

RESEARCH RESPONSE

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LEGISLATIVE SESSION DAYS SINCE 1951 AND SPECIAL SESSION DAYS SINCE 1971

Tables 1 and 2 on the following pages show the number of regular session days in each General Assembly from the 67th (1951-52) through the 2009 spring session of the 96th General Assembly. They show the number of special session days in each General Assembly from the 77th (1971-72) through the 96th (2009). Each table shows numbers of perfunctory days (during both regular and special sessions) in parentheses. The Senate Rules did not provide for perfunctory days until 1993.

Table 2 addresses special sessions, showing the subject of each session and whether it was called by the Governor or the legislative leaders. Numbers of special session days that were neither perfunctory, nor concurrent with regular session days, are indicated by **bold** numerals in parentheses. For example, “19(3)(1)” means that a special session lasted a total of 19 session days; three were perfunctory; and one was neither perfunctory nor concurrent with a regular session.

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Table 1: Legislative Session Days Since 1951 (regular sessions)

<i>General Assembly</i>	<i>Convened</i>		<i>Adjourned</i>		<i>Legislative days</i>	
	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>
67th	1951	January 3	1951	June 30	70	68(9)
68th	1953	January 7	1953	June 27	67	68(11)
69th	1955	January 5	1955	June 30	67	64(4)
70th	1957	January 9	1957	June 29	81	81(8)
71st	1959	January 7	1959	June 30	57	61(1)
72nd	1961	January 4	1961	June 30	73	72(7)
73rd	1963	January 9	1963	June 29 (S)	72	71(1)
			1963	June 28 (H)		
74th	1965	January 6	1965	June 30	102	93(2)
75th	1967	January 4	1967	June 30	109	87(2)
	1967	September 11	1967	October 19	9	8
	1968	March 4	1968	March 4	1	1
	1968	July 15	1969	July 15	7	8
	1969	January 8	1969	January 8	1	1
75TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					127	105(2)
76th	1969	January 8 (S)	1969	June 30	103	84(1)
	1969	January 9 (H)				
	1969	October 14	1969	October 23	5	4
	1970	March 31 (S)	1970	May 29	31	25(2)
	1970	April 1 (H)				
	1970	November 16	1971	January 6	2	2(1)
76TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					141	115(4)

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	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>
77th	1971	January 6	1971	June 30	85	86(15)
	1971	October 5	1971	November 13	22	27(8)
	1972	January 12	1972	June 30	49	49(6)
	1972	November 26	1973	January 9	8	8(0)
77th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					164	170(29)
78th	1973	January 10	1973	July 2	82	90(9)
	1973	October 15	1973	December 1	21	22(3)
	1974	January 9	1974	July 12	50	50(4)
	1974	November 7	1975	January 8	9	9(1)
78th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					162	171(17)
79th	1975	January 8	1975	July 1	86	104(14)
	1975	October 22	1975	November 21	10	10(0)
	1976	January 14	1976	July 2	61	63(11)
	1976	November 17	1977	January 12	12	11(0)
79th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					169	188(25)
80th	1977	January 12	1977	July 2	87	92(10)
	1977	October 24	1977	November 23	12	12(1)
	1978	January 11	1978	July 1	50	58(6)
	1978	November 14	1979	January 10	8	12(1)
80th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					157	174(18)
81st	1979	January 10	1979	July 10	78	84(5)
	1979	October 3	1979	November 9	11	11(2)
	1980	January 9	1980	July 2	63	63(4)
	1980	November 6	1981	January 14	8	10(1)
81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					160	168(12)

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	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>
82nd	1981	January 14	1981	July 2	73	77(3)
	1981	October 1	1981	October 29-30	7	5(1)
	1982	January 13	1982	July 2	56	55(4)
	1982	November 5	1983	January 12	10	10(0)
82nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					146	147(8)
83rd	1983	January 12	1983	July 2	69	78(4)
	1983	October 5	1983	November 4	8	10(3)
	1984	January 11	1984	July 1	55	57(8)
	1984	November 14	1985	January 9	7	7(2)
83rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					139	152(17)
84th	1985	January 9	1985	July 5	62	71(8)
	1985	October 2	1985	November 14	16	16(0)
	1986	January 8	1986	July 2	50	53(8)
	1986	November 6	1987	January 13	9	9(1)
84th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					137	149(17)
85th	1987	January 14	1987	June 30	63	72(14)
	1987	October 8	1987	November 6	7	9(3)
	1988	January 13	1988	July 2	47	46(3)
	1988	November 12	1989	January 10	9	9(1)
85th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					126	136(21)
86th	1989	January 11	1989	July 1	60	68(12)
	1989	October 4	1989	November 3	9	8(2)
	1990	January 10	1990	June 30	44	63(20)
	1990	November 8	1991	January 8	8	8(1)
86th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					121	147(35)

