

Legislature convenes, welcomes new members

Twenty-five members were sworn into office Jan. 8 as the 109th Nebraska Legislature convened for its 90-day first session. That number comprises six re-elected members and 19 newly elected senators — including two who had been appointed and one nonincumbent who is returning after previously serving in the Legislature.

Sen. John Arch of La Vista was re-elected as speaker of the Legislature. Among other duties, the speaker prepares the Legislature's daily agenda and serves as its presiding officer in the absence of the lieutenant governor.

Arch, who was unopposed, told lawmakers he would “continue to be fair and respectful of every member’s opinions and do my best to cultivate an environment that supports solution-driven debate and allows us to properly represent the citizens of this great state.”

Four lawmakers were elevated to leadership positions for the first time as senators elected chairpersons of the Legislature’s 14 standing committees.

They voted 31-18 to elect Omaha Sen. Kathleen Kauth over Sen. John Cavanaugh of Omaha to serve as chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee.

Gering Sen. Brian Hardin prevailed over Sen. Merv Riepe of Ralston, by a 28-21 vote, to become chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

Lawmakers chose Lincoln Sen. Beau Ballard to serve as chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. He edged out Sen. Danielle Conrad of Lincoln on a vote of 25-24.

Elkhorn Sen. R. Brad von Gillern defeated Sen. George Dungan of Lincoln to lead the Revenue Committee on a



Sen. John Arch takes the oath as speaker of the Legislature after his re-election to the position on the first day of the 2025 legislative session.

29-15 vote.

The former chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee, Blair Sen. Ben Hansen, was unopposed in his bid to serve as chairperson of the Executive Board, which oversees legislative services and employees.

Also elected as chairpersons in uncontested races were: Niobrara Sen. Barry DeKay to the Agriculture Committee; North Platte Sen. Mike Jacobson to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; Sen. Rick Holdcroft of Bel-

levue to the General Affairs Committee; Bellevue Sen. Rita Sanders to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; Sen. Carolyn Bosh of Lincoln to the Judiciary Committee; and Plymouth Sen. Tom Brandt to the Natural Resources Committee.

Sen. Dave Murman of Glenvil was re-elected chairperson of the Education Committee, defeating Seward Sen. Jana Hughes on a vote of 29-20.

The chairpersons of three other committees also remain the same as last year, with the following lawmakers re-elected in uncontested races: Sen. Robert Clements of Elmwood to the Appropriations Committee; Columbus Sen. Mike Moser to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee; and Sen. Terrell McKinney of Omaha to the Urban Affairs Committee.

Lawmakers this session will create a two-year state budget while facing a projected \$433 million revenue shortfall by the end of the biennium. They also are expected to focus on tax policy and education funding reform.

Senators may introduce bills for the first 10 legislative days, or through Jan. 22. The 2025 session is tentatively scheduled to end June 9. ■

NEW BILLS

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB1	Executive Board	Eliminate an incorrect reference in provisions of the medical cannabis initiative petition language adopted by the voters
LB2	Executive Board	Repeal provisions that have terminated related to an advisory group, funds, a pilot study, emergency assistance, and a task force
LB3	Lippincott	Change provisions relating to selection of presidential electors
LB4	Bosn	Adopt the Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act
LB5	Bosn	Provide immunity for administration of naloxone or other federally approved opioid antagonists
LB6	Bosn	Provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death
LB7	DeKay	Change provisions relating to real estate and the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act
LB8	Dungan	Change provisions relating to the tax credits under the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act
LB9	Hughes	Change provisions relating to cigarette taxes and the Tobacco Products Tax Act and provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues
LB10	Hughes	Change requirements relating to wholesale drug distributors and dispensing of certain prescription drugs
LB11	Hughes	Appropriate funds for the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act
LB12	Dungan	Change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child
LB13	M. Cavanaugh	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment relating to child care
LB14	M. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act
LB15	Dungan	State intent regarding appropriations for interpreter services for the Supreme Court
LB16	J. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Nebraska Consumable Help Control Act
LB17	J. Cavanaugh	Prohibit certain fees by residential landlords and require notices and disclosures of consumer reports
LB18	J. Cavanaugh	Require certain determinations prior to utility pole installations under the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act
LB19	J. Cavanaugh	Change provisions relating to elections for cities of the metropolitan class
LB20	J. Cavanaugh	Require interconnection for electricity distribution between local distribution systems and agricultural self-generation facilities
LB21	J. Cavanaugh	Adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act
LB22	Dungan	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for evidenced-based nurse home visiting services
LB23	J. Cavanaugh	Provide for grants for bike-sharing programs
LB24	J. Cavanaugh	Change provisions relating to probation and waiver of probation fees

