

## LEGISLATURES

**Table 3.15**  
**TIME LIMITS ON BILL INTRODUCTION**

<i>State</i>	<i>Time limit on introduction of bills</i>	<i>Procedures for granting exception to time limits</i>
Alabama .....	Senate: 24th day of regular session (a). House: no limit	Majority vote after consideration by Rules Committee.
Alaska .....	35th C day of 2nd regular session (b).	2/3 vote of membership (concurrent resolution).
Arizona .....	House: 29th day of regular session; 10th day of special session. Senate: 22nd day of regular session; 10th day of special session.	Permission of Rules Committee.
Arkansas .....	55th day of regular session (50th day for appropriations bills).	2/3 vote of membership of each house.
California .....	Deadlines may set during session.	Approval of Committee on Rules and 2/3 vote of membership.
Colorado .....	House: 22nd L day of regular session. Senate: 17th L day of regular session (c).	House, Senate Committees on Delayed Bills may extend deadline.
Connecticut .....	Depends on schedule set out by joint rules adopted for biennium (d).	2/3 vote of members present.
Delaware .....	House: no limit. Senate: no limit.	
Florida .....	House: noon 1st day of regular session; committee bills noon 14th day of regular session (c,e). Senate: noon 4th L day of regular session (c,f).	Committee on Rules and Calendar determines whether existence of emergency compels bill's consideration.
Georgia .....	House: 30th L day of regular session because of Senate ruling. Senate: 33rd L day of regular session.	House: unanimous vote. Senate: 2/3 vote of membership.
Hawaii .....	Actual dates established during session.	Majority vote of membership.
Idaho .....	House: 20th day of session (e); 36th day of session (g). Senate: 12th day of session (e); 36th day of session (g).	
Illinois .....	House: determined by speaker (c,e). Senate: determined by president.	House: rules governing limitations may not be suspended except for bills determined by a majority of members of the Rules Comm. to be an emergency bill, & appropriations bills implementing the budget.
Indiana .....	House: Jan. 24 1st regular session; Jan. 10 of 2nd regular session. Senate: Jan. 21 of 1st regular session; Jan. 13 of 2nd regular session.	Senate: rules may be suspended by affirmative vote of majority of members; suspensions approved by Rules Committee, adopted by majority of members present. House: 2/3 vote of membership. Senate: consent of Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee.
Iowa .....	House: Friday of 6th week of 1st regular session (e, h, i); Friday of 2nd week of 2nd regular session (e, h, i). Senate: Friday of 7th week of 1st regular session (e, h); Friday of 2nd week of 2nd regular session (e, h).	Constitutional majority.
Kansas .....	36th day of regular session for committees (j).	Resolution adopted by majority of members of either house may make specific exceptions to deadlines.
Kentucky .....	House: 38th L day of regular session. Senate: no introductions during last 20 L days of session.	Majority vote of membership of each house.
Louisiana .....	30th C day of odd-year session; 10th C day of even-year session.	2/3 vote of elected members of each house.
Maine .....	1st Wednesday in December of 1st regular session; deadlines for 2nd regular session established by Legislative Council.	Approval of majority of members of Legislative Council.
Maryland .....	No introductions during last 35 C days of regular session.	2/3 vote of elected members of each house.
Massachusetts .....	1st Wednesday in December even-numbered years, preceding regular session (k). 1st Wednesday in November odd-numbered years, preceding regular session (k).	2/3 vote of members present and voting.
Michigan .....	No limit.	
Minnesota .....	House: Actual date established during session (e, l). Senate: no limit.	2/3 vote of members.
Mississippi .....	No introductions after 21st day of session (c, m).	2/3 vote of members present and voting.
Missouri .....	60th L day of regular session (c).	Majority vote of elected members each house; governor's request for consideration of bill by special message.
Montana .....	General bills & resolutions: 10th L day; revenue bills: 17th L day; committee bills and resolutions: 36th L day; committee bills implementing provisions of a general appropriation act: 75th L day; committee revenue bills: 62nd L day; interim study resolutions: 75th L day (c, n).	2/3 vote of members.
Nebraska .....	10th L day of any session (c, o).	3/5 vote of elected membership for standing or special committees to introduce bills after 10th L day.
Nevada .....	15th C day of regular session (p).	Affirmative vote of majority of members elected.
New Hampshire .....	Actual dates established during session.	2/3 vote of members present.

