

2010 Bill Introduction Deadlines

Alabama

House: 25th Legislative day
Senate: 24th Legislative day

Alaska

House: No bill or resolution other than one sponsored by a standing committee may be introduced after the 35th day of the second regular session of the Legislature.
Senate: No bill or resolution other than one sponsored by a standing committee may be introduced after the 35th day of the second regular session of the Legislature.

House: No bill or resolution other than one sponsored by a standing committee may be introduced after the 35th day of the second regular session of the Legislature.

Arizona

House: February 8
Senate: February 1

Arkansas

House: No new bills may be introduced during the last three days of Session.
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California

Assembly: February 19
Senate: February 19

Colorado

House: Members may not introduce more than five bills in a regular session, excluding bills for appropriations. Of the five bills, three must be requested by December 1 (December 15 if the member is newly elected). Of these three bills, one must be prefiled five days prior to the commencement of Session and the other two must be introduced by the sixth day.
Senate: Members may not introduce more than five bills in a regular session, excluding bills for appropriations. Of the five bills, three must be requested by December 1 (December 15 if the

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Connecticut

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Delaware

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Florida

House: March 2
Senate: March 2

Georgia

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Hawaii

House: January 27
Senate: January 27

Idaho

House: 20th day of Session for members; 36th day for select committees
Senate: 12th day of Session for members; 36th day for select committees

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Illinois

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Indiana

House: 4th meeting day in January without consent of a two-thirds majority.
Senate: January 8

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Iowa

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Kansas

House: February 3 (members); February 5 (select committees)
Senate: February 3 (members); February 5 (select committees)

Kentucky

House: 38th Legislative day
Senate: 40th Legislative day

Louisiana

House: April 20
Senate: April 20

Maine

House: February 4
Senate: February 4

Maryland

House: 31st Legislative day. Bills introduced after this date are referred to Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.
Senate: 24th Legislative day. Senate bills introduced after this date are referred to Rules Committee.

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Massachusetts

House: January 15, 2009 to ensure the bill receives a hearing
Senate: January 15, 2009 to ensure the bill receives a hearing

Michigan

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Minnesota

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Mississippi

House: January 18
Senate: January 18

Missouri

House: April 1
Senate: March 1

Montana

House: No Regular 2010 Session
Senate: No Regular 2010 Session

Nebraska

Legislature: 10th Legislative day

Nevada

Assembly: No Regular 2010 Session
Senate: No Regular 2010 Session

New Hampshire

House: January 6
Senate: A member must submit a request for drafting a bill or resolution to the Office of Legislative Services by 4pm November 6, 2009. The last day to sign-off legislation for the 2010 Session is 4pm December 9, 2009.

New Jersey

Assembly: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

New Mexico

House: February 3
Senate: February 3

New York

Assembly: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

North Carolina

House: May 19 (study committee bills); May 25 (budget bills); May 26 (local bills)
Senate: May 19 (study committee bills); May 25 (budget bills); May 26 (local bills)

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North Dakota

House: No Regular 2010 Session
Senate: No Regular 2010 Session

Ohio

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Oklahoma

House: January 14
Senate: January 14

Oregon

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Pennsylvania

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Rhode Island

House: February 25
Senate: February 25

South Carolina

House: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

South Dakota

House: February 3 (members); February 4 (committees)
Senate: February 3 (members); February 4 (committees)

Tennessee

House: Members may file unlimited bills until the 10th Legislative day. Members can file certain "private" bills after the 10th Legislative day, which will automatically go to the "Delayed bills Committee" for consideration.
Senate: After Thursday of the second week of each annual session, each member of the Senate shall be limited to nine general bill introductions until final adjournment of the General Assembly for that session or year.

Texas

House: No Regular 2010 Session
Senate: No Regular 2010 Session

Utah

House: 11th Legislative day
Senate: 11th Legislative day

Vermont

House: January 31 (members); March 31 (select committees)
Senate: No bill may be introduced unless it has previously been filed with the Legislative Council and approved for printing by the sponsor no less than 25 calendar days preceding the opening of Session or unless it is introduced by or with the consent of the Rules Committee.

Virginia

House: January 22
Senate: January 22

Washington

House: No bill shall be considered in either house unless the time of its introduction shall have been at least ten days before the final adjournment of the Legislature, unless the Legislature shall otherwise direct by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house.
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West Virginia

House: 41st day
Senate: 41st day

Wisconsin

Assembly: No deadline
Senate: No deadline

Wyoming

House: No bill, other than general appropriations bills, shall be introduced after noon of the 15th Legislative working day of Session, except by consent of two-thirds of the elected members of the House.
Senate: No bill, other than general appropriations bills, shall be introduced after noon of the 12th Legislative working day of Session, except by consent of two-thirds of the elected members of the Senate.



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