

2019 Legislative Deadlines¹

Date	Legislative Day	
December 3-5, 2018 (Monday through Wednesday)		Organizational session ²
December 6 (Thursday)		Deadline for executive agencies and Supreme Court to file bills with the Legislative Council
January 3 (Thursday)	1 st	Session begins ² (Tribal-State Relationship Message, State of the Judiciary, and State of the State Address)
January 4 (Friday) and January 7 (Monday)		No floor sessions, standing committees will meet
January 7 (Monday)		No more than five bills may be introduced by each Representative after 5:00 p.m. on this date
January 14 (Monday)	6 th	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 21 (Monday)	11 th	Martin Luther King Day. ³ Deadline for Senators to introduce bills.
January 24 (Thursday)	14 th	Deadline for introducing resolutions except amendments to the Constitution of North Dakota and study resolutions
February 4 (Monday)	21 st	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in house of origin to Appropriations Committees
February 18 (Monday)	31 st	George Washington's Birthday ³
February 19 (Tuesday)	32 nd	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 (Wednesday)	33 rd	Crossover date for bills ⁴
February 21 and 22 (Thursday and Friday), February 25 and 26 (Monday and Tuesday)		Recess
February 27 (Wednesday)	34 th	Reconvene from crossover break
March 5 (Tuesday)	38 th	Study resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments must be reported out of committee
March 8 (Friday)	41 st	Crossover date for resolutions
March 26 (Tuesday)	53 rd	Deadline for rereferrals of bills in second house to Appropriations Committees
April 5 (Friday)	61 st	Bills and resolutions must be reported out of committee in second house
April 19 (Friday)	71 st	Good Friday ³
May 2 (Thursday)	80 th	Session limited to 80 legislative days ⁵

¹Based on rules of the 66th Legislative Assembly adopted on December 5, 2018.

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

³In 2017 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day, George Washington's Birthday, and Good Friday. In 2019 the House and Senate were in session on Martin Luther King Day and George Washington's birthday.

⁴In 2019 the House and Senate made crossover on the 33rd legislative day, Wednesday, February 20, rather than the 35th legislative day.

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.