

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
191<sup>st</sup> General  
Court

The seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, featuring a Native American figure holding a bow and arrow, a star, and a ribbon with the motto "ENSE PETIT PLACIDAM SVB LIBERTATE QVIETEM".

**2019-2020 SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES  
AND  
SIGNIFICANT  
DATES**

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LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**FIRST ANNUAL  
SESSION**



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**JANUARY 2, 2019**

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

House and Senate convene.

**JANUARY 3, 2019**

Governor — Lieutenant Governor  
& Governor's Councilor's Take Oaths of Office

**JANUARY 18, 2019**

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

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

**By JANUARY 23, 2019**

— *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).

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

— *House only* —

Last Day To Add Petitioners to Seasonably Filed Legislation.

**March 14, 2019<sup>†</sup>**

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

**APRIL 24, 2019**

— *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 8, 2019**

— *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.

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<sup>†</sup> This date is dependent upon when committees are established.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**MAY 8, 2019**

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

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

**NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

— *3rd Wednesday of November* —

*in First Annual Session*

Last day for Formal Sessions.

**DECEMBER 31, 2019**

*Tuesday preceding the*

— *1st Wednesday in January of 2nd year* —

Last day of Session of the 1st Annual Session.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**SECOND ANNUAL  
SESSION**



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**JANUARY 1, 2020**

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

House and Senate convene.

**JANUARY 22, 2020**

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

Governor submits General Appropriation Bill.

**FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

— *1<sup>st</sup> 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).

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**MARCH 25, 2020**

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

**APRIL 29, 2020**

— *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 5, 2020**

— *Tuesday preceding first Wednesday in May* —

Last day to enact Initiative Petitions for changes in Laws.

**MAY 13, 2020**

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

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

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

**MAY 13, 2020**

— *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.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020**

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

Last day for Formal Sessions.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

— *1st Wednesday in November* —

Agency Filings Due by 5:00 P.M. for  
consideration in the 192<sup>nd</sup> General Court.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021**

**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.