

60-Day Bill Filing Deadline FAQ

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When is the deadline for filing bills?

The deadline for filing bills and joint resolutions, other than local bills, emergency appropriations, and bills that have been declared an emergency by the governor, is the 60th calendar day after the legislature convenes for its regular session.

When is the 60-day filing deadline for the 85th regular session of the Texas Legislature?

Friday, March 10th, 2017.

Where can I find the other deadlines for the 85th regular session?

Other significant dates can be found on the Legislative Council's [Dates of Interest](#) page. The Texas Legislative Council also created a calendar showing [deadlines for action under the House and Senate Rules](#) for the last month of the regular session. End-of-session deadline calendars and dates of interest for previous sessions are available on our website: [Session Deadline Calendars](#).

What happens next?

As indicated in [Sec. 5\(b\), Art. III of the Texas Constitution](#), for the next 30 days of the regular legislative session, the committees of each chamber hold hearings to consider all bills, resolutions, and other undecided matters.

Did you know?:

- After the 60-day filing deadline during a regular session, any proposed bill or joint resolution requires permission to introduce by an affirmative vote of four-fifths of those members present and voting (see [Senate Rule 7.07\(b\)](#) and [House Rule 8, Sec. 8](#)) Local bills, emergency appropriations, and emergency matters submitted by the governor are not subject to these rules.