

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION DATES



For the purposes of this table, a session's "length in days" is defined as the total number of calendar days from the convening date to the adjournment date, inclusive. It does not mean the actual number of days that the Legislature convened during that session.

Approved by the voters November 6, 1979, annual sessions convened pursuant to SHB 1126 and SSJR 110; 105 days in odd number years; 60 in even number years.

Legislative Session		Convened	Adjourned	Length	
68th	2023	R	Jan. 9, 2023	April 23, 2023	105
		SS	May 16, 2023	May 16, 2023	1
	2024	R	Jan. 8, 2024		
67th	2021	R	Jan. 11, 2021	April 25, 2021	105
	2022	R	Jan. 10, 2022	March 13, 2022	60
66th	2019	R	Jan. 14, 2019	April 28, 2019	105
	2020	R	Jan. 13, 2020	March 12, 2020	60
65th	2017	R	Jan. 9, 2017	April 23, 2017	105
		SS	April 24, 2017	May 23, 2017	30
		2nd SS	May 23, 2017	June 21, 2017	30
		3rd SS	June 21, 2017	July 20, 2017	30
	Total: 193** days				
	2018	R	Jan. 8, 2018	March 8, 2018	60
64th	2015	R	Jan. 12, 2015	April 24, 2015	103
		SS	April 29, 2015	May 28, 2015	30
		2nd SS	May 29, 2015	June 27, 2015	30
		3rd SS	June 28, 2015	July 10, 2015	13
	Total: 176 days				
	2016	R	Jan. 11, 2016	March 10, 2016	60
		SS	March 10, 2016	March 29, 2016	20
Total: 79** days					
63rd	2013	R	Jan. 14, 2013	April 28, 2013	105
		SS	May 13, 2013	June 11, 2013	30
		2nd SS	June 12, 2013	June 29, 2013	18
		3rd SS	Nov. 7, 2013	Nov. 9, 2013	3
	Total: 156 days				
	2014	R	Jan. 13, 2014	March 13, 2014	60

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62nd	2011	R	Jan. 10, 2011	April 22, 2011	103
		SS	April 26, 2011	May 25, 2011	30
		2nd SS	Nov. 28, 2011	Dec. 14, 2011	17
Total: 150 days					
61st	2012	R	Jan. 9, 2012	March 8, 2012	60
		SS	March 12, 2012	April 10, 2012	30
		2nd SS	April 11, 2012	April 11, 2012	1
Total: 91 days					
60th	2009	R	Jan. 12, 2009	April 26, 2009	105
		SS	March 15, 2010	April 13, 2010	30
	2010	R	Jan. 11, 2010	March 11, 2010	60
		2nd SS	Dec. 11, 2010	Dec. 11, 2010	1
Total: 91 days					
59th	2007	R	Jan. 8, 2007	April 22, 2007	105
		SS	Nov. 29, 2007	Nov. 29, 2007	1
Total: 106 days					
58th	2008	R	Jan. 14, 2008	March 13, 2008	60
		SS	Jan. 10, 2005	April 24, 2005	105
57th	2006	R	Jan. 9, 2006	March 8, 2006	59
		R	Jan. 13, 2003	April 27, 2003	105
		SS	May 12, 2003	June 10, 2003	30
		2nd SS	June 11, 2003	June 11, 2003	1
	2004	3rd SS	Dec. 5, 2003	Dec. 5, 2003	1
R		Jan. 12, 2004	March 11, 2004	60	
Total: 137 days					

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57th	2001	R	Jan. 8, 2001	April 22, 2001	105
		SS	April 25, 2001	May 24, 2001	30
		2nd SS	June 4, 2001	June 21, 2001	18
		3rd SS	July 16, 2001	July 25, 2001	10
	Total: 163 days				
2002	R	Jan. 14, 2002	March 14, 2002	60	
56th	1999	R	Jan. 11, 1999	April 25, 1999	105
		SS	May 17, 1999	May 19, 1999	3
	Total: 108 days				
	2000	R	Jan. 10, 2000	March 9, 2000	60
		SS	March 10, 2000	April 7, 2000	29
2nd SS		April 24, 2000	April 27, 2000	4	
Total: 93 days					
55th	1997	R	Jan. 13, 1997	April 27, 1997	105
		SS	Sep. 17, 1997	Sep. 17, 1997	1
	Total: 106 days				
1998	R	Jan. 12, 1998	March 12, 1998	60	
54th	1995	R	Jan. 9, 1995	April 23, 1995	105
		SS	April 24, 1995	May 23, 1995	30
		2nd SS	May 24, 1995	May 25, 1995	2
		3rd SS	Oct. 12, 1995	Oct. 14, 1995	3
	Total: 140 days				
1996	R	Jan. 8, 1996	March 7, 1996	60	
53rd	1993	R	Jan. 11, 1993	April 25, 1993	105
		SS	April 26, 1993	May 6, 1993	11
	Total: 116 days				
	1994	R	Jan. 10, 1994	March 10, 1994	60
		SS	March 11, 1994	March 14, 1994	4
Total: 64 days					
52nd	1991	R	Jan. 14, 1991	April 28, 1991	105
		SS	June 10, 1991	June 30, 1991	21
	Total: 126 days				
1992	R	Jan. 13, 1992	March 12, 1992	60	

