# Virginia General Assembly 2027 Session Tracker: Jan. 13 Opening

Prefiling deadlines, opening day and the default effective date

**Default effective date for new laws**
**Thu., July 1**




| DATE | DAYS BEFORE DEFAULT EFFECTIVE DATE FOR NEW LAWS | MILESTONE | DONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Mon., Nov. 16** | **227** | Committees' last day to act on bills continued from 2026 | ☐ |
| **Mon., Nov. 30** | **213** | Requests for drafts of bills to be prefiled due, 5 p.m. | ☐ |
| **Sun., Dec. 20** | **193** | Governor's budget amendments due | ☐ |
| **Thu., Dec. 31** | **182** | Prefiled drafts available for review by midnight | ☐ |
| **Wed., Jan. 6** | **176** | Redrafts and corrections due, 5 p.m. | ☐ |
| **Wed., Jan. 13** | **169** | General Assembly meets (day 1); prefiling ends 10 a.m. | ☐ |
| **Fri., Jan. 22** | **160** | Day 10, bills filed with clerk in 2025 (computed, not adopted) | ☐ |
| **Tue., Feb. 9** | **142** | Day 28, crossover in 2025 (computed, not adopted) | ☐ |
| **Sat., Feb. 27** | **124** | Day 46, sine die in 2025 (computed, not adopted) | ☐ |
| **Wed., Apr. 7** | **85** | Reconvened session, sixth Wednesday after adjournment (computed) | ☐ |
| **Thu., July 1** | **0** | Default effective date for laws of a regular session | ☐ |

**Not yet confirmed**

**2027 session calendar: crossover, bill-filing deadline, adjournment and reconvened dates:** The General Assembly adopts it when it convenes; the division had posted only the prefiling schedule as of Nov. 10, 2026

**My notes**

Source: Virginia Division of Legislative Services (2027 prefiling schedule; 2025 session calendar); Constitution of Virginia, Art. IV and V; Code of Virginia § 2.2-1509. Rows marked computed repeat 2025's session day numbers; the 2027 calendar is not adopted.