

AT A GLANCE: 2019 CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE YEAR

Anyone interested in tracking California legislation must pay close attention to the deadlines imposed by the Legislature. A bill that fails to advance past a deadline this year is considered a “dead bill” or a “two-year bill,” which means that the bill is eligible to be taken up in the second year of the Session, or in this case, 2020.

Bills must first be approved by their “house of origin” (i.e. the house -- Assembly or Senate -- in which they were first introduced) before they can be sent to the other house for consideration. Fiscal bills, which are bills that also include an appropriation or stand to affect the state’s pocketbook, must also be approved by a fiscal committee -- referred to as the Appropriations Committee -- before they can move to the Floor for a vote of the full house. After a bill makes it through its house of origin, it is sent to the “other house,” where the same process is repeated.

As always, the following dates are tentative and subject to change pursuant to rule waivers approved by the Legislature.

2019

July 10

Last day for the Legislature’s policy committees to consider “other house” fiscal bills and report them to the Appropriations Committees. Absent a rule waiver, only fiscal-impact bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year.

July 12

Last day for legislative policy committees to hear and report “other-house” bills. Absent a rule waiver, only those “other-house” bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of Session, provided Budget Bill has been passed.

August 12

Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.

August 30

Last day for Legislature’s Appropriations committees to consider “other-house” fiscal-impact bills and report them to the Floor. Absent a rule waiver, only “other-house” fiscal bills that advance past this deadline will continue to proceed this legislative year.

September 3 – September 13

Senate and Assembly Floor Sessions only. No legislative committees, other than conference committees, may meet.

September 6

Last day to amend bills on the Floor.

September 13

Last day for Senate and Assembly to pass bills. Bills approved by the Legislature on or before this date are sent to the Governor for consideration. Interim Recess begins upon adjournment of Session.

October 13

Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills approved by the Legislature on or before September 15 and in his possession on or after September 15.