Legal Information

For Academic Studies in the Behavioral Sciences
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2. Understanding the various legislative bodies in the U.S.

3. Ability to locate and access legislative law.
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Lexis Nexis Country Analysis

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LexisNexis Academic Full-Text (LexisNexis)

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Indexes publications issued by Congress, including hearings, committee reports, committee documents, committee prints, and treaty documents. Records for hearings offer detailed notes listing witnesses and their pagination within the transcripts. Crisis Library owns extensive microfiche archives which encompass almost all of these documents extending from 1790-1809, and the U.S. Documents collection provides access to most documents from 1970 onward.

Thomson Reuters Checkpoint

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U.S. Congressional Serial Set With American State Papers

The Congressional Serial Set is the primary published archive of Congressional committee reports and committee documents. During the 19th century, Congress also directed that many Executive department and agency reports be included. This database offers access to fully scanned and searchable documents, starting from 1817 and it is projected to extend to 1980. The American State Papers are a compilation of documents extending from 1789-1837, also fully scanned and searchable.

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In LexisNexis...

Click on US Legal
Decide if you want a federal or state statute

Example of U.S. statute—28 USC § 1738C
There are multiple ways to search for federal statutes.

Example of U.S. statute—28 USC § 1738C
If you know the statute number, type it in and check “Annotated U.S. Code” for the source. Change the dropbox marked “Everywhere” to “Citation” & search.

Example of U.S. statute - 28 USC § 1738C
§ 1738C. Certain acts, records, and proceedings and the effect thereof

No State, territory, or possession of the United States, or Indian tribe, shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other State, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other State, territory, possession, or tribe, or a right or claim arising from such relationship.

HISTORY:

NOTES:

Research Guide:

Am Jur:

52 Am Jur 2d, Marriage § 77.

Annotations:

Marriage Between Persons of Same Sex—United States and Canadian Cases. 1 ALR Fed 2d 1.
Issues Arising in Same Sex Divorce and Dissolution of Same-Sex Civil Unions. 76 ALR6th 257.
Marriage between Persons of Same Sex. 81 ALR5th 1.
If you know the name of the act, type it in within quotation marks, change the dropbox to “Headings” instead of “Everywhere”, check “Public Laws” for the source.

Example of U.S. statute—28 USC § 1738C
An Act

To define and protect the institution of marriage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

[*1] SECTION 1. <<NOTE: 1 USC 1 note>> SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the "Defense of Marriage Act".

[*2] SEC. 2. POWERS RESERVED TO THE STATES.
(a) In General.--Chapter 115 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 1738B the following:

[*1738C] "Sec. 1738C. Certain acts, records, and proceedings and the effect thereof

"No State, territory, or possession of the United States, or Indian tribe, shall be required to give effect to any public act, record, or judicial proceeding of any other State, territory, possession, or tribe respecting a relationship between persons of the same sex that is treated as a marriage under the laws of such other State, territory, possession, claim arising from such relationship."
Implementation of legislative law is set forth through executive branches.

Administrative or regulatory law: Operations of government agencies.

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<td>8 CFR 324.3, TITLE 8 -- ALIENS AND NATIONALITY, CHAPTER I -- DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION), SUBCHAPTER C -- NATIONALITY REGULATIONS, PART 324 -- SPECIAL CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE NATURALIZED: WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP BY MARRIAGE AND FORMER CITIZENS WHOSE NATURALIZATION IS AUTHORIZED BY PRIVATE LAW, § 324.3 Women, citizens of the United States at birth, who lost or are believed to have lost citizenship by marriage and whose marriage has terminated., CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS</td>
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1. Statute number
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Review the list of statutes and click on the relevant statute.
§ 1738C. Certain acts, records, and proceedings and the effect thereof

Effective: September 21, 1996

United States Code Annotated Currentness
Title 28. Judiciary and Judicial Procedure (Refs & Annos)
	Part V. Procedure
	Chapter 115. Evidence; Documentary (Refs & Annos)
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CREDIT(S)

(Added Pub.L. 104-199, § 2(a), Sept. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2419.)

RESEARCH REFERENCES

ALR Library

1 ALR, Fed. 2nd Series 1, Marriage Between Persons of Same Sex--United States and Canadian Cases.

76 ALR 6th 257, Issues Arising in Same-Sex Divorce and Dissolution of Same-Sex Civil Unions.
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