

2017 Legislative Deadlines¹

Date	Legislative Day	
December 5-7, 2016 (Monday through Wednesday)		Organizational session ²
December 8 (Thursday)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 3 (Tuesday)	1 st	Session begins ² (State of the State Address)
January 4 (Wednesday)		No floor session - Committees meet
January 5 (Thursday)		No floor session - Committees meet
January 9 (Monday)	3 rd	No more than five bills may be introduced by each Representative after this date
January 16 (Monday)	8 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 23 (Monday)	13 th	Deadline for Senators to introduce bills
January 26 (Thursday)	16 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 6 (Monday)	23 rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 20 (Monday)		George Washington's Birthday ³
February 21 (Tuesday)	34 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 23 (Thursday)	36 th	Crossover date for bills ⁴
February 24 (Friday), February 27-28 (Monday and Tuesday)		Recess
March 1 (Wednesday)	37 th	Reconvene from crossover break
March 6 (Monday)	40 th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 9 (Thursday)	43 rd	Crossover date for resolutions
March 27 (Monday)	55 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
April 6 (Thursday)	63 rd	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 11 (Tuesday)		No floor session - Conference committees meet
April 14 (Friday)	68 th	Good Friday ³
May 2 (Tuesday)	80 th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁵

¹Based on rules of the 65th Legislative Assembly adopted on December 7, 2016.

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

³In 2015 and 2017 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day and George Washington's Birthday. In 2015 the House and Senate were not in session on Good Friday.

⁴In 2017 the House and Senate made crossover on the 36th legislative day, Thursday, February 23.

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.