

May 5, 2009

2009 Legislative Deadlines¹

Date	Legislative Day	
December 1-3, 2008 (Mon.-Wed.)		Organizational session ²
December 4 (Thurs.)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 6 (Tues.)	1 st	Session begins ²
January 12 (Mon.)	5 th	No more than five bills may be introduced by each representative after this date
January 19 (Mon.)	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 26 (Mon.)	15 th	Deadline for senators to introduce bills
January 29 (Thurs.)	18 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 5 (Thurs.)	23 rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 16 (Mon.)		George Washington's Birthday ³
February 17 (Tues.)	31 st	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 20-24 (Fri.-Tues.)		Recess
February 25 (Wed.)	34 th	Crossover date for bills ⁴
March 2 (Mon.)	37 th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 5 (Thurs.)	40 th	Crossover date for resolutions
March 16 (Mon.)	47 th	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
March 26-27, 30-31 (Thurs.-Fri., Mon-Tues.)		Recess
April 1 (Wed.)	55 th	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 10 (Fri.)	62 nd	Good Friday ³
May 4 (Mon.)	79 th	The 2009 Legislative Assembly adjourned on the 79 th legislative day
May 5 (Tues.)	80 th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁵

¹Based on rules of the 61st Legislative Assembly adopted on December 3, 2008.

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

³In 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, and 2007 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day and on Good Friday. In 1999, 2001, 2003, and 2009 the House and Senate were in session on George Washington's Birthday.

⁴The House and Senate made crossover on the 33rd legislative day, Thursday, February 19.

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.