

Illinois Subject Tree

Topic Tree: Scope Notes

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Administrative rules

SN: Other states may use either general "Regulations" or their own specialized term for such legislation.

Alternative medicine

SN: Includes non-traditional medical specializations, e.g., acupuncture, holistic medicine.

Animals

SN: Use for wildlife; for domesticated animals use terms in the Agriculture hierarchy.

Buses

SN: Use for school buses, charter buses, and privately owned bus companies; for urban bus systems use Mass transit. For busing of school children to achieve racial balance, use Desegregation and diversity.

Certification of school personnel

SN: Use for teacher certification and for school administrator certification and re-certification.

Courts

SN: Add names of specific state courts

Crops

SN: Specific crops may be added here

Desegregation and diversity

SN: Includes, but is not limited to, busing for racial balance, desegregation of school staff, diversity of educational materials, and tolerance training

Disabilities

SN: Use for information on services for persons with disabilities, including medical, rehabilitative, vocational, medical, and legal assistance.

Diseases

SN: Specific diseases may be added as needed.

Doing business with government

SN: Applies to any level of government, whether federal, state, or local.

Earth sciences

SN: Specific geological features and phenomena may be

added.

Education programs

SN: Specific programs should be listed both here and under the specific area, e.g., Literacy.

Educational support staff

SN: Includes, but is not limited to, school bus drivers, school secretaries, custodians, cafeteria workers, and paraprofessionals (teacher aides)

Elected state officials

SN: Names of specific offices may be added.

Endangered species

SN: Particular groups of organisms may be added. Placement directly under Endangered species is recommended, as well as under Endangered animals or Endangered plants, to maximize accessibility.

Ethnic groups and minorities

SN: Add other ethnic groups and minorities as appropriate. They may be added as subcategories or as Use references (to aid keyword searching) as appropriate.

Fairs and festivals

SN: Specific events may be added as appropriate

Fishing and hunting

SN: Sport fishing; commercial fishing is under Agriculture.

Government

SN: Levels of government below the state may be modified to suit the structure of an individual state.

Halfway houses

SN: Transitional housing for convicted criminals; for other populations use the term for the population or condition, e.g., Substance abuse, Mental illness, Developmentally disabled people, or Domestic violence.

Hazardous sites

SN: Specific sites may be added

Health insurance and health care coverage

SN: Specific plans may be added as appropriate

History of Illinois

SN: Substitute the particular state. Also substitute names of state personages for the names of famous persons.

I-Pass forms

SN: Specific to Illinois. In other states, substitute name of form or drop if there is no form.

Illinois General Assembly

SN: Substitute name of the particular state's legislature. For bicameral legislatures, add terms for the houses of the legislature. For unicameral legislatures, use the name of the legislature.

Illinois State Library

SN: May substitute name of individual state library.

Laws and regulations

SN: Laws relating to specific areas should be duplicated under the subject of the law.

Legislative sessions

SN: Specific legislative sessions may be added and deleted as they occur. Use of "Current legislative session" is not recommended, because the tag assignment will become obsolete as soon as one session ends and another one begins.

Licenses and permits

SN: Add other specific types of licenses as needed.

Liquor taxes

SN: Includes taxes on all alcoholic beverages.

Medical personnel

SN: Includes all health professions (e.g., physicians of all specialties, nurses, aids, podiatrists, opticians, and chiropractors). For dentists use Dental care.

Nutrition

SN: Includes dietary supplements, vitamins, and minerals; dietary requirements; and information on healthy eating. Also includes programs to provide access to food, such as food stamps and WIC

Other non-tax revenues

SN: Specific non-tax revenues may be added, preferably directly under Government revenues, not under Other non-tax revenues.

Other taxes

SN: Specific taxes may be added as needed, preferably directly under Taxes rather than under Other taxes.

Plants

SN: Use for wild plants; for domesticated plants use terms in the Agriculture hierarchy.

Private four-year colleges and universities

SN: Names of specific schools may be added.

Professional sports

SN: Specific sports or teams may be added as required

Public four-year colleges and universities

SN: Names of specific schools may be added

Rivers and streams

SN: Add specific rivers as needed.

Sales taxes

SN: Includes gross receipts tax where appropriate.

School waivers

SN: Waiver by the legislature of its requirements for public schools.

State employee retirement system

SN: Name of state's own retirement system may be substituted.

State symbols and flags

SN: UF references may be added or deleted to suit the needs of a specific state.

Traffic safety

SN: Refers to roads and motor vehicles. For safety in other forms of transportation use the type of transportation, e.g., Air transportation or Boating.

Water resources

SN: Specific types of water resources may be added. Specific bodies of water should be added under the name of the type. Also add names of major dams as needed.

Weather

SN: Other specific weather phenomena may be added and/or phenomena not of interest in a particular state may be deleted.

Winter sports

SN: Specific winter sports may be added. If the same term appears as a UF (Used For) reference, the UF reference must be deleted before the sport is added to the tree.