

North Dakota Legislative Branch Website - Search Tips

<http://www.legis.nd.gov/search>

“AND” Searches (default)

By default the search engine returns content that includes all of your search terms. There is no need to include “AND” between terms. For example, to search for the words “tax” and “water”, enter:

tax water

To broaden or restrict the search, include fewer or more terms.

“OR” Searches

The search engine supports the logical “OR” operator. To retrieve content that includes either word A or word B, use an uppercase “OR” between terms. For example, to search for content with “tax” or “water”, enter:

tax OR water

Excluding Words

You may exclude a word from your search by putting a minus sign (“-”) immediately in front of the term you want to exclude. Make sure you include a space before the minus sign. For example, the search:

tax -liquor

will return content containing “tax” that do not contain the word “liquor”

Does Capitalization Matter?

Searches are not case sensitive. All letters, regardless of how you enter them, are understood as lower case. For example, searches for “north dakota,” “North Dakota,” and “NORTH DAKOTA” all return the same results.

Phrase Searches

You can search for one or more phrases by adding quotation marks around each individual phrase. Words enclosed in double quotes (example: “tax in lieu of”) appear together in all returned documents. For a search with multiple phrases, separate each phrase with a space (AND) to return documents containing all phrases. Separate the phrases with OR to return documents containing any of the phrases.

Certain characters serve as phrase connectors. Phrase connectors work like quotes because they join your search words in the same way double quotes join your search words. For example, the search:

water-related

is treated as a phrase search even though the search words are not enclosed in double quotes. The search engine recognizes hyphens, slashes, periods, equal signs, and apostrophes as phrase connectors.