

***2025-2026 Session Legislative Deadlines
AND Significant Dates***

194th General Court

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

MARCH 27, 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.

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December 3, 2025

—1st Wednesday in December in 1st 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 October in the first annual session.

****also see House Rule 27**

JANUARY 6, 2026

Tuesday preceding the 1st Wednesday in January of 2nd year —

Last day of Session in the 1st Annual Session.

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.

January 28, 2026

— Last Wednesday in January of the 2nd Annual Session —

Joint Rule 10 Day for committee on Health Care Financing on matters referred to them on or before the fourth Wednesday of December in the 1st Annual Session.

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.

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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

Last day of Session in the 2nd Annual Session.