

**LEGISLATURES**

**Table 3.19**  
**BILL AND RESOLUTION INTRODUCTIONS AND ENACTMENTS:**  
**1998 AND 1999 REGULAR SESSIONS**

State or other jurisdiction	Duration of session**	Introductions		Enactments		Measures vetoed by governor	Length of session
		Bills	Resolutions	Bills	Resolutions		
Alabama	Jan. 1-April 27, 1998	1,698	551	577	426	0	30L
	Mar. 2-June 9, 1999	1,352	590	377	314	0	30L
Alaska	Jan. 12-May 13, 1998	356	68	142	43	8 (a)	122C
	Jan. 19-May 19, 1999	438	105	94	39	4 (a)	121C
Arizona*	Jan. 10-April 17, 1994	1,160	60	380	17	0	98C
	Jan. 9-April 13, 1995	957	70	300	23	8	95C
Arkansas	No regular session in 1998						
	Jan. 11-April 30, 1999	2,258	163	1,598	118	3	89C
California	Jan. 5-Sept. 1, 1998	2,118	231	1,083	180	351	132L
	Dec. 7, 1998 - Sept. 10, 1999	3,053	227	1,027	144	246	124L
Colorado	Jan. 7-May 6, 1998	620	132	353	95	16	120C
	Jan. 6-May 5, 1999	624	144	369	116	5	120C
Connecticut	Feb. 4-May 6, 1998	1,383	226	273	226	1	68L
	Jan. 6-June 9, 1999	3,799	286	307	286	1	110L
Delaware	Jan. 13-June 30, 1998	553	113	270	10	13	52L
	Jan. 12-June 30, 1999	682	82	259	11	1	54L
Florida	Mar. 3-May 1, 1998	2,565	200	536	187	17	60C
	Mar. 2-April 30, 1999	2,409	167	489	164	10	60C
Georgia	Jan. 12-Mar. 19, 1998	2,117	1,338	524	989	13	40L
	Jan. 12-Mar. 24, 1999	1,386	1,125	461	968	6	40L
Hawaii	Jan. 21-May 14, 1998	2,554	672	334	188	23	65L
	Jan. 20-May 4, 1999	3,397	851	349	225	45	60L
Idaho	Adjourned Mar. 20, 1998	710	74	438	41	10	71C
	Jan. 11-Mar. 19, 1999	666	88	401	52	4	68C
Illinois	Jan. 6-May 22, 1998	906	20	131	1	2	(c)
	Jan. 12-May 27, 1999	1,786	26	274	1	1	(c)
Indiana	Nov. 11, 1997-Feb. 27, 1998	888	24	179	2	0	(c)
	Nov. 11, 1998-April 29, 1999	1,504	50	34	6	11 (a)	(c)
Iowa	Jan. 12-April 22, 1998	980	9	225	2	16 (d)	101C
	Jan. 11-April 29, 1999	1,264	27	208	1	14 (d)	109C
Kansas	Jan. 12-May 26, 1998	760	40	203	14	1(d)	(c)
	Jan. 11-May 25, 1999	942	65	173	19	0(d)	68L
Kentucky	Jan. 6-April 15, 1998	1,369	364	552	312	4(d)	60L
	No regular session in 1999						
Louisiana	April 27-June 10, 1998	440	329	76	254	0	60L
	Mar. 29-June 21, 1999	3,397	756	1,425	647	0	59L
Maine*	Jan. 5-April 14, 1994	615	11	340	0	12 (a)	39L
	Dec. 7-June 30, 1995	1,586	33	607	2	1	70L
Maryland	Jan. 14-April 13, 1998	2,227	39	784	12	102	90C
	Jan. 13-April 12, 1999	2,049	35	705	13	125	90C
Massachusetts*	Jan. 8, 1992-Jan. 5, 1993	7,353	0	414	0	39 (a)	(c)
	Jan. 6, 1993-Jan. 4, 1994	7,667	0	498	0	53 (a)	(c)
Michigan	Jan. 14-Dec. 22, 1998	1,417	12	551	1	20	(e)
	Jan. 13-Dec. 10, 1999	2,133	27	276	0	4	87L
Minnesota	Jan. 20, 1998-April 9, 1998	3,051	4	157	4	15(d)	46L
	Jan. 5, 1999-May 17, 1998	4,760	70	250	3	18(d)	67L
Mississippi	Jan. 6-April 5, 1998	3,212	345	598	164	11	90C
	Jan. 5-April 7, 1999	3,011	342	596	212	12	93C
Missouri*	Jan. 5-May 13, 1994	1,256	45	180	3	6	129C
	Jan. 4-May 12, 1995	1,242	63	170	4	5	129C
Montana	No regular session in 1998						
	Jan. 4-April 21, 1999	1,212	69	589	59	4(a)	87L
Nebraska	Jan. 7-April 14, 1998	472	182	119	170	14(a)	60L
	Jan. 6-May 27, 1999	883	282	327	260	9(a)	89L
Nevada	No regular session in 1998						
	Feb. 1-May 31, 1999	1,263	195	646	147	4(a)	120C
New Hampshire	Jan. 7-Sept. 24, 1998	991	49	388	24	5	21L
	Jan. 6, 1999-Jan. 5, 2000	855	64	347	30	2	27L
New Jersey	Jan. 13, 1998-Jan. 7, 1999	5,866	776	155	8	60	(c)
	Jan. 12, 1999-Jan. 10, 2000	N.A.	N.A.	441	18	N.A.	(c)
New Mexico	Jan. 20-Feb. 19, 1998	883	39	145	7	27	30C
	Jan. 19-Mar. 20, 1999	1,655	54	449	6	150	60C
New York*	Jan. 6-July 30, 1992	17,667	3,731	846	3,731	51 (d)	151L
	Jan. 6-July 7, 1993	14,596	3,607	720	3,607	93 (d)	152L
North Carolina	May 11-Oct. 29, 1998	1,036	43	230	14	0	101L
	Jan. 27-July 21, 1999	2,664	63	462	22	0	103L

