

Massachusetts Legislative Calendar 2011-2012 Session

2010 November December 2011	Line up primary sponsors for BBA legislative package Bill filing begins for returning and newly elected legislators
January 5 <small>1st Wed. in Jan.</small>	General Court convenes; first annual session begins
January 12 <small>2nd Wed. in Jan. (first year of session)</small>	Bill filing deadline
January 26 <small>4th Wed. in Jan.</small>	Governor submits recommended annual budget to House of Representatives as House Bill No. 1
February ↓	Legislative hearings begin
April	House budget released House budget amendments due House budget debate
May 11 <small>2nd Wed. in May</small>	Ways and Means Committee must report out to the full House a recommended budget for a vote
April/May	Senate Ways and Means develops budget and releases to full Senate for vote
Mid-June	3 House members and 3 Senate members meet in Conference Committee to arrive at compromise language between the House and Senate budget versions; sent to Governor to sign or veto
July 1	Fiscal Year 2012 begins
November 16 <small>3rd Wed. in Nov.</small>	Formal business of first annual session concludes Any matter pending before the General Court at the end of the first annual session carries over into the second annual session in the same legislative status as it was at the conclusion of the first annual session.
Late November – December 31	During the first year of the legislative session, both House and Senate meet only in informal sessions.
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January 4 <small>1st Wed. in Jan.</small>	General Court convenes; second annual session begins
January 25 <small>4th Wed. in Jan.</small>	Governor submits recommended annual budget to House of Representatives as House Bill No. 2
March 21 <small>3rd Wed. in Mar. of second annual session</small>	All joint committees make final reports
May 9 <small>2nd Wed. in May</small>	Ways and Means Committee must report out to the full House a recommended budget for a vote
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June 20 3 rd Wed. in June (2 nd year of session)	Committees are required to report all bills
July 1	Fiscal Year 2013 begins
July 31 Last day of Jul.	Second annual session ends
August 1 – December 31	During the second year of the legislative session, both House and Senate meet only in informal sessions.