



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

January 6, 2025 - Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Relating to: the session schedule for the 2025-2026 biennial session period.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution establishes a session schedule for the 2025-2026 biennial session of the legislature.

Proposed 2025-2026 Session Schedule at a Glance

January 6, 2025	2025 Inauguration
January 7 to 9, 2025	Floorperiod
January 13 to 15, 2025	Floorperiod
January 21 to 23, 2025	Floorperiod
February 18 to 20, 2025	Floorperiod
March 11 to 20, 2025	Floorperiod
April 15 to 24, 2025	Floorperiod
May 8, 2025	Bills sent to Governor
May 13 to 15, 2025	Floorperiod
June 3 to 30, 2025, OR budget passage	Floorperiod
August 7, 2025	Nonbudget Bills sent to Governor
August 7, 2025 (or later)	Budget Bill sent to Governor
September 2 to 11, 2025	Floorperiod
October 7 to 16, 2025	Floorperiod
November 11 to 20, 2025	Floorperiod
December 4, 2025	Bills sent to Governor
January 13 to 15, 2026	Floorperiod

January 20 to 22, 2026.....	Floorperiod
February 10 to 19, 2026.....	Floorperiod
March 17 to 19, 2026.....	Last general-business Floorperiod
April 2, 2026.....	Bills sent to Governor
April 14 to 16, 2026.....	Limited-business Floorperiod
April 23, 2026.....	Bills sent to Governor
May 12 and 13, 2026.....	Veto Review Floorperiod
May 27, 2026.....	Bills sent to Governor
March 20, 2026, to January 4, 2027.....	Interim, committee work
January 4, 2027.....	2027 Inauguration

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. 2025-2026 session schedule. (1) BIENNIAL SESSION PERIOD.

The legislature declares that the biennial session period of the 2025 Wisconsin Legislature began on Monday, January 6, 2025, and that the biennial session period ends at noon on Monday, January 4, 2027.

(2) BUDGET DEADLINE EXTENDED. The deadline of Tuesday, January 28, 2025, set by section 16.45 of the statutes for introduction of the executive budget bill or bills, submittal of the state budget report, and delivery of the governor’s budget message, is extended to February 20, 2025.

(3) SCHEDULED FLOORPERIODS AND COMMITTEE WORK PERIODS. (a) *Unreserved days.* Unless reserved under this subsection as a day to conduct an organizational meeting or to be part of a scheduled floorperiod of the legislature, every day of the biennial session period is designated as a day for committee activity and is available to extend a scheduled floorperiod, convene an extraordinary session, or take senate action on appointments as permitted by joint rule 81.

(b) *Inauguration.* Pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, the

inauguration of the members of the 2025 legislature, and the organizing for business of the 2 houses, commences at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.

(c) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

(d) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

(e) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

(f) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

(g) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 20, 2025.

(h) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

(i) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., the chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, April 24, 2025.

(j) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

(k) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Monday, June 30, 2025, but this

floorperiod may not be adjourned until the general fund executive budget bill has been passed by both houses.

(L) *Nonbudget bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., the chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all enrolled bills, except the general fund executive budget bill, originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, July 24, 2025.

(m) *Budget bill to governor.* No later than the later of Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., or 4:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday after the general fund executive budget bill is passed by both houses in identical form, the chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon any enrolled general fund executive budget bill originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session.

(n) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

(o) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

(p) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

(q) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 4:30 p.m., the chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been

passed by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, November 20, 2025.

(r) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

(s) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

(t) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

(u) *Last general-business floorperiod.* The last general-business floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 10 a.m., and ends on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

(v) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., the chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, March 19, 2026.

(w) *Limited-business floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 16, 2026, which is limited to matters allowed under joint rule 81m (2) and to considering resolutions offered for the purpose of extending the commendations, condolences, or congratulations of the legislature to a particular person, group, or organization, or of recognizing a particular event or occasion.

(x) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., the

chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, April 16, 2026.

(y) *Veto review floorperiod.* A floorperiod, limited to matters allowed under joint rule 82 (1m), commences on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

(z) *Bills to governor.* No later than Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., the chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

(4) INTERIM PERIOD OF COMMITTEE WORK. Upon the adjournment of the last general-business floorperiod, there shall be an interim period of committee work ending on Monday, January 4, 2027.

(5) SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS. (a) *Adjournment.* Except for consideration of executive vetoes or partial vetoes, a motion adopted in each house to adjourn a special or extraordinary session pursuant to this joint resolution shall constitute final adjournment of the special or extraordinary session.

(b) *Bills to governor.* No later than 4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday occurring 2 full weeks after the day a bill is passed by both houses in identical form after May 13, 2026, in special or extraordinary session, the chief clerk of the house in which it originated shall submit it to the governor for executive action thereon.

(c) *Veto review.* A special or extraordinary session shall reconvene upon a call of a majority of the members of the joint committee on legislative organization solely for the consideration of executive vetoes or partial vetoes if an enrolled bill passed by both houses during the special or extraordinary session was vetoed or partially vetoed.

(6) **END OF TERM.** The biennial term of the 2025 legislature ends on Monday, January 4, 2027. Pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, the inauguration of the members of the 2027 legislature will be on Monday, January 4, 2027.

SECTION 2. Notice of 2027 session organization. Notice is hereby given that the biennial session of the 2027 legislature will hold its first meeting, pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, on Monday, January 4, 2027, and that the meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

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