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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES 2024 FISCAL SESSION

Pre-fiscal session budget hearings: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

- Budget hearings tentative dates are Wednesday, March 6, 2024 through Friday, March 8, 2024.

Pre-filing: Monday, March 11, 2024

- Pre-filing begins the second Monday of January for a fiscal session held in a year in which the preferential primary election is in May (2026 Fiscal Session) and the second Monday of March of each year for a fiscal session held in a year in which the preferential primary election is in March (2024 Fiscal Session). *Joint Rule 23 (B)(1) and Arkansas Code § 10-2-112 (a)(1)*
- Non-appropriation bills may not be pre-filed prior to a Fiscal Session. *Joint Rule 23 (B)(2)*

Convening of fiscal session: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 12:00 noon

- The General Assembly shall meet in a fiscal session at 12:00 noon on the second Monday in February in years in which the preferential primary election is held in May (2026 Fiscal Session) and on the second Wednesday in April in years in which the preferential primary election is held in March (2024 Fiscal Session). Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 5, permits the General Assembly to establish the dates of a Fiscal Session. *Arkansas Code § 10-2-101(b)(1)*

Deadline for filing Identical Resolution for non-appropriation bills: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

- Identical resolutions shall not be filed later than the first day of each fiscal session. A two-third (2/3) vote is required by the General Assembly. *Joint Rule 14 (C)(3)*

Deadline for filing appropriation bills: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- Deadline for filing appropriation bills is no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the fiscal session. In order to extend the deadline, a two-third (2/3) vote is required by the General Assembly. *Joint Rule 14 (C)(1)*

Deadline for filing non-appropriation bills: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

- A non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction later than the fifteenth (15th) day of a fiscal session. *Joint Rule 14 (C)(4)*

Length of fiscal session: Up to 30 days, which is Tuesday, May 9, 2024*unless extended

- The fiscal session shall not exceed thirty calendar days in duration. *Arkansas Constitution, Article 5, § 17*
* The fiscal session may be extended one-time not to exceed fifteen (15) calendar days by a vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the General Assembly. If extended by the maximum amount of time allowed, last day of the 2024 Fiscal Session would be Friday, May 24, 2024.

Retirement Bills: A bill affecting any publicly supported retirement system or systems shall **not** be introduced or considered at any special session or fiscal session of the General Assembly unless the introduction and consideration of the bill is first approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the General Assembly. *Joint Rule 14 (E)*

Constitutional Amendments: “A resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be considered only during a regular session.” *Joint Rule 19 (E)*

Revenue Stabilization Law: The schedule reflecting the allocation of funds in the Revenue Stabilization Law for the next fiscal year shall be submitted to each body of the General Assembly at least three calendar (3) days before the day at which the law is to be considered for final passage. *Joint Rule 16 (E)(7)*