

# United States Code: List of Positive Law Titles With Enacting Cites and Location to Revision Notes

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**Positive law titles** of the United States Code, indicated by an asterisk, **are legal evidence of the law** and need no further authoritative citation as prior acts concerning those titles have been repealed. **Other titles to the U.S. Code are "prima facie" evidence** of the law (1 USC §204), and are presumed to be the law, but are **rebuttable** by production of prior unrepealed acts of Congress at variance with the Code. About half the titles of the Code have been revised, codified and enacted into positive law. The enacting terms used in this list under each positive law title are taken from the enacting clauses themselves. Historical and revision notes which explain derivations to each revised section, as well as editorial and non-substantive changes to them, are frequently set out after each section of a positive law title and are taken from committee reports (usually from the House Judiciary Committee) which accompany the legislation. The committee report number and where else it can be found is also set out.

## **Titles 1-50** *The Code of the Laws of the United States of America*

Enacted into prima facie law by act of June 30, 1926, ch. 712, 44 Stat. 1, pt. 1.

Covers all general and permanent laws in force as of December 7, 1925. No revision notes; see H. Rept. 69-900 and S. Rept. 69-832 located at v. 8533 and v. 8526 of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. See related reports H. Rept. 65-916 (in v. 7454), H. Rept. 66-781 (in v. 7653), H. Rept. 67-68 (in v. 7920), H. Rept. 68-2 (in v. 8226), S. Rept. 68-722 (in v. 8221), H. Rept. 68-1573 (in v. 8391), H. Rept. 70-1706 (v. 8838)

### **\* Title 1** **General Provisions.**

"Codified and enacted into positive law" by act of July 30, 1947, ch. 388, §1 Stat. 633. No revision notes after each section. See brief explanation in H. Rept. 80-251 at 1947 U.S. Code Cong. Serv., p. 1511 and in v. 11119 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.

### **Title 2** **The Congress.**

Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law. However, H.R. 7088, a bill to do so was introduced in the House in 1942 (see 88 Cong. Rec. 4219). Also, a classification [reorganization](#), effective February 1, 2014, was implemented by the LRC.

### **\* Title 3** **The President.**

"Codified and enacted into positive law" by act of June 25, 1948, ch. 644, 62 Stat. 672. No revision notes after each section. See brief explanation in S. Rept. 80-1623 at 1948 U.S. Code Cong. Serv., p. 2027 and in v. 11208 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.

### **\* Title 4** **Flag and Seal, Seat of Government, and the States.**

"Codified and enacted into positive law" by act of July 30, 1947, ch. 389, 61 Stat. 641. No revision notes after each section. See brief explanation in H. Rept. 80-252 at 1947 U.S. Code Cong. Serv., p. 1512 and in v. 11119 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.

### **\* Title 5** **Government Organization and Employees; and Appendix.**

"Revised, codified, and enacted" by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, [80 Stat. 378](#). Historical and Revision notes follow each section and are largely taken from H. Rept. 89-901 located at v. 12667, pt. 9 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set. The Appendix provisions to title 5 are not enacted as positive law and include the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Inspector General Act, the Ethics in Government Act, and Reorganization Plans.

- Title 6 Homeland Security.** (formerly Surety Bonds, which was repealed; see Title 31)  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 7 Agriculture.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 8 Aliens and Nationality.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- \* **Title 9 Arbitration.**  
"Codified and enacted into positive law" by act of July 30, 1947, ch. 392, 61 Stat. 669. No revision notes after each section. See brief explanation in H. Rept. 80-255 at 1947 U.S. Code Cong. Serv., p. 1515 and in v. 11119 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- \* **Title 10 Armed Forces; and Appendix.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by act of Aug.10, 1956, ch. 1041, §1, 70A Stat. 1. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 84-970 and S. Rept. 84-2484 located (in part) at 1956 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 4613 and p. 4632 and also located (in full) at v. 11827 and v. 11896 of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. The Appendix consists of the rules of practice and procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and that of the Court of Criminal Appeals.
- \* **Title 11 Bankruptcy; and Appendix.**  
"Codified and enacted" by Pub. L. 95-598, §101, Nov. 6, 1978, [92 Stat. 2549](#). Historical and revision notes follow each section taken from S. Rept. No. 95-989 and H. Rept. 95-595, located at 1978 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 5787 and 5963 and at v. 13197 pt. 8 and v. 13175 pt. 9 of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. Appendix includes Federal rules of bankruptcy procedure and official bankruptcy forms.
- Title 12 Banks and Banking.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- \* **Title 13 Census.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by act of Aug. 31, 1954, ch. 1158, [68 Stat. 1012](#). Historical and revision notes follow each section taken from S. Rept. 83-2497 located at 1954 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 3589 and v. 11732 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- \* **Title 14 Coast Guard.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by act of Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, §1, 63 Stat. 495. Historical and revision notes follow each section taken from S. Rept. 81-656 and H. Rept. 81-557, located at 1949 U.S.C.C.S. p. 1652 and p. 1667 and at v. 11293 and v. 11298 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- Title 15 Commerce and Trade.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 16 Conservation.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- \* **Title 17 Copyrights.**  
"Codified and enacted into positive law" by act of July 30, 1947, ch. 391, 61 Stat. 652, and was amended in its entirety by Pub. L. 94-553, Oct. 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2541. Historical and revision notes follow each section taken from H. Rept. 94-1476 and S. Rept. 94-473 located at 1976 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 5659 and p. 5810, and at v. 13136, pt. 8 and v. 13096, pt. 7 of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. See also H. Rept. 80-254 at 1947 U.S. Code Cong. Serv., p. 1514 and at v. 11119 U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- \* **Title 18 Crimes and Criminal Procedure; and Appendix.**  
"Revised, codified and enacted into positive law" by act of Jun 25, 1948, ch. 645, §1, 62 Stat. 683. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 80-304 and S. Rept. 80-1620 located in a special U.S.C.C.S. pamphlet and also