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Bill	Introducer	One-line description
LB25	Ballard	Appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services for interoperable communication equipment
LB26	Ballard	Include certain hospital and health clinic employees within statutes protecting health care professionals from assault
LB27	Ballard	Change provisions of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act
LB28	Conrad	Provide for an income tax adjustment for tip income
LB29	Conrad	Create a review process for agency rules and regulations
LB30	Conrad	Provide for an income tax adjustment for income received from overtime compensation
LB31	Conrad	Require school policies relating to the use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school districts
LB32	Hunt	Change provisions relating to disclaimers on political advertisements
LB33	Hunt	Remove nonalcoholic beer from regulation under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB34	Hunt	Provide for year-round daylight saving time
LB35	Brandt	Change provisions relating to the requirements for certain exemptions for privately developed renewable energy generation facilities
LB36	Brandt	Provide for notification of certain regulations and permits to controlling entities by counties, cities, and villages under the Wellhead Protection Area Act
LB37	Jacobson	Adopt the Railroad Safety Act
LB38	Jacobson	Change provisions of the Geologists Regulation Act
LB39	Jacobson	Change provisions relating to the board of directors of a bank
LB40	Jacobson	Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act
LB41	Riepe	Change blood test requirements for pregnant women
LB42	Riepe	Provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities
LB43	DeKay	Change provisions relating to notice and certification requirements for electric generation facilities, transmission lines, and privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located near military installations
LB44	McKinney	Change limitations period for actions for postconviction relief
LB45	McKinney	Provide for grants for job programs for historically underserved youth
LB46	McKinney	Establish a Restaurant Meals Program under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
LB47	McKinney	Change provisions of the Business Innovation Act and the Small Business Assistance Act
LB48	McKinney	Establish a family resource and juvenile assessment pilot program
LB49	McKinney	Provide for a model ban and bar policy for school districts
LB50	DeKay	Change provisions relating to the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax
LB51	Ibach	Adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact
LB52	Ibach	Provide additional offenses for which notification to crime victims is required
LB53	M. Cavanaugh	Provide criminal and civil immunity for pregnancy outcomes
LB54	Dorn	State intent regarding appropriations for providers of developmental disability services
LB55	Dorn	State intent regarding appropriations for medicaid rates for mental health providers
LB56	Dorn	Require medical facilities and mortuaries to comply with requests for blood draws relating to certain deceased persons
LB57	Dorn	State intent regarding appropriations for medicaid assisted-living facilities
LB58	Sanders	Eliminate provisions relating to jeweler's liens
LB59	Sanders	Provide for the disbursement of funds of a natural resources district by electronic payment systems
LB60	Quick	Eliminate the restriction on selling a lottery ticket through a vending or dispensing device under the State Lottery Act
LB61	Storer	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a medicaid waiver amendment for memory care rates
LB62	Brandt	Appropriate funds for certain communications equipment
LB63	Brandt	Redefine terms relating to sports wagering under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act
LB64	Fredrickson	Change eligibility requirements for medicare supplement policies
LB65	DeBoer	Exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court costs and fees and change provisions of the Nebraska Juvenile Code
LB66	DeBoer	Adopt the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act
LB67	Raybould	Adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act
LB68	Raybould	Provide insurance and medicaid coverage for certain contraceptives

