

The Council

Upcoming Meetings

October

- 20** Artificial Intelligence and Data Center
- 28** Employee Benefits Programs
Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund
Advisory Board

November

- 12-13** Legislative Management

Other Important Dates

November

- 3** General Election
- 25** Deadline for executive agencies and the
Supreme Court to prefile bills

December

- 1-3** Organizational Session
- 11** Deadline for legislators to submit health
insurance mandate bills
- 18** Deadline for legislators to prefile bills

Emergency Response Services Committee

The Emergency Response Services Committee held its final meeting on October 13. The committee received testimony from representatives of the Governor's subcabinet on public safety, the State Fire Marshal, and the Public Employees Retirement System.

The committee also received reports from the Department of Emergency Services covering the findings and recommendations from a consultant's report on the state's vulnerabilities relating to security threats posed by foreign adversaries; the Insurance Department covering the feasibility, benefits, and challenges of providing towing and recovery costs associated with vehicle liability-only insurance for towing operations; and the Department of Health and Human Services covering the status of the Distressed Ambulance Service Program.

The committee recommended three bill drafts to the Legislative Management which relate to special vehicle license plates for volunteer emergency responders, designating service areas for emergency medical services, and the definition of a volunteer.



Did You Know?

Half of the Legislative Assembly is on the 2026 ballot.

When North Dakota voters head to the polls in 2 weeks, not all will see legislative races on their ballots. Legislative district elections are conducted on a staggered, 2-year cycle, with even-numbered and odd-numbered districts alternating every 2 years. Legislators elected to either chamber serve 4-year terms.

There are 75 seats in the Legislative Assembly up for election in 2026: 51 in the House and 24 in the Senate. The 2026 election features odd-numbered districts, along with three House seats in even-numbered districts to fill unexpired 2-year terms resulting from vacancies.