

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 17, 2026

— HR27 WINDOW ENDS —

End of “later of 60 days or Mar. 18” category (bills heard Dec. 18, 2025-Jan. 17, 2026)

JANUARY 18, 2026

— HR27 CATEGORY 4 BEGINS —

Bills heard on/after this date report within 60 days (no extensions available).

JANUARY 28, 2026

— WITHIN 3 WEEKS OF CONVENING OF THE GENERAL COURT —

GOVERNOR SUBMITS

GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL (BUDGET).

— JR10 HEALTH CARE FINANCING SPECIAL DEADLINE —

For matters referred to HCF on or before December 24, 2025.

MARCH 18, 2026

— 3rd WEDNESDAY OF MARCH OF THE 2nd ANNUAL SESSION —

HR27 ABSOLUTE CAP for House-filed bills heard on or before December 17, 2025.

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.

MAY 27, 2026

— *LAST WEDNESDAY OF MAY* —

HR27 CARVE-OUT (HCF): House-filed matters transferred to HCF after March 18, 2026.

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.

NOTE: Governor/other non-member filings are **not** subject to HR27. They follow JR1D procedures and JR10 deadlines (Dec 3 for pre-Oct-1 referrals; 60 days from referral for Oct-1-and-later), plus the HCF special timing where applicable.