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LB69	Spivey	Change meeting requirements and provide duties for the Commission on African American Affairs
LB70	DeBoer	Provide for adoption by a second adult person and change provisions relating to adoptions
LB71	DeBoer	Change requirements for child care reimbursement rates
LB72	Hallstrom	Change provisions relating to controlled substance schedules under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
LB73	DeKay	Change number of hours of annual continuing education required for law enforcement officers
LB74	Hunt	Authorize certain expenditures under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act
LB75	Hunt	Change provisions of the Wage and Hour Act relating to tipped employees and provide for complaints, prohibited actions, and liquidated damages
LB76	Bostar	Change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act
LB77	Bostar	Adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act
LB78	Bostar	Adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act and change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax
LB79	Hallstrom	Provide for dismissal of certain civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles
LB80	Hallstrom	Adopt the Protection Orders Act
LB81	Hardin	Define a term and change tax credit provisions under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act
LR1	Arch	Recognize, honor, and thank Former President Carter for his service to the United States of America and the people of the world
LR2	DeKay	Congratulate Cade Wakeley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR3	DeKay	Congratulate the Stuart High School football team on winning the 2024 Class D-6 state championship
LR4	DeKay	Congratulate Caleb Erwin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout

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LB82	Rountree	Adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact
LB83	Rountree	Adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact
LB84	Rountree	Adopt the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact
LB85	DeBoer	Change requirements for collection of personal property of decedents' estates by affidavit
LB86	Dorn	Appropriate funds to the Department of Natural Resources
LB87	Dorn	Provide for a statewide support service provider program for deaf-blind persons
LB88	Dorn	Appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development
LB89	Kauth	Adopt the Stand With Women Act
LB90	Clements	Change provisions relating to improvement districts in cities of the first class
LB91	DeKay	Change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages
LB92	McKinney	Adopt the Residential Tenant Clean Slate Act
LB93	Dungan	Change provisions relating to discovery of information contained in electronic devices and to expert witnesses in criminal cases
LB94	McKinney	Adopt the Digital Skills Empowerment Act and change the use of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund
LB95	Fredrickson	Provide for a pilot program under the federal Child Care Subsidy program
LB96	Dungan	Require the Department of Health and Human Services to file certain 1115 waivers
LB97	Fredrickson	Change provisions relating to deferred judgments, the State Boat Act, the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act, the Nebraska Rules of the Road, the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act, the Motor Carrier Services Division Distributive Fund, and the State Treasurer
LB98	Moser	Redefine all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road
LB99	Spivey	Limit use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement
LB100	Spivey	Adopt the Business Innovation and Startup Act
LB101	Dungan	Provide a right to trial by jury under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
LB102	Spivey	Change requirements relating to the standard of need under the aid to dependent children program

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LB103	DeBoer	Change Nebraska Evidence Rules to prohibit questions relating to past sexual behavior or sexual assaults in pretrial proceedings
LB104	Raybould	Adopt the Family Home Visitation Act
LB105	Hughes	Change procedures for voting or election precincts for public power districts
LB106	Hughes	Change requirements for motor vehicle windows
LB107	M. Cavanaugh	Provide an income tax credit for renters and change provisions relating to a property tax credit
LB108	Jacobson	Change contributions provisions under the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act
LB109	Bostar	Prohibit certain provisions in insurance policies and health plans relating to clinician-administered drugs and change provisions relating to pharmacy benefit managers
LB110	Hughes	Provide requirements for pelvic examinations
LB111	Quick	Prohibit certain actions of insurers relating to repairing motor vehicles and nonoriginal equipment manufacturer parts
LB112	Quick	Change provisions relating to salvage branded certificates of title
LB113	Quick	Change provisions relating to licensees under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act
LB114	Moser	Change provisions relating to Department of Motor Vehicles fees
LB115	Ballard	Increase the income tax credit and change the qualification criteria under the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act
LB116	Ballard	Change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act
LB117	Holdcroft	Provide a sales and use tax exemption for electricity, natural gas, propane, and sewer utilities
LB118	Hardin	Change supervising authority for a pharmacist
LB119	Hardin	Provide requirements for the Rural Health Opportunity Program and provide tuition waivers
LB120	Hardin	Provide an exception regarding release of a digital image under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act
LB121	Hardin	Prohibit land disposal of solar panels and wind turbine blades and the component parts of solar panels and wind turbine blades
LB122	Meyer	Require display of the state and national motto in schools
LB123	Sanders	Change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions
LB124	Holdcroft	Change penalties for motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child
LB125	Hughes	Provide for regulation of products containing nicotine analogues and include alternative nicotine products under the Tobacco Products Tax Act
LB126	Holdcroft	Change provisions relating to redemption of bonds of political subdivisions
LB127	McKeon	Provide for damages for defendants who are found not guilty or whose cases are dismissed or overturned
LB128	McKeon	Change provisions relating to the investigation of railroad accidents
LB129	McKeon	Prohibit restrictions on the provision of certain energy services
LR5CA	M. Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions relating to marriage and marriage licenses
LR6CA	M. Cavanaugh	Constitutional amendment to recognize marriage of couples regardless of gender and race and strike language regarding gender
LR7CA	Dorn	Constitutional amendment to change legislative salaries to thirty thousand dollars annually
LR8	DeKay	Congratulate Aric Hall on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout
LR9	DeKay	Congratulate the Wausa High School one-act team on winning the 2024 Class D-1 state play production championship

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Meets: At the call of the chairperson — Room 2102

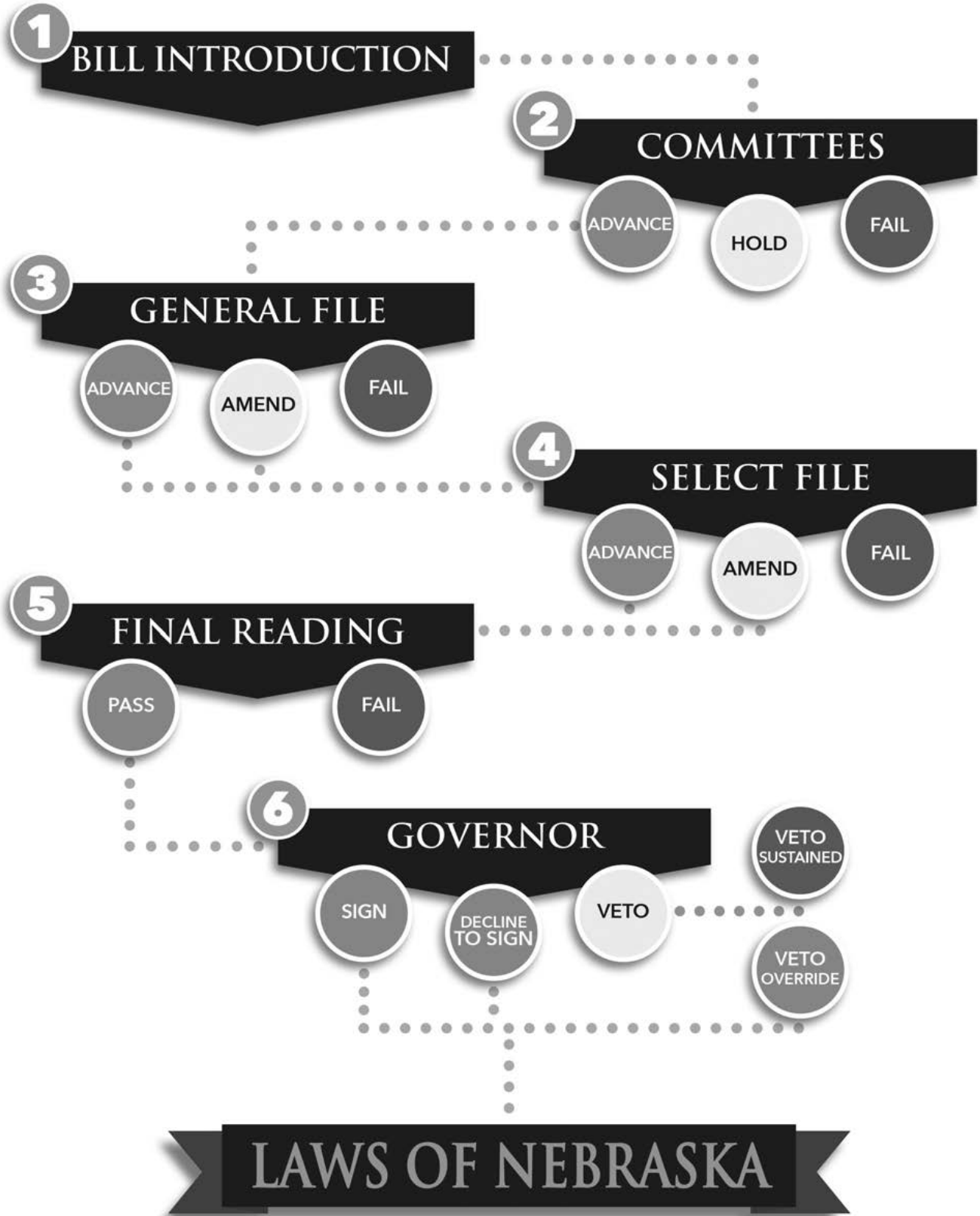


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Members: Sens. Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, J. Cavanaugh, Fredrickson, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Moser, Murman, Sanders and Spivey

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January						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 DAY 1	9 DAY 2	10 DAY 3	11
12	13 DAY 4	14 DAY 5	15 DAY 6	16 DAY 7	17 DAY 8	18
19	20 HOLIDAY	21 DAY 9	22 DAY 10	23 DAY 11	24 DAY 12	25
26	27 DAY 13	28 DAY 14	29 DAY 15	30 DAY 16	31 DAY 17	

February						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 DAY 18	4 DAY 19	5 DAY 20	6 DAY 21	7 DAY 22	8
9	10 DAY 23	11 DAY 24	12 DAY 25	13 DAY 26	14 RECESS	15
16	17 HOLIDAY	18 DAY 27	19 DAY 28	20 DAY 29	21 DAY 30	22
23	24 DAY 31	25 DAY 32	26 DAY 33	27 DAY 34	28 DAY 35	

March						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 DAY 36	4 DAY 37	5 DAY 38	6 DAY 39	7 RECESS	8
9	10 DAY 40	11 DAY 41	12 DAY 42	13 DAY 43	14 DAY 44	15
16	17 DAY 45	18 DAY 46	19 DAY 47	20 DAY 48	21 RECESS	22
23	24 RECESS	25 DAY 49	26 DAY 50	27 DAY 51	28 DAY 52	29
30	31 DAY 53					