at v. 11124 and v. 11208 of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. The Appendix to title 18 includes the Interstate Agreement on Detainers Act, Classified Info. Procedures Act, Federal Rules of Evidence and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

- Title 19 Custom Duties.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 20 Education.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 21 Food and Drugs.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 22 Foreign Relations and Intercourse.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- \* **Title 23 Highways.**  
"Revised, codified, and reenacted" by Pub. L. 85-767, §1, Aug. 27, 1958, [72 Stat. 885](#). No historical and revision notes after each section. See S. Rept. 85-1928 located at 1958 U.S.C.C.A.N. 3942 and v. 12063 of the U.S. Congressional Serial Set.
- Title 24 Hospitals and Asylums.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 26 Internal Revenue Code; and Appendix.**  
Although Title 26 has not been enacted, the Internal Revenue Code has been (in 1939 and 1954) and is laid out exactly like Title 26. See act of Feb. 10, 1939, ch. 2, 53 Stat. 1; and act of Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 3. The Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, §2, renamed the Code as the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, but did not make wholesale changes to it. There are no historical and revision notes and amendment notes only go back to 1954 as if it were a positive law title. The Appendix to title 26 consists of the rules and procedures of the U.S. Tax Court.
- Title 27 Intoxicating Liquors.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- \* **Title 28 Judiciary and Judicial Procedure; and Appendix.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by act of June 25, 1948, ch. 646, 62 Stat. 869.  
Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 80-308 and S. Rept. 80-1559 located in a special pamphlet to the 1948 U.S.C.C.S. and in v. 11125 and v. 11208 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set. The Appendix to title 28 includes the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Evidence, Rules of the Supreme Court of the U.S., Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and Rules of the U.S. Court of International Trade.
- Title 29 Labor.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 30 Mineral Lands and Mining.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- \* **Title 31 Money and Finance.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" ("without substantive change" in long title) by Pub. L. 97-258, §1, Sep. 13, 1982, [96 Stat. 877](#). Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 97-651 located in 1982 U.S.C.C.A.N. p.1895 and at v. 13486 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- \* **Title 32 National Guard.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by act of Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, [70A Stat. 596](#). Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 84-970 and S. Rept. 84-2484 located (in part) at 1956 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 4613 and p. 4632 and also located (in full) at v. 11827 and v. 11896 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.

- Title 33 Navigation and Navigable Waters.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 34 Crime Control and Law Enforcement.**  
Title 34 – Navy was repealed by act of Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 1, which revised, codified & enacted into law Title 10, Armed Forces, & Title 32, Natl Guard. The new Title 34 was editorially reclassified and implemented on Sept. 1, 2017.
- \* **Title 35 Patents.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by act of June 19, 1952, ch. 950, 66 Stat. 792. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 80-1923 and S. Rept. 82-1979 located in v. 11569 and 11577 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set and at 1952 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 2394.
- \* **Title 36 Patriotic and National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" ("without substantive changes" in the long title) by Pub. L. 105-225, §1, Aug. 12, 1988, 112 Stat. 1253. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 105-326 located at 1988 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 368 and in v. 14453 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- \* **Title 37 Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by Pub. L. 87-649, §1, Sep. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 451. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 87-1399 and S. Rept. 87-1874 located at 1962 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 2394 and in v. 12428 and v. 12419 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- \* **Title 38 Veterans' Benefits; and Appendix.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by Pub. L. 85-857, §1, Sep. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1105. Historical and revision notes are not included after each section. See H. Rept. 85-1298 and S. Rept. 85-2259 located at 1958 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 4352 and in v. 12072 and v. 12065 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set. The Appendix consists of the rules of practice and procedure for the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
- \* **Title 39 Postal Service.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" by Pub. L. 86-682, §1, Sep. 2, 1960, 74 Stat. 578. For historical and revision notes see H Rept. 86-36 and S Rept. 86-1763 located at 1960 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 868 and in v. 12167 and v. 12242 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set. Title was revised and reenacted by Pub. L. 91-375, the Postal Reorganization Act, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 719. For historical and revision notes to this Act see S. Rept. 91-912, H. Rept. 91-1104, and H. (conf.) Rept. 91-1363 located at 1970 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 3649 and 3712 and also in v. 12881 pt. 3 and in v. 12884, pt. 3 & pt. 5 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.
- \* **Title 40 Public Buildings, Property, and Works.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted" ("without substantive changes" in the long title) by [Pub. L. 107-217](#), §1, Aug. 21 2002, 116 Stat. 1062. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from [H. Rept. 107-479](#) located (in part) at 2002 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 827-830.
- \* **Title 41 Public Contracts.**  
"Revised, codified, and enacted as title 41" (in conformity with original intent – §2) by [Pub. L. 111-350](#), §3, Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3677. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from [H. Rept. 111-42](#).
- Title 42 Public Welfare.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.
- Title 43 Public Lands.**  
Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.

