Understanding And Working With The Legislature

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Water 101 – The Basics and Beyond
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Water Politics Can Be A Full Body Contact Sport
To Play The Game, You Need To Know:

➢ The Players
➢ The Rules of the Game
➢ Some Strategy
Meet The California Legislature

**Senate**
- 40 Members
  - 28 Dems
  - 10 Reps
  - 2 Vacancies
- 4 Year Terms
  - 6 – 2020 *
  - 7 – 2022 *
  - 7 – 2024 *
  - 2 – 2024 †
  - 4 – 2026 *
  - 4 – 2026 †
  - 3 – 2028 †
  - 5 – 2030 †

**Assembly**
- 80 Members
  - 61 Dems
  - 19 Reps
- 2 Year Terms
  - 32 – 2024 †
  - 20 – 2026 †
  - 21 – 2028 †
  - 7 – 2030 †

* Old Term Limit Rules (3 Asm, 2 Sen)
† New Term Limits Rules (12 yrs Total)
Meet The California Legislature

**Senate**
- 8 Local Government
- 8 Attorney
- 7 Business Owner
- 3 Real Estate
- 2 Educator
- 2 Former Leg Staffer
- 2 Medical
- 2 Organized Labor
- 2 Retired Military
- 2 Miscellaneous

**Assembly**
- 18 Local Government
- 11 Attorney
- 11 Educator
- 10 Former Leg Staffer
- 6 Business Owner
- 4 Rancher/Farmer
- 3 Medical
- 2 Real Estate
- 2 Law Enforcement
- 13 Miscellaneous
Leadership

Senate

Pro Tem
Toni Atkins

Minority Leader (March 1)
Shannon Grove

Assembly

Speaker
Anthony Rendon

Minority Leader
Marie Waldron
What Do We Do?

➢ Adopt Rules
➢ Pass New Laws
➢ Appropriate Funds
➢ Oversight of Executive Branch
➢ Constituent Services
Legislative Calendar

Key Dates:

Jan. 10 Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a))
Jan. 25 Last day to submit bill requests to Legislative Counsel
Feb. 22 Last day for bills to be introduced
Apr. 26 Last day for policy committees to hear & report fiscal bills
May 3 Last day for policy committees to hear & report non-fiscal bills
May 10 Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 3
May 17 Last day for fiscal committees to hear & report bills

May 28 – May 31
Floor Session Only. No committee may meet for any purpose

May 31 Last day for bills to be passed out of the house of origin
Legislative Calendar
Key Dates:

Jun  3  Committee meetings may resume
Jun 15  Budget must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (c)(3)).
July 10  Last day for policy committees to hear & report fiscal bills
July 12  Last Day for policy committees to meet & report bills
  Summer Recess begins upon adjournment (if budget passed)
Aug. 12  Reconvene from Summer Recess
Aug. 30  Last day for fiscal committees to meet & report bills to the Floor

Sep. 3 – 13
  Floor Session only. No committees, other than Conference Committees &
  Rules Committee, may meet for any purpose

Sep.  6  Last day to amend bills on the Floor
Sep. 13  Last day for each house to pass bills (Art. IV, Sec. 10 (c))
  Interim Study Recess begins at the end of this day’s session
Standing Committees

**Senate**
- Agriculture
- Appropriations
- Banking & Financial Institutions
- Budget & Fiscal Review
- Business, Professions & Economic Development
- Education
- Elections & Constitutional Amendments
- Energy, Utilities & Communications
- Environmental Quality
- Governance & Finance
- Governmental Organization
- Health
- Housing
- Human Services
- Insurance
- Judiciary
- Labor, Public Employment & Retirement
- Natural Resources & Water
- Public Safety
- Transportation
- Veterans Affairs

**Assembly**
- Accountability & Administrative Review
- Aging & Long-Term Care
- Agriculture Appropriations
- Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media
- Banking & Finance
- Budget
- Business & Professions Communications & Conveyance
- Education
- Elections & Redistricting
- Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials
- Governmental Organization
- Health
- Higher Education
- Housing & Community Development
- Human Services
- Insurance
- Jobs, Economic Development, & the Economy
- Judiciary
- Labor & Employment
- Local Government
- Natural Resources
- Privacy & Consumer Protection
- Public Employment & Retirement
- Public Safety
- Revenue & Taxation Rules
- Transportation
- Utilities & Energy
- Veterans Affairs
- Water, Parks, & Wildlife
How a Bill Becomes a Law

Bill is introduced

Committee Hearings

Floor Action

Committee Hearings

Floor Action

Returned to original house

Bill goes to Governor

Most bills become law January 1 of the next year

If passed
(Sent to other house)

If passed with amendments

If original house concurs

If not vetoed
Until Recently, Bill Load Has Been Declining
Oversight:
Standing & Select Committees

15 Senate Select Committees:*  
Asian Pacific Islander Affairs  
California’s Wine Industry  
California, Armenia and Artsakh Mutual Trade, Art & Cultural Exchange  
California-Mexico Cooperation  
Career Technology and the New Economy  
Children with Special Needs  
Defense and Aerospace  
Manufactured Home Communities  
Mental Health  
Policy Alignment and State Government Efficiency  
Ports and Goods Movement  
Student Success  
U.S. Citizen Youth Exiled in Mexico  
Women and Inequality: Strategies to Promote Opportunity  
Women, Work and Families  

2024 Olympic Games  
Aerospace  
California-México Bi-National Affairs  
California’s Clean Energy Economy  
Coastal Protection and Access to Natural Resources  
Craft Brewing and Distilling  
Cybersecurity  
End of Life Health Care  
Homelessness  
Improving Bay Area Transportation Systems  
Natural Disaster Response, Recover, and Rebuilding  
Ports & Goods Movement  
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education  
Status of Boys and Men of Color in California  
Wine  
Women in the Workplace  

* 2017-18 legislative session  
† 2017-18 legislative session
Constituent Services

(That Means You!)
Some Strategy

➢ Understand Our Process
➢ Know What’s Going On
➢ Know Some Lingo
➢ Don’t Be Shy
You Can’t Tell The Players Without A Program

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AT SACRAMENTO
2011-12 REGULAR SESSION

Senate Daily File

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Speaker pro Tempore

HON. RONDÁ MA
Speaker pro Tempore

HON. CHARLES M. CALDERÓN
Majority Floor Leader

HON. CONNIE CONWAY
Majority Floor Leader

E. DOTSON WILSON
Chief Clerk

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Assistant Chief Clerk

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(At The Appropriate Time!)

➢ Bill Ideas
➢ Positions On Bills (In Writing)
➢ Issues Of Concern
➢ Background Information
Some Capitol Lingo

➢ Gut & amend
➢ Hijack
➢ Jail Break
➢ Suspense file
➢ Lay off
➢ Stakeholder
➢ Sponsor
➢ May revise
➢ Blue pencil

➢ Spot bill
➢ District bill
➢ Trailer bill
➢ Two-year bill
➢ Speakerize
➢ On call
➢ Mod
➢ Job killer
➢ Urgency clause
Final Points

➢ Staff Are Important Contacts

➢ Paper Is Better Than E-Mail
   E-Mail Is Better Than Phone

➢ Time Is Usually Of The Essence

➢ If In Doubt, Ask
So What Might We See This Year?
Questions?