2025-2026 Session Legislative Deadlines AND Significant Dates

First Annual Session (2025)

JANUARY 1, 2025

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

JANUARY 17, 2025

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

By JANUARY 22, 2025

— 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

Date TBD - 2025

4 Weeks after Appointment of Committees in 1st Annual Session Deadline for Submitting 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 subsequent to Last Wednesday in April of 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 First Annual Session
Last day for Formal Sessions.

JANUARY 6, 2025

Tuesday preceding the
—Ist Wednesday in January of 2nd year —
Last day of Session in the 1st Annual Session.

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Second Annual Session (2026)

JANUARY 7, 2026

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

JANUARY 28, 2026

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

—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 25, 2026

— 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.

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

MAY 5, 2026

— Tuesday preceding first 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 —

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

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 by 5:00 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 of the 3rd year —
Last day of Session in the 2nd Annual Session.