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Codebook for Provision Text Files 1989 to 2008

The text files are organized by topic and category; see the **Directory** at the end of this codebook.

Each file name includes the following information:

cat[Category Number]_ [Genealogical Classification][Original Provision Tie]_[Congress]_[Bill Type]_[Bill Number]_[Approach Type]_s[Section Number]

Note: the file name does not include the topic designation. The topic folders containing the text files include the topic names.

Example: cat4_ca1_105_hjres_110_amendment_s1, included under the Taxation topic folder

Category Number: A numerical designation indicating the category within a given Topic to which a provision relates.

Example: The example provision above belongs to the 4th policy category in the Taxation topic folder. The Directory below provides the relevant category description: "Prohibit the Court from issuing orders affecting the state and local fisc"

Genealogical Classification: A two-letter code indicating the genealogical classification of the provision.

og = original provision: the first documented appearance of the provision
dd = direct descendant: a copy of the original provision
c[a-z] = first cousin: the first documented appearance of a material variation on the original provision, with [a-z] distinguishing first cousins from one another
ddc[a-z] = second cousin: a copy of the first cousin provision

Example: The example provision is classified "ca," indicating that it is a first cousin in relation to the original provision.

Original Provision Tie: The arbitrary numerical designation associated the original provision.

Example: The Original Provision Tie in the example file name is 1, meaning that this provision is related to the first original provision in this policy category.

Congress: The numerical ranking of the Congress in which a provision was introduced.

Example: The example provision was introduced during the 105th Congress (1997-1998).

Bill Type: An abbreviation indicating the type of bill in which the provision appeared.

hconres = House Concurrent Resolution

hjres = House Joint Resolution
hr = House of Representatives Bill
hres = House Resolution
s = Senate Bill
sconres = Senate Concurrent Resolution
sjres = Senate Joint Resolution
sres = Senate Resolution

Example: The example provision is labeled "hjres," indicating a House Joint Resolution.

Bill Number: The number associated with the bill in which the provision appeared.

Example: The Bill Number in the example is 110.

Approach Type: A statement as to the form of the provision.

amendment = constitutional amendment
legislation = ordinary legislation
resolution = resolution, excluding constitutional amendments
rider = limitation on funding

Example: The example provision was offered in the form of a constitutional amendment.

Section Number: The section of the bill in which the provision appears.

Note: Section Number equals 1 for unnumbered provisions that appear in constitutional amendments and resolutions. These provisions are generally unnumbered because there is no other content to enumerate.

Example: The example provision is labeled "s1", which stands for Section 1.

Directory

Topic	Category Number	Category Description
Abortion	1	Strip the Court of jurisdiction over abortion
Abortion	2	Prohibit or restrict partial-birth abortions
Abortion	4	Impose restrictions on government funding for abortion services
Abortion	5	Allow providers to refuse to participate on grounds of conscientious objection
Abortion	6	Disallow attorney fees in challenges to pro-life laws
Abortion	7	Recognize a right to life before fetal viability
Abortion	8	Restrict access to abortion across the country
Abortion	10	Bolster protections for the right to choose an abortion

Abortion	11	Provide government funding for abortion services
Birthright Citizenship	1	Reinterpret or abolish birthright citizenship
Campaign Finance	1	Empower the government to more expansively regulate campaign finance
Campaign Finance	2	Require the disclosure of independent expenditures
Campaign Finance	3	Limit the definition of independent expenditures
Campaign Finance	4	Limit the use of candidate's personal or family funds
Campaign Finance	5	Regulate expenditures in elections for federal office
Consumer Rights	1	Limit the reach of mandatory arbitration agreements, particularly in constitutional cases
Criminal Justice	2	Abolish or limit the use of the death penalty
Criminal Justice	3	Allow for the sterilization or execution of persons convicted of child rape
Criminal Justice	4	Protecting the right of a criminal defendant to access evidence
Criminal Justice	5	Admonish the Court for sowing confusion in mandatory sentencing
Family Reunification	1	Limit the reach of the Court's decision in Suter v. Artist M
Federalism	1	Condition state access to federal IP on waiver of state sovereignty
Federalism	3	Establish a nexus in interstate commerce for VAWA
Flag Burning	1	Allow Congress to criminalize the desecration of the U.S. flag
LGBTQ+ Rights	2	Limit marriage to heterosexual couples
LGBTQ+ Rights	3	Strip the Court of jurisdiction over LGBTQ+ issues
LGBTQ+ Rights	4	Enable states to refuse recognition of same-sex marriage
Obscenity	1	Criminalize offenses involving virtual pornography depicting minors
Obscenity	2	Strip the Court of jurisdiction over obscenity
Presidential Power	1	Authorize the president to veto line items in appropriations bills
Presidential Power	2	Direct the Senate Legal Counsel to defend the line-item veto
Presidential Power	3	Prohibit the Court from giving effect to presidential signing statements
Religious Freedom	1	Advocate the constitutionality of patriotic affirmations of faith
Religious Freedom	2	Strip the Court of jurisdiction over religious freedom

Religious Freedom	3	Legitimate prayer at public events or in buildings or schools
Religious Freedom	4	Add to existing constitutional protections for religious freedom
Religious Freedom	5	Protect the religious practices of indigenous people
Religious Freedom	6	Restore strict scrutiny after Employment Division v. Smith
School Integration	1	Advocate for the right of students to attend neighborhood schools
Second Amendment	1	Propound the rescission of the Second Amendment
Second Amendment	2	Establish a nexus in interstate commerce for gun control
Takings	1	Limit the scope of purposes justifying takings
Taxation	2	Disallow the aggregation method in estimating employer FICA taxes on tips
Transjudicialism	1	Ban the use of foreign law when interpreting the Constitution
Workplace Discrimination	1	Facilitate legal challenges to workplace discrimination on a disparate impact theory
Workplace Discrimination	3	Strengthen protections against age discrimination
Workplace Discrimination	5	Allow legal challenges where discrimination is but one motivating factor
Workplace Discrimination	6	Allow legal challenges to seniority systems after collective bargaining
Workplace Discrimination	7	Allow the award of attorney's fees and expert fees to plaintiffs
Workplace Discrimination	8	Expand the scope of the prohibition on racial discrimination in contracting
Workplace Discrimination	9	Apply newer disparate impact rules retroactively to plaintiffs in Wards Cove Packing v. Atonio
Workplace Discrimination	11	Strengthen protections against harassment in schools and the workplace
Workplace Discrimination	12	Strengthen federal remedies in cases of state discrimination against military personnel
Workplace Discrimination	13	Empower persons with disabilities to sue air carriers for discrimination
Workplace Discrimination	14	Award backpay to persons denied under Supreme Court decisions
Workplace Discrimination	15	Strengthen remedies for state violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act
Workplace Discrimination	17	Strengthen remedies for state violations of disability anti-discrimination laws

Workplace Discrimination	18	Strengthen anti-discrimination laws regarding compensation