

OPTIONS FOR 2017 SESSION CALENDAR

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There are five calendars for your consideration. Calendar 1 is based off of the initial 2015 Session calendar. The other four options are a combination of the first 2 or 3 Saturdays off, and a 4- or 5-day transmittal. Please concentrate on calendars 1 through 3, as calendars 4 and 5 present some issues from the appropriations perspective. The Saturday educational sessions on Calendar 1 have been moved to Fridays in the other calendars in the case where the Saturday is not a session day. The educational sessions can easily be moved no matter which calendar is chosen.

Calendar 1: Standard Schedule (based on initial 2015 calendar - first Saturday off, 5-day transmittal)

- Day 45 -- transmittal of general bills, Thursday, February 23
- 5-day transmittal break (February 24 - February 28)
- Day 67 -- transmittal of appropriation and revenue bills (3rd reading only, can be done early) Saturday, March 25
- Day 73 -- transmittal of amendments to general bills, Saturday, April 1
- Easter Break - 4 days -- Friday, April 14 through Monday, April 17 (7 session days left)
- Last Saturday, April 22, Leg Day 88
- Day 90 -- Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Calendar 2: Option D (first 3 Saturdays off, 5-day transmittal)

- Day 45 -- transmittal of general bills, Saturday, February 25
- 5-day transmittal break (February 26 through March 3)
- Day 67 -- transmittal of appropriation and revenue bills (3rd reading only, can be done early) -- Tuesday, March 28
- Day 73 -- transmittal of amendments to general bills, Tuesday, April 4
- Easter Break -- Friday, April 14 through Monday, April 17 (9 session days left)
- Last Saturday, April 22, Leg Day 86.
- Day 90 -- Thursday, April 27, 2017

Calendar 3: Option A (first 2 Saturdays off, 4-day transmittal)

- Day 45 -- transmittal of general bills, Friday, February 24
- 4-day transmittal break (February 25 through February 28)
- Day 67 -- transmittal of appropriation and revenue bills (3rd reading only, can be done early) -- Saturday, March 25
- Day 73 -- transmittal of amendments to general bills, Saturday, April 1
- Easter Break -- Friday, April 14 through Monday, April 17 (7 session days left)
- Last Saturday, April 22, Leg Day 88
- Day 90 -- Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Calendar 4: Option B (first 2 Saturdays off,- 5-day transmittal)

- Day 45 -- transmittal of general bills, Friday, February 24
- 5-day transmittal break (February 25 through March 1)
- Day 67 -- transmittal of appropriation and revenue bills (3rd reading only, can be done early) -- Monday, March 27
- Day 73 -- transmittal of amendments to general bills, Monday, April 3
- Easter Break -- Friday, April 14 through Monday, April 17 (8 session days left)
- Last Saturday, April 22, Leg Day 87
- Day 90 -- Wednesday, April 26, 2017

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Calendar 5: Option C (first 3 Saturdays off, 4-day transmittal)

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- 4-day transmittal break (February 26 through March 1)
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