

# IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE DATES FOR THE 2021 REGULAR SESSION

**2021**

**90th House, 123rd Regular Session Since Statehood in 1845**

January 19	<b>Early Member Bill Request Submission Deadline:</b> By 5 p.m., a member must request submission for at least two of the bills subject to the early bill filing deadline.	
January 11-15	Interim Committee and Subcommittee Meetings--- <b>Notice Deadline:</b> no later than 4:30 p.m. January 4-8	<i>[Rule 7.10(d)]</i>
January 29	<b>Early Member Bill Filing Deadline:</b> A member may not file more than seven bills for a regular session. Of the seven bills, at least two must be approved for filing with the Clerk no later than <b>noon</b> on January 29. <b>NOTE:</b> To meet a filing deadline, the bill must be APPROVED FOR FILING in Leagis by the applicable deadline.	<i>[Rule 5.3(a)(1)]</i>
January 29	<b>Final Member Bill Request Submission Deadline:</b> By 5 p.m., a member must request submission for all other bills (except Appropriations Project Bills) subject to opening day filing, including requests for companion bills.	
January 25-29	Interim Committee and Subcommittee Meetings--- <b>Notice Deadline:</b> no later than 4:30 p.m. January 18-22	<i>[Rule 7.10(d)]</i>
January 31	<b>Publication Deadline for Local Bills:</b> that require proof of publication for opening day introduction.	<i>[Art. III, s. 10, FL Const.; s. 11.02, F.S.; Rule 5.5(c)]</i>
February 1-5	Interim Committee and Subcommittee Meetings--- <b>Notice Deadline:</b> no later than 4:30 p.m. January 25-29	<i>[Rule 7.10(d)]</i>
February 2	<b>Submission Deadline for Appropriations Project Request forms:</b> Submission deadline for Appropriation Project Request forms for Appropriations Project Bills ( <b>5 p.m.</b> )	
February 8-12	Interim Committee and Subcommittee Meetings--- <b>Notice Deadline:</b> no later than 4:30 p.m. February 1-5	<i>[Rule 7.10(d)]</i>
February 15-19	Interim Committee and Subcommittee Meetings--- <b>Notice Deadline:</b> no later than 4:30 p.m. February 8-12	<i>[Rule 7.10(d)]</i>
February 26	<b>All Member Bill Requests Deadline:</b> Bill requests to be in final draft form (including requests for companion bills) <b>by 5 p.m.</b>	
<b>March 2</b>	<b>First Day of Session:</b> [90th House since Statehood: 123rd Regular Session since Statehood; 27th House since 1968 Constitutional Revision]	<i>Day 1 [Art. III, s. 3(b)]</i>
March 2	<b>Final Member Bill Filing Deadline:</b> No general bill, local bill, joint resolution, concurrent resolution (except one relating to extension of a session or legislative organization or procedures), substantive House resolution, or memorial shall be given first reading unless approved for filing with the Clerk no later than <b>noon</b> of the first day of the regular session. <b>NOTE:</b> To meet a filing deadline, the bill must be APPROVED FOR FILING in Leagis by the applicable deadline.	<i>[Rule 5.2(a)]</i>
March 2	<b>Committee or Subcommittee Notice Deadlines During Session:</b> During the first 45 days of a regular session, notice shall be provided no later than 4:30 p.m. of the 2nd day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and official state holidays) before the committee or subcommittee meeting for the purpose of considering legislation.	<i>Day 1-45 [Rule 7.10(e)] March 2-April 15</i>
March 2	<b>Special Order Calendar:</b> During the first 55 days of a regular session, the Special Order Calendar shall be published in three Calendars of the House, and it may be taken up on the day of the third published Calendar.	<i>Day 1-55 [Rule 10.11(a)(3)] March 2-April 25</i>
March 2	<b>Filing Deadlines for Floor Amendments:</b> During the first 55 days of a regular session: Main floor amendments must be submitted to the House Bill Drafting Service by 3 p.m. and approved for filing with the Clerk by 4 p.m. of the first day a bill appears on the Special Order Calendar in the Calendar of the House; and amendments to main floor amendments and substitute amendments for main floor amendments must be submitted to the House Bill Drafting Service by 6:30 p.m. and approved for filing by 7 p.m. of the same day.	<i>Day 1-55 [Rule 12.2(a)(1&amp;2)] March 2-April 25</i>
April 1	<b>Ceremonial Resolution Request Submission Deadline:</b> By 5 p.m., ceremonial resolutions to be submitted to Rules Committee.	
April 11	<b>Reconsideration in Committee or Subcommittee:</b> No bill may be retained for the purpose of reconsideration in committee or subcommittee after the 40th day ( <b>April 10</b> ) of a regular session.	<i>Day 41 [Rule 7.15(b)]</i>

