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Illinois is not addressing the authentication of online legal resources.
Rule 6 of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules still requires citation to cases, statutes, and treatise material in print. It doesn't appear that free, authentic, web-based access to official state primary documents is in the state's near future.

Has the state eliminated the print publication of any of these titles in favor of online only since the 2007 report? Illinois has not eliminated any print publication of primary law to date. Elimination of the print version of the *Laws of Illinois* in favor of distribution on CD-ROM has been considered.

Has the state enacted legislation guaranteeing the public's permanent access to state online government information since the 2007 report? Various Illinois statutes require the publication and distribution of laws and agency rules, but permanent public access is not specifically guaranteed.

Have courts in your state adopted a medium neutral citation system since the 2007 report? The Supreme Court of Illinois has not yet adopted medium neutral citation format.

Have there been any other significant changes to the 2007 state summary? No significant changes have occurred in Illinois since the 2007 report.

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Illinois *still lacks* an official print version of its administrative Code and statutes. The only official version of the *Illinois Administrative Code* is that held by the Secretary of State's Administrative Code Division. Official, certified copies of Code sections can be requested from the agency. The Illinois General Assembly's Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) provides free online access to a current version of the Code (at <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/titles.html>).

Issues of the *Illinois Register* are provided online by the Secretary of State, but are clearly labeled not the official publication (at <http://ilsos.net/departments/index/register/home.html>).

The state's statutes are published in annotated form by both Thomson/West and Lexis, but neither set is designated "official". The Illinois General Assembly provides online statutes and public acts, but the source is neither "uninterrupted or error free" (at <http://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp>).

Amendments to the state supreme court's Rule 23 are *still* being considered. The state court has not yet adopted a vendor-neutral citation system and does not appear to be considering doing so soon. The courts make available supreme court and appellate court opinions since 1996 (at <http://www.state.il.us/court/>).