

## 2003 Legislative Deadlines<sup>1</sup>

Date	Legislative Day	
December 2-4, 2002 (Mon.-Wed.)		Organizational session <sup>2</sup>
December 5 (Thurs.)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 7 (Tues.)	1st	Session begins <sup>2</sup>
January 13 (Mon.)	5th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date
January 20 (Mon.)	10th	Martin Luther King Day <sup>3</sup> . Deadline for representatives to introduce bills. No more than three bills may be introduced by each senator after this date.
January 27 (Mon.)	15th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills
January 30 (Thurs.)	18th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 6 (Thurs.)	23rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 17 (Mon.)	30th	George Washington's Birthday <sup>3</sup>
February 18 (Tues.)	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 21-25		Recess
February 26 (Wed.)	34th	Crossover date for bills <sup>4</sup>
March 3 (Mon.)	37th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 6 (Thurs.)	40th	Crossover date for resolutions
March 17 (Mon.)	47th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
March 27 (Thurs.)	55th	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 18 (Fri.)	71st	Good Friday <sup>3</sup>
April 28 (Mon.)	77th	The 2001 Legislative Assembly adjourned on the 77th legislative day
May 1 (Thurs.)	80th	Session limited to 80 legislative days <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Based on rules of the 58th Legislative Assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Article IV, Section 7, Constitution of North Dakota. North Dakota Century Code Sections 54-03-02 and 54-03.1-02. On June 25, 2002, the Legislative Council selected Monday, December 2, 2002, as the date of convening of the organizational session.

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

<sup>4</sup> The House and Senate made crossover on the 33rd legislative day, Thursday, February 20.

<sup>5</sup> Article 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.