
- Natural Resources
- Property
- Records and Publications
- Safety
- Taxation
- Transportation

## Agriculture

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See also: [Agricultural land](#), [Agricultural organizations](#), [Agricultural products](#), [Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department](#), [Agriculture and natural resources appropriations](#), [Animal feeding operations](#), [Biofuels](#), [Borlaug, Norman E.](#), [Center for Agricultural Health and Safety](#), [Checkoffs](#), [Commercial feed](#), [Commodities](#), [Cooperative Extension Service in Agriculture and Home Economics](#), [County agricultural extension](#), [Crops](#), [Dairying](#), [Eggs](#), [Erosion](#), [Ethanol](#), [Fairs and fairgrounds](#), [Family farms](#), [Farm mediation service](#), [Farmers' markets](#), [Farming](#), [Feed](#), [Fertilizers](#), [Food](#), [Future Farmers of America](#), [Grain](#), [Harvesting](#), [Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture](#), [Livestock](#), [Manure](#), [Nurseries](#), [Orchards](#), [Organic agricultural products](#), [Pesticides](#), [Plant science](#), [Poultry](#), [Property taxes](#), [Purnell Act](#), [Seeds](#), [Shelling services](#), [Slaughterhouses](#), [Soil and water conservation](#), [State Fair](#), [Tile lines](#), [Tractors](#), [Veterinary medicine](#), [Wagons](#)

### Legislation

#### 86th GA Legislation (36 documents)

**HF 2088 (Introduced)** 86th General Assembly  
relating to agricultural literacy special registration plates for motor vehicles.  
Tagged topics: [Agriculture](#), [Agriculture and Land Stewardship Department](#), [License plates](#), [Literacy](#), [Motor vehicles](#), [Transportation Department](#), [Treasurer of State](#)

**HF 210 (Introduced)** 86th General Assembly  
providing for the use of milk derived from certain animals for the animal owner's personal use.  
Tagged topics: [Agriculture](#), [Animals](#), [Dairying](#), [Food](#), [Food adulteration](#)

Please note that browsing content via topics is limited to the following publications: Legislation (86th GA only), Iowa Code (current), Iowa Acts (most recent), Iowa Administrative Code (current), and Iowa Administrative Rule-Making Documents (from July 2015 to most recent). If no documents are shown for one or more of the above publications it indicates that no documents within that publication have been tagged with the selected topic.

## Search Tools Tab:

The "Search Tools" tab contains information to help you use the search engine. Click on the "Search Tools" tab at the top of your screen for an electronic copy of this documentation (click "Documentation" link at left), an explanation of the difference in doing a keyword search or a topic search (click "Keyword vs. Topic" link), a listing of search parameters (click "Query Syntax" link) and a listing of all of the document types currently available in the search engine (click "Document Type Available" link).

The screenshot displays the Legislative Services Agency website. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for "Main Search", "Advanced Search", "Topic", "Category", "Search Tools" (highlighted with a red box), and "Disclaimer". A sidebar on the left contains a menu with "Documentation", "Keyword vs Topic", "Query Syntax", and "Document Type Available" (all highlighted with a red box). The main content area features the LSA logo and the text "Legislative Services Agency – Computer Services Division Iowa Legislature". Below this is the "Legislative Document Research" section, which includes a search form with a "Search" button and checkboxes for "Current Only" (checked) and "Exclude Reserved" (checked). The page also contains a "Navigation Pane" and a "Document Viewing Area/ Search Results" section.

Documentation  
Keyword vs Topic  
Query Syntax  
Document Type Available

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**Legislative Services Agency – Computer Services Division**  
**Iowa Legislature**

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On the main page of the search engine, you can enter a keyword to search for that information on our site. You can check the boxes to search for current results only and to exclude reserved chapters. Enter your search term and hit the Go button. **Note:** if you wish to search older information, uncheck the "Current Only" box before clicking Go. (See below)

Search  
Enter Search Term Go  
Current Only  Exclude Reserved

The screenshot below shows the different sections of the Legislative Document Research tool:

- **Navigation Pane:** This pane gives you the ability to search each one of the tabs on our website. Or to drill-down to the information you need by expanding each one of the website tabs.
- **Document Viewing Area:** The document viewing area takes up most of the space on the screen. This is the area where you view the documents you select from the navigation pane or from the results of a search.

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Main Search Advanced Search Topics Need Help? Disclaimer

Search  
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Search Within Clear/All

- Senate / House
- Legislators
- Legislation
- Committees
- Iowa Law and Rules
- Publications and Reports
- Resources and Civic Education

### Welcome to the Legislative Document Research Page

**Purpose**

The purpose of the Legislative Document Research Page is to provide a starting point for access to, research of, and use of legislative information by the citizens of State of Iowa, as well as other persons interested in the law, public policy, and the legislative process. The information placed on this site is an invaluable resource in researching Iowa law and the process of enacting legislation.

This research tool will allow citizens to search documents by keywords and will also allow searches by index terms. Documents can be stored into individual collections and notes can be attached to them.

**Document Viewing Area/ Search Results**

**Nonofficial Version**

This Iowa General Assembly Website is generally NOT the source for official legal information. Although the accuracy and timeliness of the information is excellent, some information is provisional and all information is provided without any express or implied warranty. If information on this site may affect your legal rights, refer to the designated official printed or electronic publication of the law or contact legal counsel of your choice.

