

# MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE



TRANSPORTATION  
FOR MASSACHUSETTS



The MA Legislative session lasts for 19 months. Follow the timeline below for an overview of session milestones. Visit [malegislature.gov](http://malegislature.gov) to learn more about the MA legislative process, or contact us at [info@t4ma.org](mailto:info@t4ma.org).



1ST YEAR OF SESSION

## Planning

### JANUARY - MARCH

Legislative session begins on the first Wednesday of January with the swearing in of members.



### Budget Proposal

#### JANUARY

The Governor files budget proposal with the legislature.



In the first 2 months, the Legislature files bills, establishes rules, assigns committee members, and begins hearings.

### Budget Proposal

#### APRIL

The House debates the House budget proposal.



### Budget Proposal

#### MAY

The Senate debates the Senate budget proposal.



## Legislation

### SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER

House and Senate debate and pass legislation.



## Legislature Recess

### AUGUST



### Fiscal Year Begins

#### JULY 1ST



### Final Budget

#### JUNE

The House and Senate agree on a compromise budget.



## Legislation

### JANUARY - JULY

Legislature formal sessions resume on January 3.

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## Formal Business Ends

### JULY 31

Informal sessions continue until the end of the year.

Elections are held in November.

2ND YEAR OF SESSION