|  | **Wiretap Act** | **Stored Communications Act** | **Pen Register Act** |
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| **United States Code Sections** | 18 U.S.C. §§ 2510-2522 | 18 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2712 | 18 U.S.C. §§ 3121-3127 |
| **Applicability: What are circumstances when this particular statute should be applied? What types of communications are covered?** | Applies when law enforcement seeks to intercept wire, oral, or electronic communications in transit. Intercepting various types of communications with exceptions. | Covering stored electronic communications held by service providers. | Collecting metadata about  electronic communications. |
| **Exclusionary Rule: What, if any, evidence would be excluded at a trial if this law is violated?** | Evidence may be excluded if violated of the Wiretap Act may be excluded at trial. | Evidence may be excluded if violation of the Stored communications Act may be excluded. | Evidence may be excluded if violated. |
| **Penalties: Are there criminal or civil penalties associated with a violation?** | Criminal penalties may apply for violations of the Wiretap Act. | Criminal and civil penalties may apply for violations of the stored. | Criminal penalties may apply for violations of the Pen Register Act. |
| **Minimization Requirements: Are there limits on law enforcement as to the information that can be gathered?** | Law enforcement must minimize irrelevant info. | Generally no specific minimization requirements. | No specific minimization requirements |
| **Notice Requirements: When, if at all, must parties be notified of a collection under the law?** | Parties must be notified within 90 days or court-  ordered delay. | Notice required to the subscriber or customer whose communications are disclosed | No notice requirements. |
| **Exceptions: Does the law provide explicit exceptions for applicability of this law?** | Consent of one party is an exception. Wiretap Act provides exceptions, such as consent from one of the parties involved | Exceptions for voluntary disclosure and certain law enforcement actions. | Court order required for pen register use. Allows law enforcement to use pen registers and trap and trace devices with a court order |