

The 194th General Court — 2025 — First Annual Session

JANUARY 1, 2025

— *1st FULL FORMAL SESSION — 1st WEDNESDAY OF EACH YEAR —*

HOUSE AND SENATE CONVENE.

MEMBERS-ELECT ARE SWORN-IN BY GOVERNOR

JANUARY 2, 2025

Councilors take oaths of office

JANUARY 17, 2025

3rd FRIDAY IN JANUARY OF 1st ANNUAL SESSION

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PETITIONS (prior to 5 o'clock P.M.)

(House and Senate petition co-sponsoring may continue until the
measure is reported by the initial committee)

By January 22, 2025

— *WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF CONVENING OF THE GENERAL COURT —*

GOVERNOR SUBMITS

GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL (BUDGET)

UNKNOWN DATE

(PROBABLY LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH)

4 weeks after Appointment of Committees in 1st Annual Session,

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING JOINT COMMITTEE RULES

APRIL 30, 2025

— *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 to Committees subsequent to last Wednesday in April of the 1st Annual Session

MAY 14, 2025

— *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 14, 2025

— *2nd WEDNESDAY IN MAY (of each year)* —

LAST DAY FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
TO REPORT THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

— *3rd WEDNESDAY OF NOVEMBER IN 1st ANNUAL SESSION* —

LAST DAY FOR FORMAL SESSIONS

JANUARY 6, 2026

TUESDAY PRECEDING THE 1st WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY OF 2nd YEAR
LAST DAY OF SESSION OF THE 1st ANNUAL SESSION

The 194th General Court — 2026 — Second Annual Session

JANUARY 7, 2026

— 1st SESSION OF SECOND ANNUAL SESSION — 1st WEDNESDAY OF EACH YEAR —
HOUSE AND SENATE CONVENE

JANUARY 28, 2026

— WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF CONVENING OF THE GENERAL COURT —
GOVERNOR SUBMITS
GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL (BUDGET)

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

— 1st WEDNESDAY IN FEBRUARY OF THE 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 prior to the previous 1st Wednesday of January.

MARCH 25, 2026

— LAST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH OF THE 2nd ANNUAL SESSION —
JOINT RULE 10 DEADLINE for the COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE FINANCING

on matters referred to them prior to the 4th Wednesday of February.

APRIL 29, 2026

— 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 last Wednesday in April of the 1st Annual Session.

MAY 5, 2026

— *TUESDAY PRECEDING 1st WEDNESDAY IN MAY* —

LAST DAY TO ENACT INITIATIVE PETITIONS FOR CHANGES IN LAWS.

MAY 13, 2026

— *2nd WEDNESDAY IN MAY (of each year)* —

LAST DAY TO CALL UP A LATE FILED PROPOSAL FOR AN AMENDMENT
TO THE CONSTITUTION.

MAY 13, 2026

— *2nd WEDNESDAY IN MAY (of each year)* —

LAST DAY FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
TO REPORT THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026

— *LAST DAY OF JULY OF THE 2nd ANNUAL SESSION* —

LAST DAY FOR FORMAL SESSIONS

NOVEMBER 4, 2026

— *1st WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER* —

AGENCY FILINGS DUE (prior to 5 o'clock P.M.) for consideration in the 195th General Court

TUESDAY, January 5, 2027

— *TUESDAY PRECEDING THE CONVENING OF A NEW GENERAL COURT* —

(on the 1st Wednesday in January FOLLOWING AN ELECTION)

LAST DAY OF SESSION OF THE 2nd ANNUAL SESSION