

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
193rd General
Court

The seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, featuring a Native American figure holding a bow and arrow, a star, and a crest above. The motto "ENSE PETIT PLACIDAM SVB LIBERTATE QVIEM" is inscribed on a ribbon.

**2023-2024 SESSION
LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES
AND
SIGNIFICANT
DATES**

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**FIRST ANNUAL
SESSION**



JANUARY 4, 2023

— *1st Wednesday in January of Each Year* —
House and Senate convene.

JANUARY 20, 2023

— *3rd Friday in January of 1st Annual Session* —
Deadline for Submitting Petitions (5:00 p.m.).

By March 1, 2023

— *Within 3 Weeks of Convening of the General Court; except 1st year
of a term of a new
Governor --within 8 weeks* —
Governor submits General Appropriation Bill

By -----, 2023

4 Weeks after Appointment of Committees in 1st Annual Session
Deadline for Submitting Committee Rules.

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APRIL 26, 2023

— *Last Wednesday in April* —

Last day to report on Proposals for Amendments
to the Constitution.

(Note: In the 2nd year, reports may be made only on measures referred subsequent to Last Wednesday in April of 1st Annual Session).

MAY 10, 2023

— *2nd Wednesday in May of Each Year* —

Last day to call up a Proposal for an Amendment
to the Constitution and

Last day for the convening of the Joint Session to
consider Amendments to the Constitution.

MAY 10, 2023

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

Last day for the House committee on Ways and Means
to report the General Appropriation Bill.

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

— *3rd Wednesday of November* —
in First Annual Session

Last day for Formal Sessions.

JANUARY 2, 2024

Tuesday preceding the

— *1st Wednesday in January of 2nd year* —

Last day of Session of the 1st Annual Session.

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SECOND ANNUAL SESSION



JANUARY 3, 2024

— *1st Wednesday in January of Each Year* —
House and Senate convene.

JANUARY 24, 2024

— *Within 3 weeks of convening of the General Court* —
Governor submits General Appropriation Bill.

February 7, 2024

— *1st Wednesday in February in 2nd Annual Session* —
Joint Rule 10 deadline.
Last day for reports to be made from joint committees
[except Health Care Financing]
(on matters referred to them before the first day
of the second annual session).

March 27, 2024

— *Last Wednesday in March of the 2nd Annual Session* —
Joint Rule 10 Day for committee on Health Care Financing
referred to them on or before the fourth Wednesday of February and

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within 30 days on all matters referred after the fourth Wednesday in February of the second annual session.

APRIL 24, 2024

— *Last Wednesday in April of Each Session* —

Last day to report on Proposals for Amendments to the Constitution.

(Note: In the 2nd year, reports may be made only on measures referred to committees subsequent to the last Wednesday in April of 1st Annual Session).

APRIL 30, 2024

— *Tuesday preceding first Wednesday in May* —

Last day to enact Initiative Petitions for changes in Laws.

MAY 8, 2024

— *2nd Wednesday in May of Each Year* —

Last day to call up a late filed Proposal for an Amendment to the Constitution.

MAY 8, 2024

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

Last day for the House committee on Ways and Means to report the General Appropriation Bill.

JULY 31, 2024

— *Last day of July of the 2nd Annual Session* —

Last day for Formal Sessions.

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

— *1st Wednesday in November* —

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Agency Filings Due by 5:00 P.M. for
consideration in the 191st General Court.

Tuesday,

DECEMBER 31, 2024

Tuesday preceding the convening of a new General Court

— on the 1st Wednesday in January of the 3rd year —

Last day of Session of the 2nd Annual Session.