

2027 Legislative Deadlines

Date	Legislative Day	
December 1-3, 2026 (Tuesday through Thursday)		Organizational session ¹
December 4 (Friday)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council (H/SR 402(2), JR 208)
December 11 (Friday)		Deadline for legislators to submit health insurance mandate bills to the Legislative Council (JR 211)
December 18 (Friday)		Deadline for legislators to prefile bills (H/SR 401(3))
January 5 (Tuesday)	1 st	Session begins ¹ (Tribal-State Relationship message, State of the Judiciary, and State of the State Address)
January 6 and 7 (Wednesday and Thursday)		No floor sessions, standing committees will meet
January 11 (Monday)	3 rd	No more than five bills may be introduced by each Representative after this date (HR 402(1))
January 18 (Monday)	8 th	Deadline for Representatives to introduce bills (HR 402(1)) No more than three bills may be introduced by each Senator after this date (SR 402(1)) A Senate bill containing an appropriation clause may not be introduced after this date (SR 402(1)) Martin Luther King Day ²
January 25 (Monday)	13 th	Deadline for Senators to introduce bills (SR 402(1))
January 28 (Thursday)	16 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions (H/SR 402(1))
February 8 (Monday)	23 rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committee (H/SR 329(4))
February 15 (Monday)	28 th	George Washington's Birthday ²
February 23 (Tuesday)	34 th	Bills and resolutions, except constitutional amendments and study resolutions, must be reported out of committee in house of origin (H/SR 509) Deadline for introducing amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions (H/SR 402(3))
February 26 (Friday)	37 th	Crossover date for bills ³
March 1 and 2 (Monday and Tuesday)		Recess
March 3 (Wednesday)	38 th	Reconvene from crossover break
March 5 (Friday)	40 th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee in house of origin (H/SR 509)
March 10 (Wednesday)	43 rd	Crossover date for resolutions (JR 203(2))
March 26 (Friday)	55 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees (H/SR 329(4)) Good Friday ²
April 7 (Wednesday)	63 rd	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house (H/SR 509)
April 30 (Friday)	80 th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁴

¹Section 7 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03.1-02.

²In 2025, the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day and George Washington's Birthday. Generally, both the House and the Senate have been in session on Good Friday.

³Joint Rule 203(1) provides a bill, other than a delayed bill, may not be sent to the second house for concurrence after the 37th legislative day. In 2025, the House and Senate made crossover on the 34th legislative day, Tuesday, February 25.

⁴Section 7 of Article IV 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.