

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
192nd General
Court



**2021-2022 SESSION
LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES
AND
SIGNIFICANT
DATES**

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LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**FIRST ANNUAL
SESSION**



JANUARY 6, 2021

— *1st Wednesday in January of Each Year* —

House and Senate convene.

Members-elect are sworn-in by Governor

JANUARY 7, 2021

Governor's Councilors Take Oaths of Office

By JANUARY 27, 2021

— *Within 3 Weeks of Convening of the General Court* —

Governor submits General Appropriation Bill

(except 1st year of a term of a new Governor — within 8 weeks).

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

— *3rd Friday in February of 1st Annual Session* —

Deadline for Submitting Petitions (prior to 5:00 p.m.).

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Unknown Date[†]

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

APRIL 28, 2021

— *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 12, 2021

— *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.

[†] This date is dependent upon when committees are established.

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MAY 12, 2021

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

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

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

— *3rd Wednesday of November* —

in First Annual Session

Last day for Formal Sessions.

JANUARY 4, 2022

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 5, 2022

— *1st Wednesday in January of Each Year* —

House and Senate convene.

JANUARY 26, 2022

— *Within 3 weeks of convening of the General Court* —

Governor submits General Appropriation Bill.

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

— *1st Wednesday of 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).

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MARCH 30, 2022

— *Joint Rule 10 Day for committee on Health Care Financing* —

APRIL 27, 2022

— *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 1st Annual Session).

MAY 3, 2022

— *Tuesday preceding first Wednesday in May* —

Last day to enact Initiative Petitions for changes in Laws.

MAY 11, 2022

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

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

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MAY 11, 2022

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

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

JULY 17, 2020

Last Day for Appointment of Committees of Conference.

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

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

Last day for Formal Sessions.

NOVEMBER 2, 2022

— *1st Wednesday in November* —

Agency Filings Due by 5:00 P.M. for
consideration in the 193rd General Court.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

**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.