



Department of Legislative Services
General Assembly of Maryland
Dates of Interest
2008 SESSION

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- January 9** GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES (*noon, Wednesday*)
- 16** Final date for Governor to introduce budget bill
- 18** 10th Day — Final date for submission of Executive Orders reorganizing the Executive Branch of State Government; either Chamber may disapprove by resolution within 50 days
- Administration bills introduced in the Senate after this date referred to Senate Rules Committee
- 22** 14th Day — **SENATE AND HOUSE BILL REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE**
- 23** Governor delivers the State of the State Address (*noon*)
- 28** 20th Day — Final date for Governor to introduce capital budget bill

- February 1** 24th Day — **SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**
Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee
- 7** Day before House Bill Introduction Date; “Hopper” will close at 5:00 P.M.
- 8** 31st Day — **HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE**
House bills introduced after this date referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
- 17** 40th Day — “Green Bag” appointments submitted by Governor (*Delivered on Friday, February 15*)

- March 3** 55th Day — Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- 18** 70th Day — Committee Reporting Courtesy Date
Each Chamber’s committees to report their own bills by this date
- 24** 76th Day — Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date
Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably
- Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees (Senate Rule 32(c), House Courtesy Date)
- 31** 83rd Day — Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers

- April 7** 90th Day — **ADJOURNMENT “SINE DIE” (Monday)**

- May 7** Final date for an extended session (*Wednesday*)

POST-SESSION

- April 27** 20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentment of bills to Governor
- May 27** 30th Day after presentment — Governor to sign/veto bills by this date
- June 1** Other than emergency bills, earliest date for bills to take effect
- July 1** Budget, tax, and revenue bills to take effect
- October 1** Usual effective date for bills

HOLIDAYS AND OTHER OBSERVANCES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 1 New Year’s Day* 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day* February 12 Lincoln’s Birthday 18 Presidents’ Day* 22 Washington’s Birthday | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 21 Good Friday 23 Easter 25 Maryland Day April 20 Passover May 26 Memorial Day* |
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*State Holiday

