



DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dates of Interest for Prefiling Bills 2026 Session

Saturday, November 1, 2025 – Deadline for Requesting Bills for Prefile

- Statutory deadline for members of the General Assembly to request a bill to be drafted by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) for prefile introduction.
- The deadline applies to all prefile bill requests, including crossfile requests.
- All requests received by the deadline must contain adequate information for DLS to be able to proceed with drafting for prefile introduction.
- Members are encouraged to send prefile bill requests to DLS as soon as possible.

Thursday, November 20, 2025 – Deadline for Introduction of Bills for Prefile

- Statutory deadline for members of the General Assembly to direct DLS in writing to file a bill for prefile introduction.