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87th	1991	January 9	1991	July 19	74	95(17)
	1991	October 9	1991	November 8	7	7(1)
	1992	January 8	1992	July 2	51	66(16)
	1992	November 5	1993	January 12	8	8(1)
87th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					140	176(35)
88th	1993	January 13	1993	July 13	77(8)	82(13)
	1993	September 29	1993	November 14	9(1)	9(1)
	1994	January 12	1994	July 12	58(13)	67(15)
	1994	November 10	1995	January 10	8(0)	7(1)
88th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					152(22)	165(30)
89th	1995	January 11	1995	May 26	59(8)	70(9)
	1995	October 20	1995	November 16	7(0)	10(3)
	1996	January 10 (S)	1996	May 25	47(4)	58(9)
	1996	January 9 (H)				
	1996	November 7	1997	January 7	9(0)	12(4)
89th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					122(12)	150(25)
90th	1997	January 8	1997	June 1 (S)	61(9)	74(9)
			1997	May 31 (H)		
	1997	October 16	1997	November 14	6	7(1)
	1998	January 14 (S)	1998	May 22	43(3)	50(11)
	1998	January 16 (H)				
1998	November 5	1999	January 12	9(1)	9(2)	
90th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					119(13)	140(23)

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91st	1999	January 12	1999	May 27	54(2)	65(8)	
	1999	November 4	1999	December 2	7	8(2)	
	2000	January 12 (S)	2000	April 15	42(2)	52(9)	
	2000	January 5 (H)					
	2000	November 9	2001	January 9	9	9(1)	
	91st GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					112(4)	134(20)
92nd	2001	January 10	2001	May 31	52(1)	69(9)	
	2001	November 7*	2001	November 29	7	8(2)	
	2002	January 9†	2002	June 2	50	65(16)	
	2002	November 7	2003	January 7	9	10(2)	
	92nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					118(1)	152(29)
	93rd	2003	January 8	2003	May 31	57(3)	69(9)
2003		November 4‡	2003	November 21	10(3)	8(1)	
2004		January 14#	2004	July 24	85(15)	94(34)	
2004		November 8◊	2005	January 11	8(1)	8(0)	
93rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					160(22)	179(44)	
94th		2005	January 12	2005	May 31 (S) May 30 (H)	54(4)	63(7)
	2005	October 19 (S) October 17 (H)	2005	November 4	7(1)	10(4)	
	2006	January 4	2006	May 4	47(6)	54(8)	
	2006	November 1	2006	January 9	11(2)	15(6)	
	94th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					119(13)	142(25)

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95th	2007	January 10	2007	September 18 (S) [§] October 1 (H) [§]	98(7) [§]	152(62)
	2007	October 2	2007	December 26 (S) December 31 (H)	18(11)	48(40)
	2008	January 9	2008	May 31	50(10)	77(31)
	2008	November 12 (S) ^Δ November 19 (H)	2009	January 13	17(3)	25(11)
95th GENERAL ASSEMBLY TOTALS					183(31)	302(144)
96th	2009	January 14	2009	June 1	61(4)	66(13)

Notes

The Senate did not officially have perfunctory sessions until 1993. The Illinois Constitution, Art. 4, sec. 10 was amended at the November 1994 election by changing the intended last spring session date from June 30 to May 31.

* The House also held a perfunctory session on August 22, 2001.

† The House also held a perfunctory session on January 3, 2002.

‡ Both houses held perfunctory sessions on October 23, 2003, and the Senate did so on October 29, 2003.

The Senate held a perfunctory session on January 6, 2004; the House held such sessions on January 6, 8, and 13 of that year.

◇ The Senate held a perfunctory session on November 5, 2004; the House did so on various days from July 26 through November 5, 2004.

§ The 2007 regular session continued intermittently, along with numerous special sessions, through the months of July, August, and September. The dates listed for adjournment were the last days each house met in regular session until the veto session began on October 2, as listed in the House and Senate Calendars. Also, on August 1, 2007 the Senate had a regular session day, and a perfunctory session lasting from 4:06 to 4:11 p.m. Since the entire day was not listed as perfunctory, it is not included in parentheses as a perfunctory day. The Senate also held perfunctory sessions on September 19 and 26 (which are included in the totals for the regular session from January 10 to September 18).

Δ The 2008 regular session continued intermittently, along with numerous special sessions, through the months of July, August, and September. The dates listed for veto session were the first days each house met in November, the month when veto sessions typically begin in election years; but session days in July, August, and September are counted as part of the veto session days. The 95th General Assembly adjourned *sine die* on January 13, 2009.