**\* Title 44 Public Printing and Documents.**

"Revised, codified, and enacted" by Pub. L. 96-620, §1, Oct. 22, 1968, [82 Stat. 1238](#). Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 90-1719 and S. Rept. 90-1621 located at 1968 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 4438-40 and in v. 12795 pt. 5 and in v. 12792, pt. 5 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set. Proposed legislation, H.R. 2068 in the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, sought to revise, codify and enact Title 44 without substantive changes and was passed by the House on June 11, 2002, but was not taken up by the Senate.

**Title 45 Railroads.**

Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.

**\* Title 46 Shipping.**

"Revised, consolidated, and enacted" by Pub. L. 98-89, §1, Aug. 26, 1983, [97 Stat. 500](#); by Pub. L. 99-509, title V, subtitle B, §5101, Oct. 21, 1986, [100 Stat. 1913-1928](#); by Pub. L. 100-424, §6, Sep. 9, 1988, [102 Stat. 1591](#); by Pub. L. 100-710, Nov. 23, 1988, [102 Stat. 4735](#); and completed by Pub. L. 109-304, Oct. 6, 2006, [120 Stat. 1485](#). Historical and revision notes follow each section and are largely taken from S. Rept. 98-56 and H. Rept. 98-338 located at 1983 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 924 and in v. 13506 and in v. 13541 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set. See also H. Rept. 100-918 (in 1988 U.S.C.C.A.N. p. 6104, v. 13912 Serial Set) and [H. Rept. 109-170](#).

**Title 47 Telegraphs, Telephones, and Radiotelegraphs.**

Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.

**Title 48 Territories and Insular Possessions.**

Not revised, codified and enacted into positive law.

**\* Title 49 Transportation.**

"Revised, codified, and enacted" ("without substantive change" in the long title) by Pub. L. 95-473, §1, Oct. 17, 1978, [92 Stat. 1337](#) (Subtitle IV); by Pub. L. 97-449, §1, Jan. 12, 1983, [96 Stat. 2413](#) (Subtitle I); and by Pub. L. 103-272, July 5, 1994, [108 Stat. 745](#) (Subtit. II, III, V-X). The later two laws had "without substantive change" in their enacting clauses not just their long titles. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from H. Rept. 95-1395, a 1982 Office of Law Revision Counsel report, H. Rept. 103-180 and S. Rept. 103-265, and are located at 1978 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 3009; 1994 U.S.C.C.A.N., p. 818 and v. 128 Cong. Rec. p.30310. Also in v. 13201, pt. 10; in v. 14198 and in v. 14222 of the U.S. Cong. Serial Set.

**Title 50 War and National Defense; and Appendix.**

Not enacted into positive law. Appendix includes many other defense related laws (Trading with Enemy Act, Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, Defense Production Act, and others) not included in the chapters of Title 50. An editorial reclassification and reorganization of Title 50 occurred on May 20, 2013. See related background [information](#).

**\* Title 51 National and Commercial Space Programs**

"To enact certain laws relating to national and commercial space programs as title 51, United States Code, "National and Commercial Space Programs". Title 51, ... is enacted as follows:" by [Pub. L. 111-314](#), §3, Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3328. Historical and revisions notes follow each section and are taken from [H. Rept. 111-325](#). See also background [information](#) by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel.

**Title 52 Voting and Elections**

The Title was reclassified editorially on September 1, 2014 by the Office of Law Revision Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives from parts of Title 2 and 42. See related background [information](#) by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel.

Title 53 [Reserved]

**\* Title 54 National Park Service and Related Programs**

“To enact title 54, United States Code. “National Park Service and Related Programs”, as positive law.” “Title 54, ..., is enacted as follows:” by Pub. L. 113-287, Dec. 19, 2014, 138 Stat. 3094. Historical and revision notes follow each section and are taken from [H. Rept. 113-44](#). See related [information](#) by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel.

Title 55 Environment

Being prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel. See related [information](#).

Title 56 Wildlife

Being prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel. See related [information](#).

Title 57 Small Business

Being prepared by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel. See related [information](#).

**Note:**

Brief annotations explaining amendments to each section of the Code (in reverse chronological order) only go back to the original statute, which in positive law titles would normally be when the title was enacted (or 1954 for Title 26), but no such annotations or reviser notes, go beyond the origin of the *U.S. Code* in 1926.