

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **When does the regular legislative session begin and end?**

Normally, the regular legislative session starts on the first Tuesday in March for a period not to exceed 60 calendar days. The regular session for the year 2012 will begin on January 10 due to time for enactment and judicial review of redistricting plans.

### **How can I tell the difference between a House and a Senate bill?**

House and Senate bills are numbered in serial order as they are filed. House bills receive odd numbers (1, 3, 5, ...) and are prefixed by "H" or "HB"; Senate bills receive even numbers (2, 4, 6, ...) and are prefixed by "S" or "SB."

### **What is the deadline for the Governor to sign a bill?**

While the legislature is in session, the constitution allows a 7-day period following presentation of a bill to the Governor within which to sign or veto the bill. If the legislature adjourns sine die before an act is presented to the Governor or while an act is in the Governor's possession, the Governor has 15 days from the date of presentation in which to take action.

### **What happens when the Governor vetoes a bill?**

By vetoing a bill, the Governor prevents it from becoming a law and sends it back to its house of origin. It is available for consideration until the end of the current session or, if the legislature is not in session when the bill is received, until the end of the next regular session. If two-thirds of the members (super majority) of each house vote to override (set aside) the Governor's veto, the bill becomes a law.

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