

Legislation - Amending

Amending Manager

Select Components > Legislation from the drop-down menu in the administration (back-end) of your web site, and then click on the AMENDING Sub Menu.

Description

The Amending Manager is where you can edit existing Amending Legislation. The default view displays AMENDING legislation in a list form. Depending on the site SETTINGS, either single or dual language SUBORDINATE legislation files are displayed.

Screen Shot

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Row A - Is the TOOLBAR row. It contains all the toolbar action buttons for associated processes. NOTE: The edit button will require an item to be selected using the SELECT column (section E) check box next to the required item. Even though more than one item can be selected, the system will only allow one item to be chosen at a time (for work-flow reasons).

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Row B - Is the SUB MENU row. It contains the sub-menus that are used to access the other areas of the Integrated Legislative Work-flow System (iLAWS).

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Row C - Is the FILTER row. It contains the Filters that allow narrowing of the results shown in list section E. The row also displays the flag or flags of the language(s) chosen via the SETTINGS button in row A.

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Row D - Is the COLUMN HEADINGS row.

It contains the column headings for the section E list. Each heading can be toggled to sort the list in section E in ascending or descending order based upon the values in that column.

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Row E - Is the LIST TABLE. It contains the list of legislation for the selected legislation type.

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Row F

- Is the FOOTER row. It allow the user to set a specific number of rows for display in section E, and any rows in excess of this number are then displayed via navigation buttons.

Toolbar (row A)

When the AMENDING view is selected via Components > Legislation > Amending, at the top right in row A you will see the toolbar:

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Edit.

Click on this button to EDIT an item of legislation. The fields that can be edited are very limited as the integrity of the whole legislative process depends on the previously entered data being preserved. Normally in this screen the notes field is the only field that can be modified.

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Delete.

Click this button to delete any item of legislation. If the item has children (amending files), the process will abort and inform the user to resolve these files before the parent can be deleted. NOTE: Deleting a file will remove the file and any uploaded files from the server, so please use DELETE with care.

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Help. Opens this Help Screen.

Legislation Sub Menus (row B)

At the top left, above the Filter, you will see the following menu links.

List Filters (row C)

Filter by Partial Short Title

You can filter the list of items by typing part of the short title. You can also select a combination of Status and Published State.

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Filter. In the upper left corner just above the column headings is a Filter field and two buttons, as shown below:

If you have a large number of items in the list, you can use this filter to find the desired item(s) quickly. Enter part of the short title and press 'Go' to display the matching items. You can enter in whole words or part of a word. For example, "leg" will match all titles with the word "legislation" in them.

Language Flag(s)

Depending on the SETTINGS in row A either one or two flags will be displayed. iLAWS caters for single or dual language countries. In the case of single language countries only one short title column will be shown in row D.
The flags of all 72 Commonwealth nations are available in the database.

Filter by Status, Category and Published State

In the upper right area, above the column headings, there is one drop-down list box as shown below:

Only items matching all selections will be displayed in the list section E.

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Select State. Use the drop-down list box to select the published state: Published or Unpublished. By selecting "- Select State -" items containing both publishing levels are displayed. These selections are permanently embedded in the system.

Column Headings (row D)

Click on the column heading to sort the list by that column's value (see figure below). The sorted row will show a direction (up or down) triangle next to the column name.

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#. An indexing number automatically assigned for ease of reference.

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Select.

Check this box to select an item. After a box is checked, click a toolbar button to perform an action on the selected item . All toolbar buttons will only work on one SELECTED item at a time. If multiple items are checked and you press a toolbar button a warning will be given and the process will be aborted. NOTE: When another user is using an item a LOCK will appear preventing two users making changes to the same item simultaneously. If the LOCK has been inadvertently left due to a user not closing a window correctly then either the person that has checked out the item will have to re-open the item and close it correctly, or the site administrator will have to perform a GLOBAL CHECK-IN. This is only available to the Super Administrator. SEE THE LOCK IN SECTION E (item #4) IN THE TOP SCREEN SHOT.

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Item.

Contains a number that will identify the item. Usually the number is related to the item itself (e.g. 2008-0004 is SL 4 of 2008). The number's format is critical and must be in the format YYYY-NNNN. The item numbers in section E can be hovered over to check the notes for the file. Items in BLUE have notes. Items in GREY do not.

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Parent. The item number of the parent.

- [main] Short Title. Contains the name assigned to the main language file. Clicking the Short Title text checks for the existence of the linked PDF file.

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[second] Short Title. Contains the name assigned to the second language file. Clicking the Short Title text checks for the existence of the linked PDF file. NOTE: This column is only displayed if dual languages are selected via the SETTINGS in row A.

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Date Made/Superseded. Contains the commencement date.

- Amending. Contains the amending type (i.e. Principal or Subordinate).

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Published. Whether the item has been published or not. You can change the Published state by clicking on the icon in this column.

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ID. The ID number. This is a unique identification number for this item assigned automatically. It is used to identify the item internally, for example in internal links. You cannot change this number.

List of Legislation (row E - multiple)
Contains the full list of legislation.
Footer (row F)

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Display #. The number of items to display on one page. If there are more items than this number, you can use the page navigation buttons (Start, Prev, Next, End, and page numbers) to navigate between pages. Note that if you have a large number of items, it may be helpful to use the Filter options, located above the column headings, to limit which items to display.

Quick Tip

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There are two types of Amending legislation. Amendments that change Principal Legislation or Subordinate Legislation.

Problems

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