

April 3, 2015

2015 Legislative Deadlines¹

Date	Legislative Day	
December 1-3, 2014 (Monday through Wednesday)		Organizational session ²
December 4 (Thursday)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 6 (Tuesday)	1 st	Session begins ²
January 12 (Monday)	5 th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date
January 19 (Monday)	10 th	Martin Luther King Day. ³ Deadline for representatives to introduce bills. No more than three bills may be introduced by each senator after this date. A Senate bill containing an appropriation clause may not be introduced after this date.
January 26 (Monday)	15 th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills ¹
January 29 (Thursday)	18 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 9 (Monday)	25 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 16 (Monday)		George Washington's Birthday ³
February 24 (Tuesday)	36 th	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 26 (Thursday)	38 th	Crossover date for bills ^{1,4}
February 27 (Friday), March 2-3 (Monday and Tuesday)		Recess
March 9 (Monday)	42 nd	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee (House temporarily amended House Rule 509 to change to 44 th legislative day - Wednesday, March 11.)
March 12 (Thursday)	45 th	Crossover date for resolutions
March 30 (Monday)	57 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
April 3 (Good Friday)		No floor sessions
April 10 (Friday)	65 th	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
May 1 (Friday)	80 th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁵

¹Based on rules of the 64th Legislative Assembly adopted on December 3, 2014.

²Article IV, Section 7, Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03.1-02.

³In 2013 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's Birthday, and Good Friday.

⁴In 2015 the House and Senate made crossover on the 38th legislative day, Thursday, February 26, rather than on the 39th legislative day.

⁵Article 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.