

March 8, 2011

2011 Legislative Deadlines¹

Date	Legislative Day	
December 6-8, 2010 (Monday through Wednesday)		Organizational session ²
December 9 (Thursday)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 4 (Tuesday)	1 st	Session begins ²
January 10 (Monday)	5 th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date
January 17 (Monday)	10 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.
January 25 (Tuesday)	15 th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills ¹
January 28 (Friday)	18 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 8 (Tuesday)	25 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 21 (Monday)		George Washington's Birthday ³
February 23 (Wednesday)	36 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 25-March 1 (Monday and Tuesday)		Recess
March 2 (Wednesday)	38 th	Crossover date for bills ^{1,4}
March 9 (Wednesday)	42 nd	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 14 (Monday)	45 th	Crossover date for resolutions
March 25 (Friday)	54 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
April 6 (Wednesday)	62 nd	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 22 (Friday)	74 th	Good Friday ³
May 2 (Monday)	80 th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁵

¹Based on rules of the 62nd Legislative Assembly adopted on December 8, 2010; temporary amendments to reflect no legislative floor session on Tuesday, January 18, 2011; the legislative recess Friday, February 25, to Wednesday, March 2, 2011; and no legislative floor session on Thursday, March 3, 2011.

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

³In 2009 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's Birthday, and Good Friday.

⁴In 2011 the House and Senate made crossover on the 37th legislative day, Thursday, February 24.

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. In 2009 the Legislative Assembly took a flood-related recess March 26 and 27 and March 30 and 31 and adjourned on the 79th legislative day (Monday, May 4, 2009).