

2015 Legislative Calendar Summary



Note: This is a summary of the major legislative and budget actions taken by the Governor and Legislature. The majority of legislative and budget actions follow this timeline. However, there are always exceptions to the rules. Rule waivers, urgency measures, and budget measures can take a very different path.

January

- Jan. 1: All non-urgency bills from 2014 take effect (unless the bill included a different effective date).
- Jan. 5: The legislature reconvenes. The Governor is scheduled to deliver his inaugural speech which will also serve as his State of the State.
- Jan. 10: Deadline for the Governor to submit his 2015-16 Budget Proposal to the legislature.
- **Jan. 15 & 16: League's Policy Committees meet.**
- Legislators introduce bills.
- Legislative offices are developing language for bills to be introduced in 2015. They must have their proposals to the Legislative Counsel by Jan. 30 order to have the bill drafted in official form.

February

- **Feb 19-20: League's Board of Directors meets.**
- Feb. 27: Deadline for individual legislators to introduce non-urgency bills. Bills that contain an urgency clause, amend the constitution, or are authored by a legislative committee can be introduced after this date.
- Budget subcommittees begin to meet to discuss the Governor's 2015-16 Budget Proposal

March

- With the majority of the bills introduced, legislators, lobbyists, and other interested parties begin research and negotiations on bills.
- Legislative committees meet and vote on bills in the house of origin.
- Cities should expect to receive increased requests to submit letters and information on bills that impact their city.
- March 27-April 5: Legislative Spring Recess. Legislators will be in their districts, and city officials are encouraged to meet with them on city priorities.
- Budget subcommittees meet to discuss the Governor's 2015-16 Budget Proposal.

April

- April 6: Legislature returns from Spring Recess.
- **April 9 & 10: League's Policy Committees meet.**
- Legislative committees continue to meet and vote on bills in the house of origin. Last chance for policy committees to hear bills with a state fiscal impact.
- Budget subcommittees meet to discuss the Governor's 2015-16 Budget Proposal.
- **April 29: League's Legislative Action Day & Reception.**
- **April 30: League's Board of Directors meets.**

May

- May 1: All bills with a state fiscal impact must be passed out of the policy committees.
- Governor releases his May Revise to the 2015-16 Budget Proposal (early in the month).
- May 15: Last day for policy committees to hear non-fiscal bills without a rule waiver.
- May 29: Last day for fiscal committees to vote on bills in the house of origin.
- Some policy committees will begin to hear bills from the other house.
- Budget subcommittees meet to discuss the May Revise and start to finish up subcommittee hearings.

June

- June 5: All bills must be passed out of the house of origin to be considered in 2015. Any bills not passed out of the house of origin can be considered again in early 2016.
- Legislative committees begin to meet (after June 8) to discuss bills from the other house.
- **June 11 & 12: League's Policy Committees meet.**
- Budget subcommittees complete their work on the 2015-16 Budget.
- The Assembly and Senate Budget Committees meet to adopt the budget proposal from their house.
- The Budget Conference Committee meets to reconcile differences between the Assembly and Senate budget proposals.
- The Governor meets with legislative leaders to negotiate last minute differences.
- June 15: Deadline for legislature to pass 2015-16 State Budget.
- June 30: Deadline for Governor to sign 2015-16 State Budget.

July

- **July 16-17: League's Board of Directors meets.**
- July 17: Last day for policy committees to vote on bills from the other house. This is the last chance for cities to weigh in before the bills go to the floor for a full vote and is often the best chance to stop a bill.
- July 18-August 16: Legislative Summer Recess. Legislators will be in their districts, and city officials are encouraged to meet with them on city priorities.

August

- Aug. 17: Legislature returns from summer recess. Policy committees have completed their work and non-fiscal bills will be eligible to be heard on the floor.
- Aug. 28: Last day for fiscal committees to vote on bills.

September

- The last two weeks of session is when many gut and amends happen. Cities need to be prepared to act quickly and be flexible to react to amendments.
- Sept. 11: Last day of session. All bills must be passed on or before this date. Any bills not passed out of the house of origin can be considered again in early 2016.
- *Sept. 30: League's Policy Committees meet (if needed)*

October

- **Oct. 1: League's Board of Directors meets.**
- Oct. 11: Governor's deadline to sign or veto bills.