Key:

The first number shown, not in parentheses, for each house is that house's total days of regular (not special) sessions, including both substantive and perfunctory session days. Each number in parentheses represents perfunctory session days. Perfunctory days are included in the first number.

Sources: Compiled by Legislative Research Unit from Illinois House and Senate Journals for various years; Governor's proclamations; e-mail messages from Rhonda O'Brien, Senate Journal Room, Jan. 14, 2008 and Aug. 13, 2008; and General Assembly Internet site.

Table 2: Special Sessions Since 1971

	<i>G.A. & spec sess.</i>	<i>Convened Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Adjourned Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Legislative days Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Called by</i>	<i>Subject(s)</i>
77th									
1	1972	Nov. 26	1972	Dec. 17	7	8(1)	Gov.	Property tax relief	
2	1973	Jan. 2	1973	Jan. 6	5(5)	5(2)(3)	Gov.	State officers' salaries	
78th									
1	1973	Oct. 15	1974	July 12	46	60(5)(1)	Gov.	Ethics law	
2	1973	Oct. 22	1973	Dec. 1	17	19(3)	Legis.	Retailers' occupation tax reduction	
3	1973	Oct. 22	1973	Dec. 1	20(1)	19(3)(1)	Gov.	State lottery; transportation; federal revenue-sharing funds; use of federal drug-abuse funds	
4	1973	Oct. 30	1973	Dec. 1	14	14(2)	Legis.	Governor's budget bill deadline; qualifications for general school administrative certificate; consolidating nomination and election of county boards; transferring pre-audit and voucher functions to Comptroller	
5	1973	Nov. 8	1973	Dec. 1	10	11(2)	Legis.	County boards of election commissioners to levy a tax; reducing transit fares for elderly and children; residence requirements for Chicago school board; fixing technical errors in P.A. 78-238; tax relief for elderly and disabled	
79th									
1	1975	Oct. 22	1976	June 3	23	19	Gov.	School funding	
2	1975	Nov. 5	1976	June 23	25	25	Legis.	State Board of Elections provisions	

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	Year	Date	Year	Date	Senate	House		
79th (cont'd)								
3	1975	Nov. 18	1975	Nov. 21	4	4	Gov.	Delegates for national conventions; school aid formula
4	1976	July 9	1976	July 9	1(1)	1(1)	Legis.	State agency funding
5	1976	July 9	1976	July 9	1(1)	1(1)	Gov.	Illinois Administrative Procedure Act
6	1976	Sept. 8	1976	Sept. 23	9(9)	7(2)(5)	Gov.	School funding
80th								
1	1977	Oct. 24	1978	Jan. 11	13	13(1)	Legis.	Criminal justice and corrections system; State Board of Elections
2	1977	Oct. 24	1978	Jan. 11	13	13(1)	Gov.	Unemployment insurance; consolidated elections; capital development bonds; public aid; community college grants
3	1977	Dec. 16	1977	Dec. 16	1(1)	1(1)	Legis.	State Board of Elections selection
4	1979	Jan. 5	1979	Jan. 6	1(1)	1(1)	Gov.	Elected and appointed officials' compensation
81st								
1	1979	Aug. 6	1979	Aug. 6	1(1)	1(1)	Gov.	Personal property tax replacement
2	1979	Sept. 5	1979	Sept. 6	2(2)	2(2)	Gov.	State highways; Public Employee Pension Laws Commission Appropriation
3	1979	Oct. 17	1979	Nov. 8	7	6(1)	Gov.	Sales tax relief for food and drugs
4	1980	Jan. 12	1980	Jan. 23	2	3	Gov.	Real estate taxes

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82nd	No special sessions							
83rd	No special sessions							
84th								
1	1985	July 8	1985	July 8	1(1)	1(1)	Gov.	Build Illinois appropriations
2	1985	Oct. 2	1985	Nov. 14	11	16	Gov.	Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority reorganization; McCormick Place expansion
3	1986	Nov. 18	1987	Jan. 13	8	8	Gov.	Insurance and tort reform
85th								
1	1987	July 1	1987	July 1	1(1)	1(1)	Gov.	Mental Health and Supreme Court appropriations
86th	No special sessions							
87th								
1	1991	Feb. 13	1991	July 19(S) 1991 July 18(H)	72	86(11)	Gov.	Property tax relief
2	1992	Nov. 17	1992	Dec. 2	5 (1)	5	Legis.	Land-based casinos in Chicago

