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## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES 2026 FISCAL SESSION

### Pre-fiscal session budget hearings: **Wednesday, March 4-6, 2026**

- Budget hearing dates are Wednesday, March 4, 2026 through Friday, March 6, 2026.

### Pre-filing: **Monday, March 9, 2026**

- Pre-filing begins the second Monday of March for a fiscal session. *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 8, 2026 at 12:00 noon**

- The General Assembly shall meet in a fiscal session at 12:00 noon on the second Wednesday in April. *Arkansas Code § 10-2-101(b)(1)*

### Deadline for filing Identical Resolution for non-appropriation bills: **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

- 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)(1) and (2)*

### Deadline for filing appropriation bills: **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

- Deadline for filing appropriation bills is no later than the fifteenth (15th) day of the fiscal session. *Joint Rule 14 (A)(2)*

### Deadline for filing non-appropriation bills: **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**

- A non-appropriation bill shall not be filed for introduction later than the fifteenth (15th) day of a fiscal session. *Joint Rule 14 (C)(3)*

### Length of fiscal session: **Up to 30 days, which is Tuesday, May 7, 2026 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 2026 Fiscal Session would be Friday, May 22, 2026.

**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)*