



# 2021 Minnesota Legislative Calendar

*As of February 19, 2021*

## February

**Committees begin considering policy bills and hear some appropriation bills**

**February 26** – Economic and Budget Forecast

## March

### Early March

- Committees continue acting on policy bills
- Governor's State of the State address
- Governor's revised budget released based on the February budget forecast

### March 12

 – First Committee Deadline

- Policy bills must pass through all policy committees in one body

### March 19

 – Second Committee Deadline

- Committees must act favorably on bills that met first deadline in the other body

**March 22 & 26** – Possible House and Senate Budget Targets

**March 26** – Easter/Passover Break

**Most policy committees are finished meeting by this date**

\*When a committee in either house acts favorably on a bill after a deadline established in the concurrent resolution, the bill must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration in the Senate and to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration in the House of Representatives for disposition. Either rules committee, when reporting a bill referred to the committee under this rule, may waive application of the rule to subsequent actions on that bill by other committees.

\*\*The legislative process is fluid. Many of these are best estimates of the timing. Certain dates are specified and those are reflected.

## April

**April 6** – Legislature reconvenes following the Easter/Passover recess

**April 9** – Third Committee Deadline

- Committees must act favorably on major appropriation bills
- *Note: Deadlines do not apply to the House committees on Capital Investment, Ways and Means, Taxes or Rules and Legislative Administration, nor to the Senate committees on Capital Investment, Finance, Taxes or Rules and Administration*

- The majority of the House and Senate Committee work has been completed

**Mid and Late April** – Legislature begins deliberation of appropriation and tax bills

- House and Senate long daily floor sessions

- Establish conference committees to discuss appropriation bills

**Late April into May** – House and Senate begin work on passing policy bills to the Governor for his signature

## May

### Early May

- Conference committees continue to meet on appropriation bills

**May 17 (midnight)** – Constitutional Adjournment date

## June

**June 16** – Governor Walz emergency powers expire requiring special session to extend

**June 30** – End of fiscal year 2021

- Constitution requires legislature and Governor approve operating budget for FY2022-23

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