

Ohio

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OFFICIAL STATUS X No change since the 2007 report	AUTHENTICATION ✓ Changes since the 2007 report
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Ohio online legal resources are not official.
None of Ohio's online legal resources are considered official. In 2007, the State awarded a contract to Lawriter (purveyors of Casemaker) to be the exclusive web publisher for the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code. There was no change as to the material in regard to its lack of "official" status. The Ohio General Assembly began posting the House and Senate Journals online, again stating that the online materials were not official

Ohio has begun to address the authentication of online legal resources, but only from one source.
All opinions posted on the Supreme Court of Ohio's web site are authenticated through the use of digital signatures, but the opinions are still not considered official. Official versions of opinions are located in the hard copy versions of Ohio Official Reports.

Has the state eliminated the print publication of any of these titles in favor of online only since the 2007 report? Ohio 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? Ohio has not enacted legislation guaranteeing permanent public access to state online government information.

Have courts in your state adopted a medium neutral citation system since the 2007 report? Ohio adopted the use of the "WebCite" for opinions decided after May 1, 2002. After the latter date, WebCites became part of the official citation to Ohio cases. Users should consult *Revisions to the Manual of Citations* (July 12, 2002) at http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/ROD/Rev_Manual_Cit_02.pdf.

Have there been any other significant changes to the 2007 state summary? There have not been any significant changes to the state summary with the exception of the new publisher for the State's Revised and Administrative Codes, the addition of the Supreme Court of Ohio's authentication of opinions, and the addition of the Ohio House and Senate Journals to the State's online offerings (albeit not official).