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GOVERNOR'S TIMELINE TO SIGN OR VETO

Enrolling to Governor

Once a bill has passed the Legislature, its journey is not quite done. The bill is then transmitted (or 'enrolled') to the Governor. While specific deadlines and procedures vary depending on when a bill is enrolled, put simply, the Governor has three courses of action:

1. Sign the bill into law.
2. Allow it to pass into law without signature.
3. Veto the bill.

When a bill "becomes law," it is given an Act number by the Governor. The new law goes into effect as mandated by the language of the bill.

ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION

After a bill successfully passes through both chambers of the Legislature, it still needs to be *enacted*. The procedure varies, depending on when the legislation is delivered to the Governor, and the Governor's subsequent action or inaction.

If Enrolled Before the Last 10 Days of Session...

If the bill is presented to the Governor before the last ten days of session...

1. If Governor signs the bill, it is given an act number and becomes law.
2. If Governor doesn't sign the bill within 10 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and recess days), it is given an act number and becomes law.
3. If Governor vetoes the bill, and the Legislature reconsiders the bill before adjournment, the bill becomes law if the veto is overridden by 2/3 of all members of each chamber.

If the Legislature fails to reconsider the bill before adjournment, or if the veto is not overridden by 2/3 of all members of each chamber, the veto stands, and the bill does not become law.

If Enrolled Later than 10 Days Prior to Adjournment, or After Adjournment, *Sine Die*...

If the bill is presented to the Governor later than ten days prior to adjournment, or after adjournment, *sine die*...

1. If Governor signs the bill, it is given an act number and becomes law.
2. If Governor does not sign or veto the bill by the 45th day after *sine die* (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) the bill is given an act number and becomes law.
3. If an intent to veto (with a statement of objections) is delivered by the Governor to the Legislature by the 35th day after adjournment...

The legislature may convene a special session before noon on the 45th day for the purpose of acting on the vetoed bill. The bill can become law if the Legislature overrides the veto by a vote of 2/3 of all members of each chamber.

If the Legislature fails to convene a special session before noon on the 45th day, or if the veto fails to be overridden by 2/3 of the members of each chamber, the veto stands, and the bill does not become law.

(While to date this scenario has not occurred, the Legislature could also change the bill to meet the Governor's objections, and pass the new version in each chamber with one floor reading. The amended bill would then be enrolled to the Governor.)

Effective Date of Enacted Legislation

The new law will take effect on the "effective date" specified in the measure. Look to (typically) the last section of the bill for the date the law becomes effective. It might say "... takes effect upon approval..." or "... becomes effective on July 1, 2012..." or other such similar wording. If your bill *does* become law, it will take effect on the intended date. The session laws and the cumulative supplements to the Revised Statutes will be updated as necessary.

2012 Legislative Timetable

April

- 26th Last day to file Non-Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading
- 27th Last day to file Fiscal Bills to deck for Final Reading

May

- 3rd Adjournment *sine die* (Session pau!)

Governor's Sign or Veto Deadlines

The deadline varies according to when the bill was enrolled to the governor.

- If bill is enrolled to Governor before last 10 days of session (**on or before April 17th**):
 - **10 days** to sign or veto, otherwise it becomes law without signature
- If bill is enrolled to Governor in the last 10 days of session (**April 18th or later**):
 - Intent to veto by **June 25th (35th day after adjournment *sine die*)**;
 - bill becomes law without signature if neither signed nor vetoed by **July 10th (45th day after adjournment *sine die*)**.