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51st	1989	R	Jan. 9, 1989	April 23, 1989	105
		SS	April 24, 1989	May 10, 1989	17
		2nd SS	May 17, 1989	May 20, 1989	4
	Total: 126 days				
	1990	R	Jan. 8, 1990	March 8, 1990	60
SS		March 9, 1990	April 1, 1990	24	
2nd SS		June 5, 1990	June 5, 1990	1	
Total: 85 days					
50th	1987	R	Jan. 12, 1987	April 26, 1987	105
		SS	April 27, 1987	May 21, 1987	25
		2nd SS	Aug. 10, 1987	Aug. 10, 1987	1
		3rd SS	Oct. 10, 1987	Oct. 10, 1987	1
	Total: 132 days				
1988	R	Jan. 11, 1988	March 10, 1988	60	
	SS	March 11, 1988	March 12, 1988	2	
Total: 62 days					
49th	1985	R	Jan. 14, 1985	April 28, 1985	105
		SS	June 10, 1985	June 11, 1985	2
	Total: 107 days				
	1986	R	Jan. 13, 1986	March 12, 1986	59
		SS	Aug. 1, 1986	Aug. 1, 1986	1
Total: 60 days					
48th	1983	R	Jan. 10, 1983	April 24, 1983	105
		SS	April 25, 1983	May 24, 1983	30
		2nd SS	May 25, 1983	May 25, 1983	1
		3rd SS	Sep. 10, 1983	Sep. 10, 1983	1
	Total: 137 days				
1984	R	Jan. 9, 1984	March 8, 1984	60	

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47th	1981	R	Jan. 12, 1981	April 26, 1981	105
		SS	April 28, 1981	April 28, 1981	1
		2nd SS	Nov. 9, 1981	Dec. 2, 1981	24
	Total: 130 days				
	1982	R	Jan. 11, 1982	March 11, 1982	60
		SS	March 12, 1982	April 10, 1982	30
2nd SS		June 26, 1982	July 2, 1982	7	
Total: 97 days					
46th	1979	R	Jan. 8, 1979	March 8, 1979	60
		SS	March 21, 1979	May 12, 1979*	53
		House RC	May 14, 1979	May 18, 1979*	5
		Senate RC	May 15, 1979	May 15, 1979*	1
			May 18, 1979	May 18, 1979*	1
		House RC	May 21, 1979	May 25, 1979*	5
		Senate RC	May 21, 1979	May 21, 1979*	1
	May 24, 1979		May 25, 1979*	2	
	RC	May 29, 1979	June 1, 1979	4	
	Total: 132 days				
1980	R	Jan. 14, 1980	March 13, 1980	60	

45th	1977	R	Jan. 10, 1977	March 10, 1977	60
		SS	March 11, 1977	June 22, 1977	104
Total: 164 days					

44th	1975	R	Jan. 13, 1975	March 13, 1975	60
		SS	March 14, 1975	June 9, 1975	88
		2nd SS	July 18, 1975	July 20, 1975*	3
		RC	Aug. 9, 1975	Aug. 9, 1975*	1
		RC	Sep. 5, 1975	Sep. 6, 1975*	2
	Total: 154 days				
1976	RC	Jan. 12, 1976	March 26, 1976	75	

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43rd	1973	R	Jan. 8, 1973	March 8, 1973	60
		SS	March 9, 1973	April 15, 1973	38
		2nd SS	Sep. 8, 1973	Sep. 15, 1973	8
	1974	3rd SS	Jan. 14, 1974	Feb. 13, 1974*	31
		RC	April 15, 1974	April 24, 1974	10
Total: 147 days					
42nd	1971	R	Jan. 11, 1971	March 11, 1971	60
		SS	March 12, 1971	May 10, 1971	60
	1972	2nd SS	Jan. 10, 1972	Feb. 22, 1972	44
Total: 164 days					
41st	1969	R	Jan. 13, 1969	March 13, 1969	60
		SS	March 14, 1969	May 12, 1969	60
	1970	2nd SS	Jan. 12, 1970	Feb. 12, 1970	32
Total: 152 days					
40th	1967	R	Jan. 9, 1967	March 9, 1967	60
		SS	March 10, 1967	April 30, 1967	52
Total: 112 days					
39th	1965	R	Jan. 11, 1965	March 11, 1965	60
		SS	March 15, 1965	May 7, 1965	54
Total: 114 days					
38th	1963	R	Jan. 14, 1963	March 14, 1963	60
		SS	March 15, 1963	April 6, 1963	23
Total: 83 days					
37th	1961	R	Jan. 9, 1961	March 9, 1961	60
		SS	March 10, 1961	March 31, 1961	22
Total: 82 days					
36th	1959	R	Jan. 12, 1959	March 12, 1959	60
		SS	March 13, 1959	March 27, 1959	15
Total: 75 days					
35th	1957	R	Jan. 14, 1957	March 14, 1957	60