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New Jersey .....	Assembly: No printing of bills after September 1 during 2nd session. Senate: no limit.	Majority vote of members.
New Mexico .....	28th C day of odd-year session (c, q); 13th C day of even-year session (c, q).	2/3 vote of membership of each house.
New York .....	Assembly: for unlimited introduction of bills, 1st Tuesday in March; for introduction of 10 or fewer bills, last Tuesday in March (r, s). Senate: 1st Tuesday in March (s, t).	Unanimous vote.
North Carolina .....	House: 1st Thursday in February of 1st biennial session (u). Senate: March 27 for local bills. May 1 for budget bills.	House: 2/3 of members present and voting. Senate: 2/3 vote of membership.
North Dakota .....	House: 10th L day (v). Senate: 15th L day (v); resolutions: 18th L day (w); bills requested by executive agency or Supreme Court: Dec. 10 prior to regular session.	2/3 vote or approval of majority of Committee on Delayed Bills.
Ohio .....	No limit.	
Oklahoma .....	January 30 for house of origin in 1st session (x);	2/3 vote of membership.
Oregon .....	House: 36th C day of session (y). Senate: 36th C day following election of Senate president (z).	2/3 vote of membership.
Pennsylvania .....	No limit (aa).	
Rhode Island .....	House: First Tuesday in February. Senate: February 5 for 1998.	House: 2/3 vote of members present. Senate: majority present and voting.
South Carolina .....	House: April 15 of regular session; May 1 for bills first introduced in Senate (c). Senate: May 1 of regular session for bills originating in House (c).	House: 2/3 vote of members present and voting. Senate: 2/3 vote of membership.
South Dakota .....	40-day session: 15th L day; committee bills and joint resolutions, 16th L day. 35-day session: 10th L day; committee bills and joint resolutions, 11th L day; bills introduced at request of department, board, commission or state agency: 1st L day (c, bb).	2/3 vote of membership.
Tennessee .....	House: general bills, 10th L day of regular session (cc). Senate: general bills, 10th L day or regular session; resolutions, 40th L day (cc).	Unanimous consent of Committee on Delayed Bills, or upon motion approved by 2/3 vote of members present.
Texas .....	60th C day of regular session (dd).	4/5 vote of members present and voting.
Utah .....	42nd day of regular session (c).	2/3 vote of members.
Vermont .....	House, individual introductions: 1st session, March 1; 2nd session, Feb. 1. Committees: 10 days after 1st Tue. in March (ee). Senate, individual and comm: 1st session, 53rd C day; 2nd session, sponsor requests bill drafting 25th C day before session (ff).	Approval by Rules Committee.
Virginia .....	Deadlines may be set during session.	
Washington .....	(Constitutional limit) No introductions during final 10 days of regular session (c, gg).	2/3 vote of elected members of each house.
West Virginia .....	House: 50th day of regular session (c). Senate: 41st day of regular session (c, f).	2/3 vote of members present.
Wisconsin .....	No limit.	
Wyoming .....	House: 15th L day of session. Senate: 12th L day of session (c).	2/3 vote of elected members of either house.

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Source: State legislative rule books and manuals. The information in this table was compiled in 1998.

Key:

C — Calendar

L — Legislative

(a) Not applicable to local bills, advertised or otherwise.

(b) Not applicable to bills sponsored by any joint committees.

(c) Not applicable to appropriations bills. In West Virginia, supplementary appropriations bills or budget bills.

(d) Not applicable to (1) bills providing for current government expenditures; (2) bills the presiding officers certify are of an emergency nature; (3) bills the governor requests because of emergency or necessity; and (4) the legislative commissioners' revisor's bills and omnibus validating act.

(e) Not applicable to standing committee bills.

(f) Not applicable to local bills and joint resolutions.

(g) Not applicable to House State Affairs, Appropriations, Education, Revenue and Taxation, or Ways and Means committees, nor to Senate State Affairs, Finance, or Judiciary and Rules committees.

(h) Unless written request for drafting bill has been filed before deadline.

(i) Not applicable to bills co-sponsored by majority and minority floor leaders.

(j) Not applicable to Senate Ways and Means; Federal and State Affairs and the select committees of either house; or House committees on Calendar and Printing, Appropriations and Taxation.

(k) Not applicable to messages from governor, reports required or authorized to be made to legislature, petitions filed or approved by voters of cities or towns (or by mayors and city councils) for enactment of special legislation and which do not affect the powers and duties of state departments, boards, or commissions.

(l) Not applicable to bills recommended by conference committee reports, Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, the Senate, or the governor.

(m) Not applicable to revenue, local and private bills.

(n) Not applicable to joint resolutions concerning administration.

(o) Not applicable to "A" bills and those introduced at the request of the governor.

(p) Requests submitted to legislative counsel for bill drafting. Does not apply to standing committees or to member who has requested bill drafting before 16th C day of session.

(q) Not applicable to bills to provide for current government expenses; bills referred to legislature by governor by special message setting forth emer-

gency necessitating legislation.

(r) Does not apply to bills introduced by Rules Committee, by message from the Senate, with consent of the speaker or by members elected at special election who take office on or after the first Tuesday of March.

(s) In no case may a bill be introduced on Fridays, unless submitted by governor or introduced by Rules Committee or by message from Senate.

(t) Bills recommended by state department or agency must be submitted to office of temporary president not later than March 1. Bills proposed by governor, attorney general, comptroller, Department of Education or office of court administration must be submitted to office of temporary president no later than first Tuesday in April.

(u) Not applicable to local and public bills or bills establishing districts for Congress or state or local entities.

(v) No member other than majority and minority leaders may introduce more than five bills in House after the 5th L day; three bills in Senate after 10th L day.

(w) Not applicable to resolutions proposing amendments to U.S. Constitution or directing legislative counsel to carry out a study (deadline, 34th L day).

(x) Final date for consideration on floor in house of origin during first session. Bills introduced after date are not placed on calendar for consideration until second session.

(y) Not applicable to measures approved by Committee on Legislative Rules and Reorganization or by speaker; appropriation or fiscal measures sponsored by Committees on Appropriations; true substitute measures sponsored by standing, special or joint committees; or measures drafted by legislative counsel.

(z) Not applicable to measures approved by Rules Committee, appropriation or fiscal measures sponsored by Committee on Ways and Means or measures requested for drafting by legislative counsel.

(aa) Resolutions fixing the last day for introduction of bills in the House are referred to the Rules Committee before consideration by the full House.

(bb) Not applicable to governor's bills.

(cc) Not applicable to certain local bills.

(dd) Not applicable to local bills, resolutions, emergency appropriations or all emergency matters submitted by governor in special messages to the legislature.

(ee) Not applicable to Appropriations or Ways and Means committees.

(ff) Not applicable to Appropriations or Finance committees.

(gg) Not applicable to substitute bills reported by standing committees for bills pending before such committees.