



# Montana Legislative Services Division

## Office of the Code Commissioner

TO: Legislative Council

FROM: Jaret Coles, Deputy Director of Legal Services

DATE: June 16, 2023

RE: Proposed 2023 Montana Code Annotated Prices

I am respectfully submitting proposed prices for 2023 MCA materials for Legislative Council approval.

We calculated these prices in accordance with 1-11-301, MCA, after awarding the bid for the printing of 2023 MCA materials and consulting with staff on production costs. We listed the 2021 MCA prices in a separate column for comparative purposes. It is our recommendation that we keep the prices the same for this publication cycle, except for the digital pricing. The passage and approval of HB 845 now allows for free legislator downloads and reduced digital pricing for state agencies.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Proposed 2023 Price</u>	<u>2021 Price</u>
MCA full set		
Private sector	\$400	\$400
Government agencies	\$350	\$350
Legislators (set by 5-11-209, MCA)	\$10	\$10
MCA individual volume	\$40	\$40
MCA individual title book	\$20	\$20
History & Final Status volume	\$20	\$20
Laws of Montana (Session Laws)	\$95	\$95
Digital download of MCA & Annotations in Folio program		
Stand-alone version	\$175	\$175
2-year subscription purchased in addition to hard copy set	\$200	\$200
2-year subscription purchased without purchasing hard copy set	\$325	\$325
Additional device download when an initial download has been purchased	\$20	\$20



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<u>Item</u>	<u>Proposed 2023 Price</u>	<u>2021 Price</u>
<b>State agency</b> digital download of MCA & Annotations in Folio program		
Stand-alone version	\$1*	\$175
2-year subscription purchased in addition to hard copy set	Discontinue	\$200
2-year subscription purchased without purchasing hard copy set	\$2*	\$325
Additional device download when an initial download has been purchased	Discontinue	\$20

\* [House Bill No. 845 \(2023\)](#) provides that a “state agency is entitled to order and receive electronic versions of the Montana Code Annotated on computer-readable media for use by state government employees for state work purposes at a cost that is commensurate with the royalty fee charged by a third-party vendor and any associated costs incurred by the legislative services division for administering deployment of the computer-readable media”. The royalty fee for a “free product” is currently \$1 for each copy of Folio. The cost for preparing the product for download is expected to decrease over time and become nominal. Our recommendation is that Legislative Council approves a charge equal to royalty fee for Folio for each state agency download.