See footnotes at end of table.

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State or other jurisdiction	Duration of session*	Introductions		Enactments		Measures vetoed by governor	Length of session
		Bills	Resolutions	Bills	Resolutions		
North Dakota	No regular session in 1998 Jan. 5-April 17, 1999	937	140	562	108	7(a)	71L
Ohio (f)	(g) Jan. 4-Dec. 30, 1999	273 757	49 97	127 128	24 45	0 0(d)	(c) (c)
Oklahoma	Feb. 2-May 29, 1998 Jan. 5-May 28, 1997	673 807	17 26	185 223	6 5	16 9	69L 70L
Oregon	No regular session in 1998 Jan. 10-July 24, 1999	3,103	205	1,170	86	69	195C
Pennsylvania* (i)	Jan. 3, 1995-Nov. 26, 1996	4,764	640	377	464	1	(c)
Rhode Island*	Jan. 4-July 17, 1994 Jan. 3-Nov. 17, 1995	3,565 3,708	(j) (j)	959 445	490 522	38 24	85L 77L
South Carolina*	Jan. 9-June 27, 1996 Jan. 14-June 17, 1997	1,342 1,389	N.A. 775	314 257	N.A. 553	21 (a) 19 (a)	(c) 64L
South Dakota	Jan. 13-Mar. 16, 1998 Jan. 12-Mar. 23, 1999	572 556	12 14	297 260	3 2	7 7(a)	34L 39L
Tennessee	Jan. 13-May 30, 1998 Jan. 12-May 28, 1999	N.A. 3996(l)	N.A. 1,033	N.A. 1,078(l)	N.A.	3 2	(c) (c)
Texas	No regular session in 1998 Jan. 12-May 31, 1999	5,766	142	1,622	17	0	140C
Utah	Jan. 19-Mar. 4, 1998 Jan. 18-Mar. 3, 1999	691 640	63 44	425 384	38 27	7 5	45C 45C
Vermont	Jan. 8-June 13, 1998 Jan. 6-May 15, 1999	334 776	N.A. N.A.	105 72	130 166	0 0	(c) (c)
Virginia	Jan. 14-Mar. 17, 1998 Jan. 13-Feb. 27, 1999	2,150 1,954	795 782	902 1039	634 682	37 23	63L 46L
Washington	Jan. 12-Mar. 12, 1998 Jan. 11-April 25, 1999	1,500 2,402	58 70	348 400	6 14	69(d) 26(d)	60C 105C
West Virginia	Jan. 14-Mar. 21, 1998 Jan. 13-Mar. 22, 1999	1,881 1,756	160 124	343 306	46 115	16 11(a)	69C 69C
Wisconsin	Jan. 6, 1997-Jan. 4, 1999 Jan. 4, 1999-Jan. 1, 2001	1,521 929	213 124(k)	338 25(k)	78 5(k)	9(d) 3(k)(d)	727C 726C
Wyoming	Feb. 19-Mar. 12, 1998 Jan. 12-Mar. 3, 1999	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	N.A. N.A.	24L 36L
Puerto Rico*	Jan. 8-June 30, 1996 Jan. 13-June 30, 1997 Aug. 18-Nov. 18, 1997	524 2,205	1,468 1,651	238 212	602 678	4 4	65L 101C
U.S. Virgin Islands*	Jan. 9-Dec. 19, 1996 Jan. 13 -Nov. 18, 1997	169 178	30 9	67 60	23 6	26 7 (a)	20L 14C

