

**LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR
FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
(TWO YEAR CYCLE)**

- **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF JANUARY** **Session Begins**
(House and Senate convene for the first year of the biennial Session; second year as well)
- **FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Election of Speaker of the House and President of the Senate**
(Each branch elects their minority leaders, appoint their Clerk and adopt joint rules)
- **THIRD Wednesday of January** **All Petitions (Bills) must be filed**
(first year of the session only)
- **End of January, Early February** **Appointment of Leadership Teams**
(This is done by Speaker of the House, Senate President and the minority Leaders of each branch. This includes Joint Committee Members and Chairs, and standing committees)
- **Late February (typically)** **Joint Committees begin public hearings**
(the committees review all bills sent to them and the process continues through the third Wednesday of the second year of the biennial session. With certain exceptions, the joint committees are comprised of eleven Representatives and six Senators)
- **Third Wednesday of November
July 31st (second year of cycle)** **Formal Sessions end**
(Branches meet at least twice weekly in informal sessions during remainder of each year. Bills can be passed during these informal sessions without objection)
- **First Wednesday of February
of the second year** **All bills must be reported out of Committees**
(bills are reported to the House or Senate Clerk)
- **TUESDAY before the first
Wednesday of January** **Session Ends**
(true for first and second annual session)