



The 2010 California Legislative Year at a Glance

Anyone interested in tracking California legislation must pay close attention to the deadlines imposed by the Legislature. A bill that fails to advance past a deadline is considered a “dead bill” or a “two-year bill,” which means that the bill will be taken up in the second year of the Session, or in this case, 2010.

Bills must first make it through their “house of origin” (i.e. the house in which they were introduced) before they are sent to the other house for consideration. Fiscal bills, or bills that include an appropriation or stand to affect the state’s pocket book, must first be approved by a fiscal committee (a.k.a. the Appropriations Committee) before moving to the Floor for a vote. After a bill makes it through its house of origin, it is sent to the “other house,” where the same process is repeated.

As always, these dates are tentative and subject to change pursuant to rule waivers approved by the Legislature.

2010

January 1

Statutes take effect.

January 4

The Legislature reconvenes.

First Week in January

Governor’s State-of-the-State Address.

January 10

The Governor’s 2010-2011 State Budget proposal must be submitted to the Legislature.

January 15

Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills introduced in 2009

January 22

Last day for any committee to send 2009 bills that are in the same house they were introduced in

January 22

Last day for legislators to submit bill proposals to Legislative Counsel.

January 31

Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in 2009

February 19

Last day for legislators to introduce bills.

March 25

Spring Recess begins upon adjournment of Session.

April 5

Legislature reconvenes.

April 23

Last day for the Legislature's policy committees to consider "house of origin" fiscal bills and report them to the Appropriations Committees. Absent a rule waiver, only fiscal-impact bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year.

May 7

Last day for the Legislature's policy committees to consider "house of origin" non-fiscal bills and report them to the Floor. Absent a rule waiver, only non-fiscal bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year.

May 14

Last day for the Legislature's policy committees to convene prior to June 7. This break is intended to give the Legislature an opportunity to primarily focus on the State Budget.

May 28

Last day for Legislature's Appropriations Committees to consider "house of origin" fiscal-impact bills and report them to the Floor. Absent a rule waiver, only fiscal bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year.

June 1 – June 4

Senate and Assembly Floor Sessions only – No committees may meet for any purpose.

June 4

Last day for all “house of origin” bills to be approved by their respective houses. Absent a rule waiver, only those “house of origin” bills that are approved by their respective houses will continue to advance this legislative year.

June 7

Legislative committee hearings may resume.

June 15

By Midnight, California’s 2009-2010 budget bill must be approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor.

June 24

Last day for ballot measures to qualify for the Nov. 2nd General Election.

July 2

Last day for legislative policy committees to hear and report “other-house” bills. Absent a rule waiver, only those “other-house” bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year.

July 2

Summer recess begins upon adjournment of Floor Session, if the 2009-2010 budget bill has been enacted.

August 2

Legislature reconvenes.

August 13

Last day for Legislature’s Appropriations committees to consider “other-house” fiscal-impact bills and report them to the Floor. Absent a rule waiver, only “other-house” fiscal bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year.

August 16 – 31

Senate and Assembly Floor Sessions only. No legislative committees, other than conference committees, may meet.

August 20

Last day to amend bills on the Floor.

August 31

Last day for Senate and Assembly to pass “other-house” bills. Bills approved

by the Legislature on or before this date are sent to the Governor for consideration.

Interim Recess begins upon adjournment of Floor Session.

September 30

Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills approved by the Legislature on or before September 11 and in his possession on or after September 11.