

February 16, 2007

## 2007 Legislative Deadlines<sup>1</sup>

Date	Legislative Day	
December 4-6, 2006 (Mon.-Wed.)		Organizational session <sup>2</sup>
December 7 (Thurs.)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 3 (Wed.)	1st	Session begins <sup>2</sup>
January 8 (Mon.)	4th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date
January 15 (Mon.)	9th	Martin Luther King Day <sup>3</sup> . Deadline for representatives to introduce bills. No more than three bills may be introduced by each senator after this date.
January 22 (Mon.)	14th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills
January 26 (Fri.)	18th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 2 (Fri.)	23rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 14 (Wed.)	31st	Bills and resolutions except constitutional amendments and study resolutions must be reported out of committee in house of origin. Deadline for introducing amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions.
February 19 (Mon.)		George Washington's Birthday <sup>3</sup>
February 16, 19-20 (Fri., Mon.-Tues.)		Recess
February 21 (Wed.)	33rd	Crossover date for bills <sup>4</sup>
February 27 (Tues.)	37th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 2 (Fri.)	40th	Crossover date for resolutions
March 13 (Tues.)	47th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
March 23 (Fri.)	55th	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 6 (Fri.)	65th	Good Friday <sup>3</sup>
April 23 (Mon.)	76th	The 2005 Legislative Assembly adjourned on the 76th legislative day (Saturday, April 23, 2005)
April 27 (Fri.)	80th	Session limited to 80 legislative days <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Based on rules of the 60th Legislative Assembly adopted on December 6, 2006.

<sup>2</sup>Article IV, Section 7, Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03.1-02. On June 22, 2005, the Legislative Council selected Wednesday, January 3, 2007, as the date of convening of the regular session.

<sup>3</sup>In 1999, 2001, 2003, and 2005 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day and on Good Friday. In 1999, 2001, and 2003 the House and Senate were in session on George Washington's Birthday.

<sup>4</sup>The House and Senate made crossover on the 32nd legislative day, Thursday, February 15.

<sup>5</sup>Article IV, Section 7, of the Constitution of North Dakota limits regular sessions to 80 natural days during a biennium and defines a "natural day" as a period of 24 consecutive hours. House and Senate Rules 104 provide that a legislative day begins at 7:00 a.m., so each legislative day ends at 7:00 a.m. the following day.