

2021 Legislative Deadlines

Date	Legislative Day	
December 1-3, 2020 (Tuesday through Thursday)		Organizational session ¹
December 4 (Friday)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
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
January 18 (Monday)	8 th	Martin Luther King Day. ² 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)	13 th	Deadline for Senators to introduce bills
January 28 (Thursday)	16 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 8 (Monday)	23 rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
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. Deadline for introducing amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions.
February 24 (Wednesday)	35 th	Crossover date for bills ³
February 25 and 26 (Thursday and Friday), March 1 and 2 (Monday and Tuesday)		Recess
March 3 (Wednesday)	36 th	Reconvene from crossover break
March 9 (Tuesday)	40 th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 12 (Friday)	43 rd	Crossover date for resolutions
March 30 (Tuesday)	55 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
April 2 (Friday)		Good Friday ²
April 12 (Monday)	63 rd	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
May 5 (Wednesday)	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 2019 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's Birthday, and Good Friday.

³In 2019 the House and Senate made crossover on the 33rd legislative day, Wednesday, February 20.

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.