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<b>OFFICIAL STATUS</b>  <b>X</b>  No change since the 2007 report	<b>AUTHENTICATION</b>  <b>X</b>  No change since the 2007 report
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**Kentucky online legal resources are not official.**  
*The state has made strides in placing its legal resources on the Web for free public use. None of the resources investigated here, however, is deemed as official. Website disclaimers clearly state this.*

**Kentucky is not addressing the authentication of online legal resources.**  
*Authentication of digital materials is not an issue being considered by the state at this time.*

**Has the state eliminated the print publication of any of these titles in favor of online only since the 2007 report?** Kentucky has not eliminated any print publication of primary law to date.

**Has the state enacted legislation guaranteeing the public's permanent access to state online government information since the 2007 report?** Kentucky has not enacted any legislation guaranteeing the public's permanent access to online government information.

**Have courts in your state adopted a medium neutral citation system since the 2007 report?** Kentucky has not adopted a medium neutral citation system and there are no plans to adopt a system to date.

**Have there been any other significant changes to the 2007 state summary?** There have not been any significant changes since the 2007 state summary.

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Kentucky has made a good start at putting primary legal resources on the Web. The Legislative Research Commission's website maintains the *Kentucky Administrative Regulations*, *Kentucky Revised Statutes*, and *Acts of the Kentucky General Assembly* all in

one location. These materials are offered without fee. The regulations and statutes are the current versions only, with good descriptions of their source and years covered. Disclaimers clearly state the text of these resources is unofficial. Note that the source for the *Kentucky Revised Statutes* online is the same database from which the Legislative Research Commission prints *official* copies of the statutes when a request is made by the public. According to statute, the Commission maintains the *official* internal database for the Kentucky Revised Statutes and makes a version available on the Web, along with the regulations and acts. See KY. REV. STAT. ANN. §§ 7.131(1) & 7.500(1). *Acts of the General Assembly* on the website cover 1996 forward.

The Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts maintains the opinions of the Court of Appeals (1996–current) and Supreme Court (1999–current), with links to the party briefs available on the Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library website, as well as court rules. The current searching capabilities are limited. Print sources must be consulted for the *official* versions of these opinions.

None of the material currently available from government websites is *official* or *authenticated*. In order to obtain *official* sources for any of the primary legal materials, print versions must still be consulted. At this time, there appear to be no plans to make the state’s online primary legal materials *official* or to *authenticate* them through watermarks, encryption, or related technologies.