

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
190th 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 QVIEM".

**2017-2018 SESSION
LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES
AND
SIGNIFICANT
DATES**

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FIRST ANNUAL SESSION



JANUARY 4, 2017

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

House and Senate convene.

JANUARY 20, 2017

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

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

By JANUARY 25, 2017

— *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).

By March 24, 2017

4 Weeks after Appointment of Committees in the 1st Annual Session

Deadline for Submitting Committee Rules.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

APRIL 26, 2017

— *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 10, 2017

— *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 10, 2017

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

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

NOVEMBER 15, 2017

— *3rd Wednesday of November* —

in First Annual Session

Last day for Formal Sessions.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

JANUARY 2, 2018

Tuesday preceding the

— 1st Wednesday in January of 2nd year —

Last day of Session of the 1st Annual Session.

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION



JANUARY 3, 2018

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

House and Senate convene.

JANUARY 24, 2018

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

Governor submits General Appropriation Bill.

FEBRUARY 7, 2018[†]

— *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).

[†] JR10 Reporting deadline is the 1st Wednesday in February in the Second Annual Session.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

MARCH 28, 2018†

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

APRIL 25, 2018

— *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 1, 2018

— *Tuesday preceding first Wednesday in May* —

Last day to enact Initiative Petitions for changes in Laws.

MAY 9, 2018

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

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

MAY 9, 2018

— *2nd Wednesday in May* —

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

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES AND SIGNIFICANT DATES

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018

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

Last day for Formal Sessions.

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

— *1st Wednesday in November* —

Agency Filings Due by 5:00 P.M. for
consideration in the 191st General Court.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019

**TUESDAY PRECEDING THE CONVENING OF A
NEW GENERAL COURT**

— **ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY OF THE 3RD YEAR** —

Last day of Session of the 2nd Annual Session.