



## 2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

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

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

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### *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*

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| 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, <b>OR</b> 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                      |

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| 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                 |

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***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

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

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

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

7 (e) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at  
8 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 (m) *Budget bill to governor.* No later than the later of Thursday, August 7,  
9 2025, at 4:30 p.m., or 4:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday after the general fund executive  
10 budget bill is passed by both houses in identical form, the chief clerk of each house  
11 shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon any enrolled general fund  
12 executive budget bill originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed  
13 by both houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session.

14 (n) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at  
15 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

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

18 (p) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at  
19 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

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

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

3 (r) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at  
4 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

5 (s) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at  
6 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

7 (t) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at  
8 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 19, 2026.

9 (u) *Last general-business floorperiod.* The last general-business floorperiod  
10 commences on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 10 a.m., and ends on Thursday, March  
11 19, 2026.

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

17 (w) *Limited-business floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April  
18 14, 2026, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 16,  
19 2026, which is limited to matters allowed under joint rule 81m (2) and to  
20 considering resolutions offered for the purpose of extending the commendations,  
21 condolences, or congratulations of the legislature to a particular person, group, or  
22 organization, or of recognizing a particular event or occasion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (b) *Bills to governor.* No later than 4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday occurring  
21 2 full weeks after the day a bill is passed by both houses in identical form after May  
22 13, 2026, in special or extraordinary session, the chief clerk of the house in which it  
23 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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