April						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 DAY 54	2 DAY 55	3 DAY 56	4 RECESS	5
6	7 RECESS	8 DAY 57	9 DAY 58	10 DAY 59	11 DAY 60	12
13	14 DAY 61	15 DAY 62	16 DAY 63	17 DAY 64	18 RECESS	19
20	21 RECESS	22 DAY 65	23 DAY 66	24 DAY 67	25 DAY 68**	26
27	28 DAY 69	29 DAY 70	30 DAY 71			

May						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 DAY 72	2 RECESS	3
4	5 RECESS	6 DAY 73	7 DAY 74	8 DAY 75	9 DAY 76	10
11	12 DAY 77	13 DAY 78	14 DAY 79	15 DAY 80	16 RECESS	17
18	19 DAY 81	20 DAY 82	21 DAY 83	22 DAY 84	23 RECESS	24
25	26 HOLIDAY	27 DAY 85	28 DAY 86	29 DAY 87	30 DAY 88	31

June						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2 DAY 89	3 RECESS	4 RECESS	5 RECESS	6 RECESS	7
8	9 DAY 90	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Legislative Recess Days

February 14
 March 7, 21, 24
 April 4, 7, 18, 21
 May 2, 5, 16, 23
 June 3, 4, 5, 6

Federal & State Holidays

January 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 February 17 – Presidents' Day
 April 25 – Arbor Day**
 May 26 – Memorial Day

* The Speaker reserves the right to revise the session calendar.

** The Legislature will be in session on Friday, April 25, the Arbor Day Holiday. Any legislative employees who work that day will receive compensatory time for hours worked on the holiday.

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