Source: The Council of State Governments legislative survey, January 2000 except where noted by \* where data are from *The Book of the States, 1998-99*.

\*\* Actual adjournment dates are listed regardless of constitutional or statutory limitations. For more information on provisions, see Table 3.2, "Legislative Sessions: Legal Provisions."

Key:

C - Calendar day.

L - Legislative day (in some states, called a session or workday; definition may vary slightly; however, it general refers to any day on which either chamber of the legislature is in session.)

N.A. - Not available.

(a) Number of vetoes overridden: Alaska: 1998-4, 1999-2; Florida: 1998-2; Illinois: 1998-17, 1999-6; Kentucky: 1; Maine: 1994-1; Massachusetts: 1992-7, 1993-6; Minnesota: 1999-1; Montana: 1; Nebraska: 1998-8, 1999-9; Nevada: 1; North Dakota: 1999-1; South Carolina: 1996-11, 1997-8; South Dakota: 1999-1, 1997-1; Washington: 1996-1; West Virginia: 1999-7; U.S. Virgin Islands: 1997-3.

(b) Recessed for two weeks.

(c) Length of session: Illinois: 1998 Senate 43L and House 50L, 1999 Senate 54L and House 60L; Indiana: 1998 Senate 26L and House 29L, 1999 Senate 53L and House 55L; Kansas: 1998 Senate 67L and House 68L; Massachusetts: 1992 Senate 37L and House 144L, 1993 Senate 49L and House 150L; New Jersey: 1998 Senate 35L and Assembly 39L, 1999 Senate 29L and Assembly 33L; Ohio: 1998 Senate 255L and House 215L, 1999 Senate 129L and House 114L; Pennsylvania: Senate 136L and House 152L; South Carolina: 1996 Senate 67L and House 66L. Tennessee: 1998 Senate 37L and 38L, 1999 Senate 37L and House 38L. Vermont 1998: Senate 87L and House 83L, 1999 Senate 74L and House 75L.

(d) Line item or partial vetoes. Iowa - includes line item vetoes; Kansas 1998: 7 appropriations - line items, 1999: 1 appropriations line item. Kentucky - includes 2 line item vetoes in budget bill. Minnesota - includes 4 line item veto items in 1998, 12 line-item veto items in 1999. New York - includes line item vetoes in appropriation bills. North Dakota 1999: 1 line item veto; 2 line item vetoes. Ohio: 1999 - some line items in budget bills were vetoed. Oklahoma 1998: 2 line item vetoes, 1999: 1 line item veto. Washington 1998: includes 28 vetoes and 41 partial vetoes, 1999: includes 6 vetoes and 20 partial vetoes. Wisconsin 1997-1999 session: includes 1 veto and 8 partial vetoes, 1999-2001 session: includes 1 veto and 2 partial vetoes.

(e) 1998 Senate 77L and House 87L.

(f) Preliminary information.

(g) Senate: Jan. 6-Dec. 30, 1998, House: Jan. 6-Dec. 29, 1998.

(j) Bills and resolutions are not counted separately.

(k) Data as of December 1999.

(l) Tennessee 1999: bill introductions is the combined total of the Senate and House introductions, including companion bills and carry-overs from previous session. Tennessee enacted 539 public chapters in 1999. Each chapter has 1 House and 1 Senate bill.