



Department of Legislative Services  
**General Assembly of Maryland**  
**Dates of Interest**  
**2009 SESSION**

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- January 14** GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES (*noon, Wednesday*)
- 21** Final date for Governor to introduce budget bill
- 23** 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
- 27** 14th Day — SENATE AND HOUSE BILL REQUEST GUARANTEE DATE
- 29** Governor delivers the State of the State Address (*noon*)
  
- February 2** 20th Day — Final date for Governor to introduce capital budget bill
- 6** 24th Day — SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE
- Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee
- 12** Day before House Bill Introduction Date; “Hopper” will close at 5:00 P.M.
- 13** 31st Day — HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE
- House bills introduced after this date referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
- 22** 40th Day — “Green Bag” appointments submitted by Governor (*Delivered on Friday, February 20*)
  
- March 9** 55th Day — Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- 24** 70th Day — Committee Reporting Courtesy Date
- Each Chamber’s committees to report their own bills by this date
- 30** 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)

- April 6** 83rd Day — Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers
- April 13** 90th Day — ADJOURNMENT “SINE DIE” (*Monday*)
  
- May 13** Final date for an extended session (*Wednesday*)

**POST-SESSION**

- May 3** 20th Day after adjournment — Final date for presentment of bills to Governor
- June 2** 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"> <li><b>January 1</b> New Year’s Day*</li> <li><b>19</b> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*</li> <li><b>February 12</b> Lincoln’s Birthday</li> <li><b>16</b> Presidents’ Day*</li> <li><b>22</b> Washington’s Birthday</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>March 25</b> Maryland Day</li> <li><b>April 9</b> Passover</li> <li><b>10</b> Good Friday</li> <li><b>12</b> Easter</li> <li><b>May 25</b> Memorial Day*</li> </ul> |
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\*State Holiday