

Legislative Dates for 2012-2013

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

General election for legislative and other offices held [Election Code, Sec. 41.002]

Monday, November 12, 2012

Prefiling of legislation for the 83rd Legislature begins [House Rule 8, Sec. 7, and Senate Rule 7.04(a)]

Regular Session Begins

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 (1st day)

83rd Legislature convenes at noon [Government Code, Sec. 301.001]

Friday, March 8, 2013 (60th day)

Deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor [House Rule 8, Sec. 8; Senate Rule 7.07(b); Senate Rule 10.01 subjects joint resolutions to the rules governing proceedings on bills]

Monday, April 15, 2013 (98th day)

First day that a senator may place five bills or resolutions on the Intent Calendar [Senate Rule 5.14(a)]

Monday, May 6, 2013 (119th day)

Last day for house committees to report house bills and house joint resolutions [relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 16(a), requiring 36-hour layout of daily calendars prior to consideration, and House Rule 8, Sec. 13(b), the deadline for consideration]

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 (120th day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Daily Calendar with house bills and joint resolutions [relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 16(a), requiring 36-hour layout of daily calendars prior to consideration]

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 (121st day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with consent house bills [relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 13, requiring 48-hour layout of local and consent calendars prior to consideration]

Thursday, May 9, 2013 (122nd day)

Last day for house to consider house bills and joint resolutions on second reading on Daily or Supplemental Calendar [House Rule 8, Sec. 13(b)]

Friday, May 10, 2013 (123rd day)

Last day for house to consider consent house bills on second and third reading and all third reading house bills or joint resolutions on Supplemental Calendar [House Rule 8, Sec. 13(b)]

Wednesday, May 15, 2013 (128th day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with local house bills [relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 13, requiring 48-hour layout of local and consent calendars prior to consideration]

Friday, May 17, 2013 (130th day)

Last day for house to consider *local* house bills on second and third reading [House Rule 8, Sec. 13(a)]

First day senate can consider bills and resolutions the first day they are posted on the Intent Calendar [Senate Rule 5.14(b)]

Saturday, May 18, 2013 (131st day)

Last day for house committees to report senate bills and senate joint resolutions [relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 16(a), requiring 36-hour layout of daily calendars prior to consideration, and House Rule 8, Sec. 13(c), the deadline for consideration]

Sunday, May 19, 2013 (132nd day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Daily Calendar with senate bills and joint resolutions [relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 16(a), requiring 36-hour layout of daily calendars prior to consideration]

Monday, May 20, 2013 (133rd day)

Deadline for house to distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with senate bills [relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 13, requiring 48-hour layout of local and consent calendars prior to consideration]

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (134th day)

Last day for house to consider senate bills and joint resolutions, other than local and consent, on second reading on Daily or Supplemental Calendar [House Rule 8, Sec. 13(c)]

Wednesday, May 22, 2013 (135th day)

Last day for house to consider local and consent senate bills on second and third reading and all senate bills or joint resolutions on third reading on Supplemental Calendar [House Rule 8, Sec. 13(c)]

Last day for senate to consider all bills and joint resolutions on second or third reading [Senate Rule 7.25; Senate Rule 10.01 subjects joint resolutions to the rules governing proceedings on bills]

Thursday, May 23, 2013 (136th day)

Midnight deadline for house to print and distribute senate amendments [relates to House Rule 13, Sec. 5(a), requiring 24-hour layout of senate amendments prior to consideration]

Friday, May 24, 2013 (137th day)

Last day for house to act on senate amendments [House Rule 8, Sec. 13(d)]

Midnight deadline for senate to print and distribute senate copies of conference committee reports on tax, general appropriations, and reapportionment bills [relates to Senate Rule 12.09(a), requiring 48-hour layout of certain conference committee reports in regular session]

(Friday, May 24, continued)

Last day for senate committees to report all bills and joint resolutions [relates to Senate Rule 7.24(b), but note that the 135th day (two days earlier) is the last day for third reading in the senate; practical deadline for senate committees is before the 135th day; Senate Rule 10.01 subjects joint resolutions to the rules governing proceedings on bills]

Saturday, May 25, 2013 (138th day)

Midnight deadline for house to distribute house copies of all conference committee reports [relates to House Rule 13, Sec. 10(a), requiring 24-hour layout of all conference committee reports]

Midnight deadline for senate to print and distribute Senate copies of all conference committee reports on bills other than those on tax, general appropriations, and reapportionment and all house amendments to senate bills and joint resolutions that did not go to a conference committee [relates to Senate Rule 12.09(b) and Senate Rule 7.21, requiring 24-hour layout of certain conference committee reports and house amendments to senate bills during the last 72 hours of a regular session; Senate Rule 10.01 subjects joint resolutions to the rules governing proceedings on bills]

Sunday, May 26, 2013 (139th day)

Last day for house to adopt conference committee reports or discharge House conferees and concur in Senate Amendments [House Rule 8, Sec. 13(e)]

Last day for senate to concur in house amendments or adopt conference committee reports [relates to Senate Rule 7.25, limiting a vote on the passage of any bill during the last 24 hours of the session to correct an error in the bill]

Monday, May 27, 2013 (140th day)

Last day of 83rd Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate [Sec. 24(b), Art. III, Texas Constitution]

Regular Session Ends

Sunday, June 16, 2013 (20th day following final adjournment of Regular Session)

Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular session [Section 14, Art. IV, Texas Constitution]

Monday, August 26, 2013 (91st day following final adjournment of Regular Session)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law [Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution]