

2005 Legislative Deadlines¹

Date	Legislative Day	
December 6-8, 2004 (Mon.-Wed.)		Organizational session ²
December 9 (Thurs.)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 4 (Tues.)	1st	Session begins ²
January 10 (Mon.)	5th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date
January 17 (Mon.)	10th	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.
January 24 (Mon.)	15th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills
January 27 (Thurs.)	18th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 4 (Fri.)	23rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 16 (Wed.)	31st	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 18-22 (Fri.-Tues.)		Recess ⁴
February 21 (Mon.)		George Washington's Birthday ³
February 24 (Thurs.)	34th	Crossover date for bills ⁵
March 1 (Tues.)	37th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 4 (Fri.)	40th	Crossover date for resolutions
March 15 (Tues.)	47th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
March 25 (Fri.)	55th	Good Friday ³ . Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house.
April 25 (Mon.)	76th	The 2003 Legislative Assembly adjourned on the 76th legislative day (Friday, April 25, 2003)
April 29 (Fri.)	80th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁶

¹Based on rules of the 59th Legislative Assembly, and a legislative recess on Thursday, February 3, 2005.

²Article IV, Section 7, Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03.1-02. On June 3, 2003, the Legislative Council selected Monday, December 6, 2004, as the date of convening of the organizational session.

³In 1999, 2001, and 2003 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's Birthday, and on Good Friday.

⁴On February 2, 2005, the Senate suspended Joint Rule 702 and retained the previously scheduled break after crossover on February 21-22. Neither house was in session on Friday, February 18, 2005.

⁵In 2005 the House and Senate made crossover on the 32nd legislative day.

⁶Article 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.