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88th								
1	1993	Sept. 2	1993	Nov. 14	29(15)(6)	29(16)(5)	Gov.	Chicago school crisis
2	1994	July 1	1994	July 12	10(6)(2)	10(3)(4)	Gov.	Budgets of state departments, authorities, and public agencies; Medicaid reform; refund of outstanding state bonds
3	1994	July 1	1994	July 2	2(2)	2(2)	Gov.	"Baby Richard" law
89th	No special sessions							
90th								
1	1997	Dec. 2	1997	Dec. 2	1(1)	1(1)	Gov.	School funding reform
91st								
1	1999	Dec. 13	2000	Apr. 11	57(48)(8)	59(31)(9)	Gov.	Safe Neighborhoods Law
2	1999	Dec. 16	2000	Apr. 11	54(48)(5)	56(31)(5)	Gov.	Safe Neighborhoods Law
3	1999	Dec. 29	1999	Dec. 29	1(1)	0	Gov.	Safe Neighborhoods Law
4	2000	June 28	2000	June 29	2(2)	2(2)	Gov.	Suspend state sales tax on motor fuel
92nd								
1	2002	June 10	2002	June 11	2	2	Gov.	Budget reductions and vetoes by Governor to S.B. 2393 (P.A. 92-538), and Governor's veto of H.B. 3714 proposing to bar Department of Corrections from contracting with private vendors for prison food or commissary services.

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	Year	Date	Year	Date	Senate	House		
93rd								
1	2004	June 24	2004	June 24	22(0)(1)	1(14)(1)	Gov.	Budgets of Department of Military Affairs, Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and Departments of Children and Family Services, Corrections, Human Services, Public Aid, Public Health, and State Police for FY 2005 (S.B.'s 3232, 3233, 3241, 3242, 3243, 3256, 3257, and 3278)
2	2004	June 25	2004	June 25	18(7)	1(13)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Transportation for FY 2005
3	2004	June 26	2004	June 26	17(7)	1(13)(1)	Gov.	Budget of Illinois EPA for FY 2005
4	2004	June 27	2004	June 27	16(7)	1(13)(1)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Natural Resources for FY 2005
5	2004	June 28	2004	June 28	15(7)	1(12)	Gov.	Budget of Department on Aging for FY 2005
6	2004	July 2	2004	July 2	11(7)	1(10)	Gov.	Consider bills on fee-for-service initiatives proposed by Department of Human Services
7	2004	July 6	2004	July 6	10(7)	1(9)(1)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Domestic Violence Shelters and Services Program for FY 2005
8	2004	July 7	2004	July 7	9(7)	1(8)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Homeless Youth Services Program for FY 2005
9	2004	July 8	2004	July 8	9(7)	1(8)(1)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Comprehensive Community Based Service Youth Program for FY 2005
10	2004	July 9	2004	July 9	8(6)	1(7)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Intensive Prenatal Performance Program for FY 2005

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93rd (cont'd)								
11	2004	July 12	2004	July 12	7(5)	1(6)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Children's Place Program for FY 2005
12	2004	July 13	2004	July 13	6(4)	1(6)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Public Aid's Family Care Fund for FY 2005
13	2004	July 14	2004	July 14	6(4)	1(5)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Team Illinois Program for FY 2005
14	2004	July 15	2004	July 15	6(4)	1(5)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Public Aid's Adjustment Payments to Trauma Centers for FY 2005
15	2004	July 16	2004	July 16	5(3)	1(4)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' New Americans Initiative for FY 2005
16	2004	July 19	2004	July 19	4(2)	1(3)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Teen Parent Services Program for FY 2005
17	2004	July 20	2004	July 20	4(2)	1(3)(1)	Gov.	Budget of Department of Human Services' Abstinence Education Program for FY 2005

94th No special sessions

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	Year	Date	Year	Date	Senate	House		
1	2007	July 5	2009	Jan. 13	121(64)(2)	235(202)(5)	Gov.	State Pension Funding
2	2007	July 6	2009	Jan. 13	120(64)(1)	234(202)(4)	Gov.	Consideration of H.J.R. 1 and S.J.R. 1 from 1st S.S. convened July 5, 2007
3	2007	July 7	2009	Jan. 13	119(64)	233(202)(3)	Gov.	Funding of State Employees' Retirement System
4	2007	July 7	2009	Jan. 13	119(63)	233(202)(3)	Gov.	Budget of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the Child Support Administrative Fund
5	2007	July 8	2009	Jan. 13	119(64)	232(202)(2)	Gov.	Funding for Teachers' Retirement System and Judges' Retirement System
6	2007	July 9	2009	Jan. 13	119(63)	231(202)(1)	Gov.	Funding for State Universities Retirement System and for grants administered by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to provide assistance to sexual assault victims and for sexual assault prevention activities
7	2007	July 10	2009	Jan. 13	118(64)	230(202)	Gov.	Funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for Supportive Living Program
8	2007	July 11	2009	Jan. 13	117(64)	229(202)	Gov.	Consideration of S.B. 1007 and impact of assault weapon violence on State's health care expenditures and general fiscal health
9	2007	July 28	2009	Jan. 13	104(64)	215(202)	Gov.	Consideration of second temporary, one-month budget

