

## 2021 Legislative Deadlines<sup>1</sup>

Date	Legislative Day	
December 7-9, 2020 (Monday through Wednesday)		Organizational session <sup>2</sup>
December 10 (Thursday)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 5 (Tuesday)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Session begins <sup>2</sup> (State of the State Address <sup>3</sup> )
January 11 (Monday)	5 <sup>th</sup>	No more than five bills may be introduced by each Representative after this date
January 18 (Monday)	10 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Luther King Day. <sup>4</sup> 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 25 (Monday)	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Senators to introduce bills
January 28 (Thursday)	18 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 8 (Monday)	25 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 15 (Monday)	30 <sup>th</sup>	George Washington's Birthday <sup>4</sup>
February 23 (Tuesday)	36 <sup>th</sup>	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 (Friday)	39 <sup>th</sup>	Crossover date for bills <sup>5</sup>
March 1 and 2 (Monday and Tuesday)		Recess
March 3 (Wednesday)	40 <sup>th</sup>	Reconvene from crossover break
March 5 (Friday)	42 <sup>nd</sup>	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 10 (Wednesday)	45 <sup>th</sup>	Crossover date for resolutions
March 26 (Friday)	57 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
April 2 (Friday)	62 <sup>nd</sup>	Good Friday <sup>4</sup>
April 7 (Wednesday)	65 <sup>th</sup>	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 28 (Wednesday)	80 <sup>th</sup>	Session limited to 80 legislative days <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Based on rules of the 66<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly adopted on December 5, 2018.

<sup>2</sup>Section 7 of Article IV of the Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03.1-02.

<sup>3</sup>In 2019 the House and Senate scheduled the State of the Judiciary Address and the Tribal-State Relationship Message on the 1<sup>st</sup> legislative day.

<sup>4</sup>In 2019 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's Birthday, and Good Friday.

<sup>5</sup>In 2019 the House and Senate made crossover on the 33<sup>rd</sup> legislative day, Wednesday, February 20.

<sup>6</sup>Section 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.