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APPENDIX A
120-DAY SESSION CALENDAR

**NEVADA LEGISLATURE
2005 SESSION
120-Day Calendar and Dates of Interest**

The following dates are established by the *Nevada Constitution*, *Nevada Revised Statutes*, and rules adopted by the Legislature.

Biennial Sessions

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* provides that the Legislature shall be biennial (meet every two years) and shall convene following the election of members of the Assembly. Accordingly, the Legislature convenes in the odd-numbered years.

Start of Session

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* provides that the Legislature shall commence on the first Monday of February.

Submission of the Proposed Executive Budget

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* provides that the Governor shall submit the proposed Executive Budget to the Legislature “not later than 14 calendar days before the commencement of each regular session.”

Limitations on Requests and Introduction of Bill Drafts

Prior to the start of the legislative session, Chapter 218 of *Nevada Revised Statutes* governs deadlines for and limitations on the number of requests for bill drafts. After the session commences, Joint Rules 14 through 14.7 (which are adopted and may be amended by the Legislature at the beginning of each session) prescribe the deadlines and limitations on requests for bill drafts. These same rules establish the deadlines for the introduction of legislation.

Deadlines for Passage of Bills

Joint Rules 14 through 14.7 also place deadlines for passage of bills out of the final committee of reference in the house of origin (if at all) and, subsequently, by the house of origin (if at all). Similar deadlines are imposed for legislation in the second house.

Exemptions from Deadlines and Limitations

Certain legislation, including measures requested by or referred to the Senate Committee on Finance or the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, resolutions that memorialize or commend a group of people, and resolutions relating to legislative business (adoption of rules, appointment of attaches, establishing interim studies, et cetera) are exempt from the limitations on committee requests and the deadlines for introduction and passage.

Length of Session

Article IV, Section 2 of the *Nevada Constitution* requires the Legislature to “adjourn sine die” not later than 120 calendar days after its commencement.

Effective Date of Legislation

Every law or joint resolution passed by the Legislature becomes effective on October 1 following its passage, unless the law or joint resolution specifically prescribes a different effective date.

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January						
						<i>1</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	<i>17</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January

- 1 New Year's Day (state holiday)
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (state holiday)
- 24 Deadline for delivery of Executive Budget
Governor delivers *State of the State* Address

February						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	<i>21</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

February

- 7 *1st day*—**LEGISLATURE CONVENES**
- 14 *8th day*—Deadline for legislators to submit bill draft requests (BDRs)
- 15 *9th day*—Joint subcommittees start
- 21 Presidents' Day (state holiday)
- 28 *22nd day*—Deadline for committees to submit BDRs

March						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

March

- 14 *36th day*—Finish drafting bills requested by legislators*
- 21 *43rd day*—Deadline for legislators to introduce personal BDRs
Finish drafting bills requested by committees*
- 29 *51st day*—Deadline for committees to introduce BDRs

Note: Dates in ***bold/italics*** are official state holidays.

April						
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

April

- 5 *58th day*—Begin closing budgets*
- 15 *68th day*—Committee passage (first house)
- 26 *79th day*—First house passage

May						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	<i>30</i>	31				

May

- 2 *85th day*—Economic Forum Report due
- 6 *89th day*—Start resolving budget differences*
- 20 *103rd day*—Committee passage (second house)
- 26 *109th day*—Finish budget differences
- 27 *110th day*—Second house passage
- 30 Memorial Day observed (state holiday)

June						
			1	2	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

June

- 1 *115th day*—Budget bills introduced
Exempt bills from committee
- 4 *118th day*—Conference reports to drafting
- 6 *120th day*—Sine die

*Certain items relating to completion of bill draft requests and the budget process are not formal deadlines included in the *Nevada Constitution*, statutes, or legislative rules.

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