April 15	<b><u>Ceremonial Resolution Filing Deadline:</u></b> No ceremonial resolution shall be given first reading unless approved for filing with the Clerk before the 46th day ( <b>April 16</b> ) of the regular session. <b>NOTE:</b> To meet a filing deadline, the ceremonial resolution must be APPROVED FOR FILING in Leagis by the applicable deadline.	Day 45 [Rule 5.2(b)]
April 16	<b><u>Committee or Subcommittee Notice Deadlines During Session:</u></b> After the 45th day ( <b>April 15</b> ) of regular session, notice shall be provided no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day (including Saturdays, Sundays, and official state holidays) before the committee or subcommittee meeting.	Day 46 [Rule 7.10(e)] April 16-30
April 16	<b><u>Daily Order of Business:</u></b> After the 45th day ( <b>April 15</b> ) of a regular session, by a majority vote, the House may, on motion of the Chair or Vice Chair of the Rules Committee, move to Communications, Messages from the Senate, Bills and Joint Resolutions on Third Reading, or Special Orders.	Day 46 [Rule 10.2(d)] April 16-30
April 17	<b><u>Immediate Certification of Bills:</u></b> Unless otherwise directed by the Speaker, during the last 14 days of a regular session, all measures acted on by the House shall be transmitted to the Senate without delay.	Last 14 Days [Rule 11.7(k)] April 17-30
April 26	After the 55th day ( <b>April 25</b> ) of a regular session, the Special Order Calendar shall be published in one Calendar of the House and may be taken up on the day the Calendar is published.	Day 56 [Rule 10.11(a)(3)] April 26-April 30
April 26	After the 55th day ( <b>April 25</b> ) of a regular session: Main floor amendments must be approved for filing with the Clerk not later than 2 hours before session is scheduled to convene on the day a bill appears on the Special Order Calendar in the Calendar of the House; and amendments to main floor amendments and substitute amendments for main floor amendments must be approved for filing not later than 1 hour after the main floor amendment deadline.	Day 56 [Rule 12.2(b)(1 & 2)] April 26-April 30
April 26	After the 55th day ( <b>April 25</b> ) of a regular session, no House bills on second reading may be taken up and considered by the House.	Day 56 [Rule 10.18] April 26-April 30
April 29	After the 58th day ( <b>April 28</b> ) of a regular session, the House may consider only: Returning Messages, Conference Reports, and Concurrent Resolutions.	Day 59 [Rule 10.19] April 29-30
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Last day of Regular Session, if Legislature completes work in 60 days.</b>	

## 2021 SESSION DATES

- August 1, 2020 Deadline for filing claim bills (Rule 4.81(2))
- January 29, 2021 5:00 p.m., deadline for submitting requests for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including requests for companion bills
- February 26, 2021 5:00 p.m., deadline for approving final drafts of general bills and joint resolutions, including companion bills
- March 2, 2021 Regular Session convenes (Article III, section 3(b), State Constitution)  
12:00 noon, deadline for filing bills for introduction (Rule 3.7(1))
- April 17, 2021 Motion to reconsider made and considered the same day (Rule 6.4.(4))  
All bills are immediately certified (Rule 6.8)
- April 20, 2021 50<sup>th</sup> day – last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings (Rule 2.9(2))
- April 30, 2021 60<sup>th</sup> day – last day of Regular Session (Article III, section 3(d), State Constitution)

## **2021 INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

January 2021 — Week of the 11<sup>th</sup>

January 2021 — Week of the 25<sup>th</sup>

February 2021 — Week of the 1<sup>st</sup>

February 2021 — Week of the 8<sup>th</sup>

February 2021 — Week of the 15<sup>th</sup>