January 3, 2017 – Introduced by Joint Committee on Legislative Organization.

1 Relating to: the session schedule for the 2017–2018 biennial session period.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution establishes a session schedule for the 2017–2018 biennial session of the legislature.

Proposed 2017-2018 Session Schedule at a Glance

January 3, 2017 ................................................. 2017 Inauguration
January 10, 2017 ................................................. Floorperiod
January 17 to 19, 2017 ........................................ Floorperiod
February 7 to 9, 2017 ........................................ Floorperiod
March 7 to 9, 2017 ........................................ Floorperiod
March 28 to April 6, 2017 .................................... Floorperiod
   April 20, 2017 .................................................... Bills sent to Governor
May 2 to 11, 2017 ........................................ Floorperiod
June 6 to 30, 2017, OR budget passage ......................... Floorperiod
   August 3, 2017 ........................................ Nonbudget Bills sent to Governor
   August 3, 2017 (or later) .................................. Budget Bill sent to Governor
September 12 to 21, 2017 ..................................... Floorperiod
October 10 to 12, 2017 ....................................... Floorperiod
October 31 to November 9, 2017 ............................... Floorperiod
   December 7, 2017 ........................................ Bills sent to Governor
January 16 to 25, 2018 ....................................... Floorperiod
February 13 to 22, 2018 ....................................... Floorperiod
March 13 to 22, 2018 ........................................ Last general-business Floorperiod
   April 12, 2018 ............................................. Bills sent to Governor
April 17 to 19, 2018 ................................. Limited-business Floorperiod
April 26, 2018 ................................. Bills sent to Governor
May 8 and 9, 2018 ................................. Veto Review Floorperiod
March 23, 2018, to January 7, 2019 ................................. Interim, committee work
May 23, 2018 ................................. Bills sent to Governor
January 7, 2019 ................................. 2019 Inauguration

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:

SECTION 1. 2017-2018 session schedule. (1) BIENNIAL SESSION PERIOD. The legislature declares that the biennial session period of the 2017 Wisconsin legislature began on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, and that the biennial session period ends at noon on Monday, January 7, 2019.

(2) BUDGET DEADLINE EXTENDED. The deadline of Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 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 8, 2017.

(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 2017 legislature, and the organizing for business of the 2 houses, commences at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

(c) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at 10 a.m., and ends on January 10, 2017.
(d) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 19, 2017.

(e) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at 10 a.m., and ends on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

(f) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

(g) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 6, 2017.

(h) **Bills to governor.** No later than Thursday, April 20, 2017, 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 6, 2017.

(i) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

(j) **Floorperiod.** A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Friday, June 30, 2017, but this floorperiod may not be adjourned until the general fund executive budget bill has been passed by both houses.

(k) **Nonbudget bills to governor.** No later than Thursday, August 3, 2017, 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 28, 2017.
(L) Budget bill to governor. No later than the later of Thursday, August 3, 2017, 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.

(m) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, September 21, 2017.

(n) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, October 12, 2017.

(o) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, October 31, 2017, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, November 9, 2017.

(p) Bills to governor. No later than Thursday, December 7, 2017, 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 9, 2017.

(q) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 25, 2018.

(r) Floorperiod. A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

(s) Last general-business floorperiod. The last general-business floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 22, 2018.
(t) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, April 12, 2018, 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 22, 2018.

(u) *Limited-business floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 19, 2018, 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.

(v) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, April 26, 2018, 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 19, 2018.

(w) *Veto review floorperiod.* A floorperiod, limited to matters allowed under joint rule 82 (1m), commences on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

(x) *Bills to governor.* No later than Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 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 9, 2018.
(4) **INTERIM PERIOD OF COMMITTEE WORK.** Upon the adjournment of the last general-business floor period, there shall be an interim period of committee work ending on Monday, January 7, 2019.

(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 9, 2018, 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 2017 legislature ends on Monday, January 7, 2019. Pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, the inauguration of the members of the 2019 legislature will be on Monday, January 7, 2019.

**SECTION 2. Notice of 2019 session organization.** Notice is hereby given that the biennial session of the 2019 legislature will hold its first meeting, pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, on Monday, January 7, 2019, and that the meeting will begin at 2 p.m.