2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

January 5, 2015 – Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION.

1 Relating to: the session schedule for the 2015–2016 biennial session period.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution establishes a session schedule for the 2015–2016 biennial session of the legislature.

Proposed 2015–2016 Session Schedule at a Glance

January 5, 2015 ................................................................. 2015 Inauguration
January 7, 2015 ............................................................... Floorperiod
January 13, 2015 .............................................................. Floorperiod
January 20 to 29, 2015 ....................................................... Floorperiod
February 3 and 4, 2015 ...................................................... Floorperiod
February 10 to 12, 2015 ..................................................... Floorperiod
February 24 to March 5, 2015 .......................................... Floorperiod
March 12, 2015 ................................................................. Bills sent to Governor
March 17 to 19, 2015 ......................................................... Floorperiod
April 14 to 23, 2015 .......................................................... Floorperiod
May 5 to 14, 2015 ............................................................. Floorperiod
June 9 to 30, 2015, OR budget passage ................................. Floorperiod
    August 6, 2015 ............................................................. Nonbudget Bills sent to Governor
    August 6, 2015 (or later) ............................................... Budget Bill sent to Governor
September 15 to 24, 2015 ................................................. Floorperiod
October 20 to November 5, 2015 ...................................... Floorperiod
    December 10, 2015 ...................................................... Bills sent to Governor
January 12 to 21, 2016 ..................................................... Floorperiod
February 9 to 18, 2016 ...................................................... Floorperiod
Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. 2015-2016 session schedule. (1) Biennial session period. The legislature declares that the biennial session period of the 2015 Wisconsin legislature began on Monday, January 5, 2015, and that the biennial session period ends at noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

(1m) Budget deadline extended. The deadline of Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 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 Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

(2) 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 2015 legislature, and the organizing for business of the 2 houses, commences at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015.
(c) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 10 a.m., and ends on January 7, 2015.

(cm) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 10 a.m., and ends on January 13, 2015.

(d) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

(e) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 10 a.m., and ends on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

(f) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 12, 2015.

(g) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 5, 2015.

(h) **Bills to governor.** No later than Thursday, March 12, 2015, 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 5, 2013.

(i) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 19, 2015.

(j) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

(k) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

(L) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, but this floorperiod
may not be adjourned until the general fund executive budget bill has been passed
by both houses.

(m) Nonbudget bills to governor. No later than Thursday, August 6, 2015, 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 Friday, July 31, 2015.

(n) Budget bill to governor. No later than the later of Thursday, August 6, 2015,
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.

(o) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at
10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

(p) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 10
a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

(q) Bills to governor. No later than Thursday, December 10, 2015, 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 5, 2015.

(r) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 10
a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 21, 2016.
(s) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

(t) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

(u) **Last general-business floorperiod.** The last general-business floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

(v) **Bills to governor.** No later than Thursday, April 21, 2016, 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 7, 2016.

(w) **Limited-business floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 28, 2016, 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, May 5, 2016, 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 28, 2016.
(y) Veto review floorperiod. A floorperiod, limited to matters allowed under joint rule 82 (1m), commences on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

(z) Bills to governor. No later than Wednesday, June 1, 2016, 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 18, 2016.

(3) 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 Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

(4) 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 June 1, 2016, 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.
(5) **End of Term.** The biennial term of the 2015 legislature ends on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, the inauguration of the members of the 2017 legislature will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

**Section 2. Notice of 2017 session organization.** Notice is hereby given that the biennial session of the 2017 legislature will hold its first meeting, pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, and that the meeting will begin at 2 p.m.