Statutes: General Form

Title, Statute Volume, Jurisdiction, Year, Chapter, Pinpoint.

Rules
Chapter 2 of the McGill Guide outlines the rules for citing legislation using uniform legal citation.

Title: 2.1.4
- Italicize the title.
- Provide the official short title as it appears in the first section of the statute or at the head of the statute. Include ‘The’ only if it forms part of the title as indicated in the statute.
- Follow the capitalization of words as set out in the title of the statute.

Chapter: 2.1.9
- Abbreviate the word chapter to c
- Write the alphanumeric chapter designation exactly as shown in the statute volume, including dashes or periods.

Pinpoint: 2.1.10
- To cite a specific section of a statute, place a comma after the chapter and indicate the section or sections.
- Abbreviate the word section to s
- Indicate specific subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs as they appear in the legislation.
- For unnumbered or unlettered subdivisions, use the abbreviation para and indicate the paragraph number.

Example
Criminal Code, RSC 1985, c, s 18(1)(m)(iv)(c).

Sources
Section 2.1.3 of the McGill Guide states:

Find legislation in the appropriate jurisdiction’s official electronic versions...
Official electronic versions are cited in the same manner as print sources; a URL is not required.