**Notify Webmaster of Site Problems**

This is the initial release of this research tool. Please notify the webmaster of additional features that would improve this tool or any technical or other problems when accessing this site. Please send an email to the following address: [webmaster@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:webmaster@legis.iowa.gov).

**Navigation Pane**

## Adjusting View:

Every time you perform a search and the results appear at right in the Document Viewing Area, you will notice a box on top of your list of results. By adjusting the options in this box, you can change how you view your search results. (See below.)

The screenshot shows a search interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Main Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Topic', 'Category', 'Search Tools', and 'Disclaimer'. Below the navigation bar is a search box with the text 'fish' and a 'Go' button. To the right of the search box is a control panel with a 'Separate Tabs' checkbox, a 'Sort by: Best Match' dropdown menu, and a 'Results per page: 10' dropdown menu. Below these are links for 'Page 1 of 73 next last' and 'Generate Link'. The search results are displayed in a list format. The first result is 'IAC Rule 571.79.3' under the heading 'Iowa Administrative Code'. The text of the result is: 'Fish stocks. Fish species provided and maximum stocking rates by the department are as follows: largemouth. Published: 12/08/04. Enabling Statutes: 456A.24, 481A.78. NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION | CHAPTER 79 FISH STOCKING PROCEDURES AND FEES FOR PRIVATE WATERS'. The second result is 'Section 481A.69 Fish designated.' under the heading '2016 Code of Iowa'. The text of the result is: 'Fish designated. The commission may adopt rules designating game fish, commercial fish, and rough fish. TITLE XI NATURAL RESOURCES | SUBTITLE 6 WILDLIFE | CHAPTER 481A WILDLIFE CONSERVATION'. The third result is 'IAC Rule 571.80.3' under the heading 'Iowa Administrative Code'. The text of the result is: 'of fish or game confiscated by the department of natural resources or a court. Confiscated fish or game. Published: 01/01/97. Enabling Statutes: 481A.11. NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION | CHAPTER 80 SALVAGE OF FISH AND GAME'. On the left side of the search interface, there are sections for 'Current Refinements' (Keywords: fish), 'Search Within' (Senate / House (21), Legislators, Legislation (65), Committees (12), Iowa Law and Rules (551), Publications and Reports (32), Resources and Civic Education), 'Topics', and 'Committees'.

If you check the “Separate Tabs” box, it will pull up every result you click on in a different tab. The page with all of the search results will remain the same and a new tab will open with each result you click on in the list. By default, if you click on a search result, a new tab will open with the content, but going back to your search results page and clicking on a different result will overwrite the second tab with the recently chosen search result. This feature was designed for those who have multiple monitors and may wish to view more than one search result at the same time.

You can change how you want your search results sorted by choosing a different sort option from the “Sort by” drop-down. By default, it will display search results by best match. This will not change the content of your search results, it will merely change the order in the search results list.

By default, only 10 search results will display per page. You may also choose to have 25 or 50 results displayed per page by choosing the number you wish from the “Results per page” drop-down.

In the second row of text in the box at top, you will see the page of results you are currently viewing as well as the number of total pages of results. Using the screen above, we are viewing page 1 of 73. That means we have fewer than 730 results total. Use the “next” link beside the page to view the next page of results. Use the “last” link to view the last page of results. Once you click “next” or “last” to navigate away from the first page, you will also see “first” (to return to the first page of results) and “previous” (to return you to the previous page) links in front. (See below.)

[first](#) [previous](#) Page 2 of 73 [next](#) [last](#)

Click on the linked result name to view the full content of that result. If you click on the icon in front of a search result , you can choose the format you wish.

## Generating Links to Search Results:

This allows the user to create a link to their search results. For example, let's look at the screen below.

The screen below shows the results displayed from typing the word "fish" into the box on the "Main Search" tab and clicking Go.

The screenshot shows the search results page for the keyword "fish". The search bar contains "fish" and the "Go" button is visible. The results are displayed on page 2 of 73. The "Generate Link" button is circled in red. The first search result is "Section 455A.10 State fish and game protection fund – capital projects and contingencies." with a 2016 Code of Iowa reference. Other search results include "Fish and Game Revenues" and "Section 482.13 Reciprocity for commercial fishing and commercial turtle fishing."

Clicking "Generate Link" creates a direct link to the search results without having to run the search again. When you click "Generate Link" a box will appear with a URL that will take the user directly to the search results page. This can be very useful when sharing your search results with others. Simply give them the link and they can click on it to be taken to the list of search results. (See below.)

The screenshot shows the search results page for the keyword "fish". The search bar contains "fish" and the "Go" button is visible. The results are displayed on page 2 of 73. The "Generate Link" button is circled in red. A dialog box titled "Here's Your Link" is open, showing the URL: `https://www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/search?rows=10&start=0&sort=score+desc&q=fish&fq=current%3A%22true%22&fq=-status%3A%22Reserved%22+AND+-status%3A%22Repealed%22+AND+-status%3A%22Rescinded%22`. The dialog box also indicates that the URL has been automatically copied to the clipboard. The search results are partially visible in the background, including "Section 455A.10 State fish and game protection fund – capital projects and contingencies.", "Fish and Game Revenues", and "Section 482.13 Reciprocity for commercial fishing and commercial turtle fishing."

**Printing Content:**

To print the contents of the page you are viewing, simply click  [Print](#) in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. This will launch the Print dialog and allow you to choose your printer and set your print options.