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95th (cont'd)								
10	2007	July 30	2009	Jan. 13	103(64)	214(212)	Gov.	Consideration of second temporary, one-month budget and funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services State Hemophilia Program
11	2007	Aug. 4	2009	Jan. 13	98(63)	209(202)	Gov.	Consideration of second temporary, one-month budget and funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services State Chronic Renal Disease Program
12	2007	Aug. 5	2009	Jan. 13	97(64)	208(202)	Gov.	Consideration of second temporary, one-month budget and funding for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services Home Health Agency services
13	2007	Aug. 11	2009	Jan. 13	92(64)	202(201)(1)	Gov.	Consideration of second temporary, one-month budget and funding for the Department of Public Health's Community Health Centers
14	2007	Aug. 12	2009	Jan. 13	92(64)	201(200)(1)	Gov.	Consideration of second temporary, one-month budget and funding for the Department of Public Health's Local Health Protection Grant Program
15	2007	Aug. 12	2009	Jan. 13	92(64)	201(200)(1)	Gov.	Funding for Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, and downstate public transportation
16	2007	Aug. 13	2009	Jan. 13	91(64)	200(199)(1)	Gov.	Funding for Chicago Transit Authority
17	2007	Nov. 28	2009	Jan. 13	69(53)	135(131)(2)	Gov.	Funding for Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and PACE

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<i>G.A. & spec sess. 95th (cont'd)</i>	<i>Convened</i> <i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Adjourned</i> <i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Legislative days</i> <i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Called by</i>	<i>Subject(s)</i>
18	2007	Nov. 29	2009	Jan. 13	68(52)	133(132)(1)	Gov.	Funding for Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and PACE and for consideration of a capital plan
19	2008	Jan. 2	2009	Jan. 13	63(47)	119(118)(1)	Gov.	Funding for Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, and PACE
20	2008	July 9	2009	Jan. 13	16(15)	57(53)(1)	Gov.	Consideration of bills to provide revenue for appropriations in H.B. 5701 and S.B.'s 1102, 1115, and 1129
21	2008	July 9	2009	Jan. 13	16(15)	57(53)(1)	Gov.	Consideration of bills to provide revenue for appropriations in H.B. 5701 and S.B.'s 1102, 1115, and 1129; and accept and enter in the Journal any item, line-item, or reduction veto of any appropriation bills returned by the Governor
22	2008	July 10	2009	Jan. 13	15(14)	56(53)	Gov.	Consideration of bills to provide revenue for appropriations in H.B. 5701 and S.B.'s 1102, 1115, and 1129; consideration of any corrective measures to remedy provisions of H.B. 5701, Article 48, section 5; and accept and enter in the Journal any item, line-item, or reduction veto of any appropriation bills returned by the Governor
23	2008	Aug. 12	2009	Jan. 13	6(4)	46(44)(1)	Gov.	Consideration of measures aimed at increasing school funding, improving the school funding structure, and eliminating any current inequities
24	2008	Aug. 13	2009	Jan. 13	5(5)	46(44)	Gov.	Consideration of the new proposed capital infrastructure plan, with any other measures necessary to provide for the capital infrastructure needs of the state

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95th (cont'd)							
25	2008	Sept. 22	2009	Jan. 13	1(0)	35(33)	Gov. Consideration of measures aimed at formulating and implementing comprehensive ethics reform
26	2008	Sept. 22	2009	Jan. 13	1(0)	34(32)	Gov. Consideration of measures to require insurance companies to cover costs of diagnosis, therapy, and treatment for children with autism-spectrum disorders
96th							
1	2009	June 23	2009	June 30	2(0)(1)	4(0)(3)	Gov. Budget for FY 2010 and ethics reform
2	2009	July 14	2009	July 15	1(0)(1)	2(0)(1)	Legis. Governor's veto of budget for FY 2010

Note: Includes perfunctory sessions (in parentheses) for which members did not receive per diems. The Senate did not officially have perfunctory sessions until 1993. Numbers in parentheses reflect perfunctory days; bold numbers in parentheses reflect non-concurrent, non-perfunctory special session days.

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