



2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

January 5, 2015 – Introduced by JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION.

1 **Relating to:** the session schedule for the 2015–2016 biennial session period.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This joint resolution establishes a session schedule for the 2015–2016 biennial session of the legislature.

Proposed 2015–2016 Session Schedule at a Glance

January 5, 2015	2015 Inauguration
January 7, 2015	Floorperiod
January 13, 2015	Floorperiod
January 20 to 29, 2015	Floorperiod
February 3 and 4, 2015	Floorperiod
February 10 to 12, 2015	Floorperiod
February 24 to March 5, 2015	Floorperiod
March 12, 2015	Bills sent to Governor
March 17 to 19, 2015	Floorperiod
April 14 to 23, 2015	Floorperiod
May 5 to 14, 2015	Floorperiod
June 9 to 30, 2015, OR budget passage	Floorperiod
August 6, 2015	Nonbudget Bills sent to Governor
August 6, 2015 (or later)	Budget Bill sent to Governor
September 15 to 24, 2015	Floorperiod
October 20 to November 5, 2015	Floorperiod
December 10, 2015	Bills sent to Governor
January 12 to 21, 2016	Floorperiod
February 9 to 18, 2016	Floorperiod

March 8 to 17, 2016	Floorperiod
April 5 to 7, 2016	Last general-business Floorperiod
April 21, 2016	Bills sent to Governor
April 26 to 28, 2016	Limited-business Floorperiod
May 5, 2016	Bills sent to Governor
May 17 and 18, 2016	Veto Review Floorperiod
April 8, 2016, to January 3, 2017	Interim, committee work
June 1, 2016	Bills sent to Governor
January 3, 2017	2017 Inauguration

1 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That:***

2 **SECTION 1. 2015-2016 session schedule.** (1) BIENNIAL SESSION PERIOD. The
3 legislature declares that the biennial session period of the 2015 Wisconsin
4 legislature began on Monday, January 5, 2015, and that the biennial session period
5 ends at noon on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

6 (1m) BUDGET DEADLINE EXTENDED. The deadline of Tuesday, January 27, 2015,
7 set by section 16.45 of the statutes for introduction of the executive budget bill or
8 bills, submittal of the state budget report, and delivery of the governor’s budget
9 message, is extended to Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

10 (2) SCHEDULED FLOORPERIODS AND COMMITTEE WORK PERIODS. (a) *Unreserved*
11 *days.* Unless reserved under this subsection as a day to conduct an organizational
12 meeting or to be part of a scheduled floorperiod of the legislature, every day of the
13 biennial session period is designated as a day for committee activity and is available
14 to extend a scheduled floorperiod, convene an extraordinary session, or take senate
15 action on appointments as permitted by joint rule 81.

16 (b) *Inauguration.* Pursuant to section 13.02 (1) of the statutes, the
17 inauguration of the members of the 2015 legislature, and the organizing for business
18 of the 2 houses, commences at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015.

1 (c) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at
2 10 a.m., and ends on January 7, 2015.

3 (cm) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at
4 10 a.m., and ends on January 13, 2015.

5 (d) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, at 10
6 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 29, 2015.

7 (e) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 10
8 a.m., and ends on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

9 (f) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 10
10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 12, 2015.

11 (g) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at
12 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 5, 2015.

13 (h) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 4:30 p.m., the
14 chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all
15 enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both
16 houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, March
17 5, 2013.

18 (i) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 10
19 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 19, 2015.

20 (j) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 10 a.m.,
21 and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 23, 2015.

22 (k) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 10 a.m.,
23 and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

24 (L) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 10 a.m.,
25 and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, but this floorperiod

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

3 (m) *Nonbudget bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, August 6, 2015, 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 Friday, July 31, 2015.

8 (n) *Budget bill to governor.* No later than the later of Thursday, August 6, 2015,
9 at 4:30 p.m., or 4:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday after the general fund executive budget
10 bill is passed by both houses in identical form, the chief clerk of each house shall
11 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 (o) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at
15 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, September 24, 2015.

16 (p) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at 10
17 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, November 5, 2015.

18 (q) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 4:30 p.m.,
19 the chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon
20 all enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both
21 houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday,
22 November 5, 2015.

23 (r) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 10
24 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, January 21, 2016.

1 (s) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 10
2 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, February 18, 2016.

3 (t) *Floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 10 a.m.,
4 and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

5 (u) *Last general-business floorperiod.* The last general-business floorperiod
6 commences on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends
7 on Thursday, April 7, 2016.

8 (v) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, April 21, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., the
9 chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all
10 enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both
11 houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, April 7,
12 2016.

13 (w) *Limited-business floorperiod.* A floorperiod commences on Tuesday, April
14 26, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned earlier, ends on Thursday, April 28, 2016,
15 which is limited to matters allowed under joint rule 81m (2) and to considering
16 resolutions offered for the purpose of extending the commendations, condolences, or
17 congratulations of the legislature to a particular person, group, or organization, or
18 of recognizing a particular event or occasion.

19 (x) *Bills to governor.* No later than Thursday, May 5, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., the chief
20 clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all
21 enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both
22 houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Thursday, April 28,
23 2016.

1 (y) *Veto review floorperiod.* A floorperiod, limited to matters allowed under joint
2 rule 82 (1m), commences on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 10 a.m., and, unless adjourned
3 earlier, ends on Wednesday, May 18, 2016.

4 (z) *Bills to governor.* No later than Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., the
5 chief clerk of each house shall submit to the governor for executive action thereon all
6 enrolled bills originating in the chief clerk's house and having been passed by both
7 houses, in regular, extraordinary, or special session, on or before Wednesday, May 18,
8 2016.

9 (3) INTERIM PERIOD OF COMMITTEE WORK. Upon the adjournment of the last
10 general-business floorperiod, there shall be an interim period of committee work
11 ending on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

12 (4) SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS. (a) *Adjournment.* Except for
13 consideration of executive vetoes or partial vetoes, a motion adopted in each house
14 to adjourn a special or extraordinary session pursuant to this joint resolution shall
15 constitute final adjournment of the special or extraordinary session.

16 (b) *Bills to governor.* No later than 4:30 p.m. on the first Thursday occurring
17 2 full weeks after the day a bill is passed by both houses in identical form after June
18 1, 2016, in special or extraordinary session, the chief clerk of the house in which it
19 originated shall submit it to the governor for executive action thereon.

20 (c) *Veto review.* A special or extraordinary session shall reconvene upon a call
21 of a majority of the members of the joint committee on legislative organization solely
22 for the consideration of executive vetoes or partial vetoes if an enrolled bill passed
23 by both houses during the special or extraordinary session was vetoed or partially
24 vetoed.

