

STATE LEGISLATURES

Table 3.19
BILL AND RESOLUTION INTRODUCTIONS AND ENACTMENTS:
2007 REGULAR SESSIONS

State or other jurisdiction	Duration of session**	Introductions		Enactments		Measures vetoed by governor	Length of session
		Bills	Resolutions*	Bills	Resolutions*		
Alabama	Mar. 6–June 7, 2007	1,476	887	296	641	8 (a)(c)	30L
Alaska	Jan. 16–May 16, 2007	449	71	66	38	0 (c)	121C
Arizona	Jan. 8–Jun. 20, 2007	1,434	114	297	21	22	164C
Arkansas	Jan. 8–May 1, 2007	2,817	194	1,755	127	8	88C
California	Dec. 4, 2006–Aug. 31, 2008 (d)	4,863 (d)	371 (d)	950 (d)	N.A.	10 (d)	165L (d)
Colorado	Jan. 10–May 4, 2007	646	126	475	113	8 (a)	120C
Connecticut	Jan. 3–June 6, 2007	3,936 (e)	358 (e)	266 (e)	N.A.	5	108L
Delaware	Jan. 9–June 30, 2007	462	24	181	10	1	46L
Florida	Mar. 6–May 4, 2007	2,241	224	319	147	18 (a)(c)	60C
Georgia	Jan. 8–Apr. 20, 2007	1,226	1,696	397	1,526	41(c)(f)	40L
Hawaii	Jan. 17–May 3, 2007	3,962	1,022	328	273	42 (a)	60L
Idaho	Jan. 8–Mar. 30, 2007	581	73	374	51	6 (a)(c)	82C
Illinois	Jan. 10–(g)	5,655	1,435	682	N.A.	50 (a)(c)	(g)
Indiana	Nov. 21, 2006–Apr. 29, 2007	1,420	213	231	145	4	103L
Iowa	Jan. 8–Apr. 29, 2007	2,800	109	219	4	3(c)	108C
Kansas	Jan. 8–May 22, 2007	996	38	202	15	3(a)(c)	90C
Kentucky	Jan. 2–Mar. 27, 2007	811	458	120	141	N.A.	58L
Louisiana	Apr. 30–June 28, 2007	1,308	792	500	712	14 (c)	45C
Maine	Dec. 6, 2006–June 21, 2007	1,931	44	643	42	1	62L
Maryland	Jan. 10–Apr. 9, 2007	2,480	15	652	2	146	90C
Massachusetts	Jan. 3, 2007–Dec. 31, 2007	N.A.	N.A.	230	3	N.A.	126C
Michigan	Jan. 10–Dec. 27, 2007 (h)	2,594	46	221	0	(c)	(b)
Minnesota	Jan. 3–May 21, 2007	4,915	0	150	0	12 (c)	75L
Mississippi	Jan. 2–Mar. 30, 2007	3,066	438	500	342	14 (c)	88C
Missouri	Jan. 3–May 30, 2007	2,002	66 (i)	133	1 (i)	1	80L
Montana	Jan. 3–Apr. 27, 2007	1,418	94 (j)	604	55 (j)	18	90L
Nebraska	Jan. 3–May 31, 2007	705 (k)	209	215	85	3(a)(c)	90L
Nevada	Feb. 5–June 5, 2007	1,208	110	554	110	7	120C
New Hampshire	Jan. 3–Sept. 5, 2007	1,150	13	382	7	3	(b)
New Jersey	Jan. 9, 2007–Jan. 7, 2008	1,427	180	351	16	13(c)	(b)
New Mexico	Jan. 16–Mar. 17, 2007	2,506	45	368	9	91 (c)	60C
New York	Jan. 3, 2007–year round	16,131	(l)	689	4,839	159	365C
North Carolina	Jan. 24–Aug. 2, 2007	3,531	114	551	68	1	191C
North Dakota	Jan. 9–Apr. 25, 2007	941	107	575	79	2 (c)	73C
Ohio	Jan. 2, 2007–(m)	687	64	45	9	0 (c)	(b)
Oklahoma	Feb. 5–May 25, 2007	1,130	124 (n)	185	69 (n)	5 (c)	64L
Oregon	Jan. 8–June 28, 2007	2,743 (p)	176	906	72	1 (c)	172C
Pennsylvania	Jan. 2, 2007–Dec. 31, 2008 (q)	3,658 (q)	892 (r)	82 (q)	(r)	0	335L (q)
Rhode Island	Jan. 2–Oct. 30, 2007	2,742	421	704	606	56 (a)	66C
South Carolina	Jan. 9–Aug. 3, 2007	1,292	869	142	713	42 (a)(s)	72L
South Dakota	Jan. 9–Mar. 26, 2007	531	35	299	15	6 (a)	35L
Tennessee	Jan. 9–Jun. 12, 2007	4,811	1,700	665	(x)	2	50L
Texas	Jan. 9–May 28, 2007	6,190	556	1,481	276	52 (c)	140C
Utah	Jan. 15–Feb. 28, 2007	685	48	392	31	0	45C
Vermont	Jan. 3–May 12, 2007	758	315	92	235	3	71C
Virginia	Jan. 10–Feb. 24, 2007	2,294	697	958	527	15 (a)(t)	46C
Washington	Jan. 8–April 22, 2007	2,591	109	522	18	0 (c)	105C
West Virginia	Jan. 11–Mar. 7, 2007	2,037	311	273	135	17 (c)	59C
Wisconsin	Jan. 3, 2007 (u)	857	159	29	52	0 (c)	(u)
Wyoming	Jan. 9–Mar. 14, 2007	500	14	222	1	3 (c)	47L
American Samoa (v)....	(w)	54	40	7	20	(c)	45L
Guam	Jan.–Dec. 2007	183	97	29	86	8 (a)	12L/64C

See footnotes at end of table.

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Source: The Council of State Governments' survey of legislative agencies, March 2008.

* Includes Joint and Concurrent resolutions.

** 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 generally refers to any day on which either chamber of the legislature is in session.)

N.A.—Not available.

(a) Number of vetoes overridden: Alabama—1; Colorado—1 partial veto; Connecticut—1; Florida—4; Guam—4; Hawaii—19; Idaho—1; Illinois—22; Kansas—1; Nebraska—1; Rhode Island—37; South Carolina—36, does not include line items; South Dakota—1; Virginia—3; West Virginia—5.

(b) Length of session: Colorado—State constitution limits legislative sessions to 120 days each year but may adjourn earlier. Michigan—Senate 132L and House 134L; New Hampshire—Senate 25L and House 21L; New Jersey—Senate 26L and Assembly 27L; Ohio—Senate 121L and House 128L;

(c) Line item or partial vetoes. Alabama—1 partial or line item veto; Alaska—1 partial or line item veto; American Samoa—1 partial or line item veto; Connecticut—1 partial or line item veto; Florida—2 line item vetoes; Georgia—31 partial or line item vetoes; Idaho—1 partial or line item veto; Illinois—32 partial or line item veto; Iowa—12 partial or line item vetoes; Kansas—3 partial or line item vetoes; Louisiana—10 line item vetoes; Michigan—8 line item vetoes; Minnesota—8 line item or partial vetoes; Mississippi—3; Nebraska—1 partial or line item veto; New Jersey—1 line item veto; New Mexico—5 partial or line item vetoes; North Dakota—1 partial or line item veto; Ohio—2 line item vetoes; Oregon—2 partial or line item vetoes; Texas—2 partial or line item vetoes; Washington—37 partial vetoes; Wisconsin—2 partial vetoes; Wyoming—1 partial or line item veto.

(d) California totals are not final. They have completed one half of a two-year session and these numbers only reflect action through February 2008.

(e) Connecticut—House bills introduced—2,434; Senate bills—1,502. House enactments—255; Senate enactments—11.

(f) In the veto message, agencies were instructed to 'disregard' 45 items.

(g) House adjourned Oct. 1, 2007—78 legislative days. Senate adjourned Sept. 18, 2007—96 legislative days.

(h) 2007 was the first year of a two-year session. These numbers reflect activity between January 10, 2007 and December 27, 2007.

(i) These are Joint Resolutions, Joint Resolutions amend the constitution.

(j) The 94 resolutions introduced and 55 resolutions passed were all joint resolutions. There were also 10 Senate Resolutions introduced, of which 8 passed, and there were 4 House Resolutions, of which 2 passed.

(k) Bill introduction total does not include appropriation bills (A-bills). 57 A-bills were introduced and 34 were enacted.

(l) There are no official statistics for resolution introductions.

(m) House adjournment: December 27, 2007; Senate adjournment: December 28, 2007.

(n) Introduced resolutions include: 51 Simple; 41 Concurrent and 32 Joint introduced. Adopted resolutions include: 2 Joint, signed by the Governor; 22 concurrences filed with the Secretary of State and 45 Simple filed with the Secretary of State.

(o) One became law without the signature of the Governor.

(p) One (1) bill was referred to the people for approval or rejection.

(q) Pennsylvania is a biennial legislature. The statistics reported are for the first year of the 2007-2008 biennium as of March 12, 2008. The House met on 115L days in 2007 and the Senate on 211L days in 2007. In 2008 the House-50 (scheduled to June 30) and the Senate has completed 15L through March 12, 2008 for a total of 335L to date.

(r) Pennsylvania does not track the number of resolutions that have been passed. In general, resolutions are chamber based and highlight a day or honor a person.

(s) South Carolina had 4 bills with line item vetoes: H3620: 2007-2008 Appropriations Bill, 237 line item vetoes with 222 overrides; H3621 Capital Reserve Bill, 6 line item vetoes with 6 overrides; H3471: Contingency Reserve Fund Revenues, 1 line item veto with 1 override; S656 Sale Tax, 2 line item vetoes with 2 overrides.

(t) The Governor did not veto any of the items in the Budget Bill. He did return 17 separate amendments to the bill, all of which were excepted by the General Assembly. In Virginia, the Governor has the option, in addition to signing or vetoing a bill, to return the bill to the General Assembly with proposed amendments that the Assembly either rejects or accepts.

(u) All action carries over to even year. These figures are through November 1, 2007.

(v) These totals are for the Senate only.

(w) Convened on January 8, 2007 and adjourned March 30, 2007. Convened again on July 9, 2007 and adjourned on October 5, 2007.

(x) Tennessee does not track the number of adopted resolutions.