

1997 LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES¹

<u>Date</u>	<u>Legislative Day</u>	
December 3-5, 1996 (Tues.-Thurs.)		Organizational session (NDCC § 54-03.1-02)
December 10 (Tues.)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council (JR 208)
January 6 (Mon.)	1st	Session begins (N.D. Const. Art. IV, § 7; NDCC § 54-03-02) ²
January 13 (Mon.)	6th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date (HR 402)
January 20 (Mon.)	11th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. ³ Deadline for representatives to introduce bills. No more than three bills may be introduced by each senator after this date (SR/HR 402)
January 27 (Mon.)	16th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills (SR 402)
January 29 (Wed.)	18th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the U.S. Constitution and study resolutions (SR/HR 402)
February 5 (Wed.)	23rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees (SR/HR 329)
February 17 (Mon.)	31st	Presidents' Day. ³ Bills and resolutions except constitutional amendments and study resolutions must be reported out of committee in house of origin (SR/HR 507). Deadline for introducing amendments to the U.S. Constitution and study resolutions (SR/HR 402).
February 20 (Thurs.)	34th	Crossover date for bills (JR 203)
February 21, 24-25 (Fri., Mon-Tues.)		Recess (JR 702) ⁴
February 28 (Fri.)	37th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee (SR/HR 507)
March 5 (Wed.)	40th	Crossover date for study resolutions (JR 203)
March 14 (Fri.)	47th	Deadlines for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees (SR/HR 329)
March 26 (Wed.)	55th	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house (SR/HR 507)
March 28 (Fri.)	57th	Good Friday ³
April 2 (Wed.)	60th	
April 30 (Wed.)	80th	Session limited to 80 legislative days (N.D. Const. Art. IV, § 7)

¹ Based on rules of the 55th Legislative Assembly adopted on December 5, 1996.

² On May 26, 1995, the Legislative Council selected Monday, January 6, 1997, as the date for convening the 1997 session.

³ In 1993 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, and Good Friday. In 1995 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, took the crossover break during Presidents' Day, and adjourned before Good Friday.

⁴ The House and Senate were in recess Friday, February 21, in addition to the recess