

**The search incorporates both the Official Opinions and Firearms Public Statements.**

**Initial Search Screen**

- Enter a search phrase and/or additional criteria.
- Select “**Search**” or press the **Enter** key to initiate your search.
- *NOTE* the search results will open in a new browser tab. Close the tab to return to your original search screen.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Search** header
- Search input field: "Search for names, keywords, etc." with the text "Sunshine Law" and an information icon.
- Document Type: A dropdown menu with "Opinions" selected and a close button.
- Text Search: An empty input field.
- Date: An input field with the format "mm/dd/yyyy - mm/dd/yyyy" and a calendar icon.
- Opinion Authority Type: An empty input field.
- Opinion Keywords: An empty input field.
- Opinion Number: An empty input field.
- Opinion Requesting Authority: An empty input field.
- Buttons: "CLEAR SELECTIONS" and "SEARCH".

**Opinion / Firearms Public Statements - Data Fields**

**Search for name, keywords, etc.** – Includes all data field contents, and the text of the document.

**Document Type** – Opinions or Firearms Public Statement

**Text Search** - Text of the document.

**Date** – Date of the document.

**Opinion Authority Type** – Category assigned to the opinion requesting authority.

**Opinion Keywords** – Keywords that have been assigned to the opinion.

**Opinion Number** – Opinion number.

**Opinion Requesting Authority** – Entity requesting the official Opinion.

## Search Results Screen

- Additional filters will appear on the left of the screen. They change depending on the document type.
- Search results will display the following document fields:
  - Opinion: Date, Number, Requestor, Requesting Authority and Subsequent History
  - Firearms Public Statement: Date, Number, Reference, Notes and Page count.
- The “Sort” button can be used to sort the results.

### FILTERS

Filter by:

**APPLY ALL**

Document Category ▾

Document Type ▾

Attachment Filename ▾

Create Date ▾

Notes ▾

Opinion Authority Type ▾

Search

Currently showing 1 - 50 of 96 results.  
Date between 1/1/1980 and 1/1/2020 and Keyword contains "Sunshine Law"

**SORT ▾**

**OPINIONS FIELDS**

Select all results

	Date	Opinion Number	Opinion Requestor	Opinion Requesting Authority	Opinion Subsequent History
<input type="checkbox"/> Opinions	08/22/1991	1991-0356	HARPER, TAYLOR	House of Representative...	YES
From full text: statute, only a court of competent jurisdiction can determine whether the <b>Sunshine Law</b> has been, However, the <b>Sunshine Law</b> is a criminal statute., There is no exception in the <b>Sunshine Law</b> to permit preparatory or preliminary meetings., Howev...					
<input type="checkbox"/> Opinions	08/20/1993	1993-0308	PENRY, WALTER	House of Representative...	YES
From full text: ADVERTISER CO., 2003 WL 21205832 (May 23, 2003) ( <b>SUNSHINE LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO MEETING OF LESS, STA,C 1 SCUI</b> ". JNICr, STREET MoNrsCvE., AA9a.ua 3E1:30 4.REA 12051 262-730C <b>Sunshine Law</b> - County, Penry Page 2 or character ...					
<input type="checkbox"/> Opinions	02/23/1993	1993-0119	HUFFMAN, RUFUS	Bullock County	NO

Filter by:

**APPLY ALL**

Document Category ▾

Document Type ▾

Attachment Filename ▾

Create Date ▾

Search

Currently showing 1 - 50 of 89 results.  
Document Type equals Firearms Public Statement

**SORT ▾**



**FIREARMS PUBLIC STATEMENT FIELDS**

Select all results

	Date	Firearm Number	Firearm Reference	Notes	Scan Pages
<input type="checkbox"/> Firearms Public State...	05/03/2017	2017-013	TOWN OF LOCUST FORK...		1
<input type="checkbox"/> Firearms Public State...	05/10/2017	2017-014	HUNTSVILLE-MADISON ...		1


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- Left click on a record to select and view more information/options.
  - Open the document.
  - Download the document.
  - If applicable, view the Opinion Synopsis.

Opinions	Date	Opinion Number	Opinion Requestor	Opinion Requesting Authority	Opinion Subsequent History	 
<input type="checkbox"/>	08/22/1991	1991-0356	HARPER, TAYLOR	House of Representativ...	YES	

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**INFO** RELATED DOCUMENTS



Attachment  
1991-0356.PDF

Date  
08/22/1991

Opinion Number  
1991-0356

Opinion Requestor  
HARPER, TAYLOR

Opinion Requesting Authority  
House of Representatives, State of Alabama

Opinion Subsequent History  
YES

Opinion Synopsis  
SECTION 13A-14-2 IS A CRIMINAL STATUTE, ONLY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION CAN DETERMINE WHETHER THE **SUNSHINE, LAW** HAS BE

## Open Document Window

- The document will appear allowing users to modify the size of the view.
- The magnifying glass or “Expand Search Panel” button will allow for further searching of the document.
- The information button will show all document data fields.
- The ellipses or “Open Actions” button will allow users to print or download the document.

The screenshot displays a document viewer interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with a "Fit To Page" dropdown menu, zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) buttons, and a search icon, an information icon, and a three-dot menu icon. The document content is centered and includes the following text:

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
91-00356

**JIMMY EVANS**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF ALABAMA

THIS OPINION HAS BEEN  
MODIFIED BY AUBURN  
UNIVERSITY V. ADVERTISER  
CO., 2003 WL 21205832  
(May 23, 2003) (SUNSHINE  
LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO  
MEETING OF LESS THAN  
A QUORUM).

AUG 22 1991

Honorable Taylor Harper  
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee  
Alabama State House  
11 South Union Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Sunshine Law - Legislature -  
Open Meetings

Since Code of Alabama 1975,  
§ 13A-14-2 is a criminal  
statute, only a court of  
competent jurisdiction can  
determine whether the Sunshine  
Law has been violated.

Section 13A-14-2, popularly  
known as the Sunshine Law,  
applies to committee meetings  
as well as to meetings of the  
entire governmental body. The  
Sunshine Law prohibits private  
meetings between a governmental  
body and their advisors or  
staff.

Dear Representative Harper:

This opinion is issued in response to your request for an  
opinion from the Attorney General.

**QUESTION 1**

Was the staff briefing described below in  
violation of the Code of Alabama 1975,  
§ 13A-14-2?

The sidebar on the right contains the following information:

Opinions - 1991-0356

Opinion Number\*  
1991-0356

Opinion Number - Historical  
91-00356

Date\*  
08/22/1991

Opinion Requesting Authority\*

Opinion Subsequent History  
YES

Keywords  
Legislature  
Sunshine Law