

Publication of the Colorado Revised Statutes

2-5-115. Copyright by state. Colorado Revised Statutes and ancillary publications thereto, as published, shall be the sole property of the state of Colorado as owner and publisher thereof. The committee, or its designee, may register a copyright for and in behalf of the state of Colorado in any and all original publications and editorial work ancillary to the Colorado Revised Statutes that are prepared by the general assembly or its staff. The committee shall use its best efforts to ensure that any federal copyright registered pursuant to this section is appropriately maintained. Any prior actions of the committee and the revisor in securing such federal copyright are hereby validated.

2-5-118. Official statutes - publications by other persons or agencies. (1)(a) The statutes prepared in accordance with sections 2-5-102 and 2-5-103 and printed and enacted as the law of the state in accordance with sections 2-5-105, 2-5-113, 2-5-117, and 2-5-126 shall be considered to be the official statutes of the state of Colorado. Such official statutes shall be the only publication of the statutes entitled to be considered as evidence in Colorado courts in accordance with section 13-25-101, C.R.S., and with applicable Colorado court rules. The courts of this state shall take judicial notice of such official statutes.

(b) To ensure public access to the statutes, the committee:

(I) Shall authorize the printing of the official statutes in softbound sets in accordance with section 2-5-105;

(II) May authorize and work cooperatively with the person printing the official statutes in accordance with section 2-5-105 to reprint and distribute the statutes in alternative printed and electronic formats, including, but not limited to the following:

(A) Compact disks;

(B) On-line public access through the world wide web;

(C) Electronic applications for handheld electronic devices;

(D) Electronic books or digital versions of books readable on personal computers, mobile handheld electronic devices, or special e-reader or tablet-style devices; and

(E) Other electronic products or formats;

(III) May, pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, provide the statutory database containing the official text of the statutes, with or without original ancillary publications prepared by the general assembly or its staff, for the additional publication, reprinting, and distribution of the statutes in print, electronic, or other digital format by another person, agency, or political subdivision, in accordance with subsections (2) to (5) of this section; and

(IV) Recognizes that other persons, agencies, or political subdivisions may, from time to time, also publish, reprint, or otherwise distribute the statutes in print, electronic, or other digital format without the use of the statutory database containing the official text of the statutes as prepared by the general assembly or its staff.

(c) Publication, reprinting, or distribution of any of the publications ancillary to the statutes of the state of Colorado, as prepared by the general assembly or its staff, other than

(3) (a) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2011, (SB 11-261), ch. 205, p. 875, § 3, effective May 23, 2011.)

(b) The committee may enter into such contracts as it deems necessary to implement the provisions of this section. Any contracts entered into prior to May 23, 2011, are hereby validated.

(4) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that this section and the other provisions of this article are enacted in furtherance of the general assembly's legislative duty to provide for the publication of the laws as required by section 8 of article XVIII of the state constitution and that any acts of the committee or its staff in implementing these provisions are legislative in character. The purpose of this section is to ensure that the official statutes are made available to the courts, state and local government agencies, and other users; that copies of the Colorado Revised Statutes, when published, reprinted, or distributed to interested citizens, accurately state the law in effect when those copies are prepared; and that unofficial publications, reprintings, or distributions of the statutes are not mistaken for the official statutes produced and enacted in accordance with this article. Any person, agency, or political subdivision that publishes, reprints, or otherwise distributes the statutes of the state of Colorado, with or without any ancillary publications to the statutes, shall reproduce them accurately.

(5) (a) Any publication, reprinting, or distribution that is published in accordance with paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of this section using the statutory database containing the official text of the statutes may contain a notice, approved by the committee, that indicates that it is an officially sanctioned publication using the official text of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Except for the official statutes provided for in subsection (1) of this section, publications of the statutes shall not contain any notice or other indication that they are official statutes of this state.

(b) to (d) (Deleted by amendment, L. 2011, (SB 11-261), ch. 205, p. 875, § 3, effective May 23, 2011.)

(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, a person, agency, or political subdivision may publish, reprint, or distribute two hundred or fewer sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes, with or without the ancillary publications thereto, for educational purposes.