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* Pursuant to Article 2, section 11 of the state constitution, neither house may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other. Accordingly, both chambers regularly convene "pro forma" session to conform to this constitutional restriction. Administrative and ceremonial business is conducted during a pro forma session. Action requiring a vote of the membership is not taken and few members are generally in attendance.

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34th	1955	R	Jan. 10, 1955	March 10, 1955	60
		SS	March 11, 1955	March 24, 1955	14
	Total: 74 days				
33rd	1953	R	Jan. 12, 1953	March 12, 1953	60
		SS	March 13, 1953	March 21, 1953	9
	Total: 69 days				
32nd	1951	R	Jan. 8, 1951	March 8, 1951	60
		SS	March 27, 1951	April 5, 1951	10
		2nd SS	Aug. 24, 1951	Sep. 1, 1951	9
	Total: 79 days				
31st	1949	R	Jan. 10, 1949	March 10, 1949	60
	1950	SS	July 17, 1950	July 21, 1950	5
	Total: 65 days				
30th	1947	R	Jan. 13, 1947	March 13, 1947	60
29th	1945	R	Jan. 8, 1945	March 8, 1945	60
28th	1943	R	Jan. 11, 1943	March 11, 1943	60
	1944	SS	Feb. 28, 1944	March 4, 1944	6
	Total: 66 days				
27th	1941	R	Jan. 13, 1941	March 13, 1941	60
26th	1939	R	Jan. 9, 1939	March 9, 1939	60
25th	1937	R	Jan. 11, 1937	March 11, 1937	60
24th	1935	R	Jan. 14, 1935	March 14, 1935	60
23rd	1933	R	Jan. 9, 1933	March 9, 1933	60
		SS	Dec. 4, 1933	Jan. 12, 1934	40
	Total: 100 days				
22nd	1931	R	Jan. 12, 1931	March 12, 1931	60
21st	1929	R	Jan. 14, 1929	March 14, 1929	60
20th	1927	R	Jan. 10, 1927	March 10, 1927	60

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19th	1925	R	Jan. 12, 1925	Feb. 13, 1925	33
		SS	Nov. 9, 1925	Jan. 7, 1926	60
	Total: 93 days				
18th	1923	R	Jan. 8, 1923	March 8, 1923	60
17th	1921	R	Jan. 10, 1921	March 10, 1921	60
16th	1919	R	Jan. 13, 1919	March 13, 1919	60
	1920	SS	March 22, 1920	March 23, 1920	2
	Total: 62 days				
15th	1917	R	Jan. 8, 1917	March 8, 1917	60
14th	1915	R	Jan. 11, 1915	March 11, 1915	60
13th	1913	R	Jan. 13, 1913	March 13, 1913	60
12th	1911	R	Jan. 9, 1911	March 9, 1911	60
11th	1909	R	Jan. 11, 1909	March 11, 1909	60
		SS	June 23, 1909	Aug. 21, 1909	60
	Total: 120 days				
10th	1907	R	Jan. 14, 1907	March 14, 1907	60
9th	1905	R	Jan. 9, 1905	March 9, 1905	60
8th	1903	R	Jan. 12, 1903	March 12, 1903	60
7th	1901	R	Jan. 14, 1901	March 14, 1901	60
		SS	June 11, 1901	June 12, 1901	2
	Total: 62 days				
6th	1899	R	Jan. 9, 1899	March 9, 1899	60
5th	1897	R	Jan. 11, 1897	March 11, 1897	60
4th	1895	R	Jan. 14, 1895	March 14, 1895	60
3rd	1893	R	Jan. 9, 1893	March 9, 1893	60
2nd	1891	R	Jan. 7, 1891	March 7, 1891	60
1st	1889	R	Nov. 6, 1889	March 28, 1890	143
	1890	SS	Sep. 3, 1890	Sep. 11, 1890	9
	Total: 152 days				

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