2026 State Effective Dates

Updated July 1, 2026

State	2026 Effective date	2025 Effective Date	Additional Info	Source
Alabama	Mentioned in bill	Mentioned in bill	Effective dates for all bills are specified in bill text.	n/a
Alaska	90 days after passage	90 days after passage	Bills are effective 90 days after passage.	Alaska Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 18
Arizona	TBA	September 26, 2025	Bills are generally effective 90 days after the session adjourns. Emergency bills and "laws that provide for the support and maintenance of state agencies and institutions" are effective immediately. Any increase in state revenues approved by 2/3 of the legislature is effective immediately (see Proposition 108).	Arizona Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 1
Arkansas	July 29, 2026	July 15, 2025	Bills are generally effective 90 days after the session adjourns unless they are emergency bills. If citizens file a referendum petition within 90 days of passage, the effective date is delayed until approval from the voters.	Arkansas Constitution, Article V, Sec. 1
California	January 1, 2027	January 1, 2026	Unless marked otherwise, bills go into effect the following January 1. Bills enacted during special session are effective the 91st day after adjournment of that session	Cal. Government Code 9600
Colorado	August 12, 2026	August 6, 2025	Bills are generally effective 90 days after the session adjourns, unless the bill contains a safety clause, whereby it is effective upon passage. If citizens file a referendum petition within 90 days of passage, the effective date is delayed until approval from the voters.	Colorado Constitution, Article V, Sec. 1
Connecticut	October 1, 2026	October 1, 2025	Unless marked otherwise, bills are effective the first day of October.	Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 2-32
Delaware	Upon passage	Upon passage	Unless marked otherwise, bills are in effect upon passage.	1 Del.C. § 102
D.C.	30 days after Congressional review	30 days after Congressional review	DC bills are effective after a 30 day review period by Congress.	DC Home Rule Act (1973), Sec. 602, (c)(1)

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Florida	May 12, 2026	August 15, 2025	Bills take effect the 60th day after adjournment.	Florida Constitution, Article III, Sec. 9
Georgia	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2025	Bills enacted before July become effective July 1. Bills enacted after July 1 become effective the following January 1.	Georgia Code § 1-3-4
Hawaii	Upon passage	Upon passage	Unless marked otherwise, bills are in effect upon passage.	Hawaii Constitution, Article III, Sec. 16
Idaho	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2025	No act shall take effect until July 1 of the year of the regular session or sixty (60) days from the end of the session at which the same shall have been passed, whichever date occurs last, except in case of emergency, which emergency shall be declared in the preamble or body of the law.	Idaho Code 67-510
Illinois	January 1, 2027 or June 1, 2027	January 1, 2026 or June 1, 2026	A bill passed prior to June 1 will become effective the following January 1 or when it becomes law, whichever is later. A bill passed after May 31 shall become effective the following June 1 unless the General Assembly by a vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house provides for an earlier effective date in the terms of the bill or unless the General Assembly provides for a later effective date in the terms of the bill.	5 ILCS 75
Indiana	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2025	Unless specified, emergency bill, or veto-override, a bill is effective on July 1. If a bill is passed in a special session, it is effective the first day of the third calendar month following adjournment.	Ind. Code § 1-1-3-3
Iowa	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2025	Unless specified, an enacted bill takes effect on July 1. If the bill was passed in a special session, it takes effect 90 days after the session adjourned.	Iowa Constitution, Article III, Sec. 26
Kansas	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2025	Unless specified, bills become effective when published in the statute book, which is published on July 1.	K.S.A. 45-310
Kentucky	July 15, 2026	July 15, 2025	Unless specified in the bill or in emergency legislation, bills shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session.	Kentucky Constitution, Section 55
Louisiana	August 1, 2026	August 1, 2025	Unless specified, bills take effect on August 1. If a bill was passed in a special session, it takes effect 60 days after the adjournment of the session.	Louisiana Constitution, Article III, Sec. 19

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Maine	July 29, 2026	June 20, 2025	Unless specified or in emergency legislation, a bill shall take effect 90 days after the session adjourns.	Maine Constitution, Article IV, Sec. 16
Maryland	June 1, 2026	June 1, 2025	Unless specified, any bills takes effect on the June 1 following the session.	Maryland Constitution, Article III, Sec. 31
Massachusetts	90 days after passage	90 days after passage	Excepting emergency bills, all other bills take effect 90 days after being enacted	Massachusetts Constitution, Article XLVIII,
Michigan	90 days after the session ends	March 19, 2026	Unless a bill is for immediate effect and passed by 2/3 of the members in each house, it will take effect 90 days after the session ends.	Michigan Constitution, Article IV, Sec. 27
Minnesota	August 1, 2026	August 1, 2025	Unless specified, bills take effect on August 1. If a bill is a special bill requiring approval from a local jurisdiction, it goes into effect after it has received approval. If a bill is an appropriations bill, it goes into effect the next July 1, unless specified	Minnesota Statutes Sec. 645.02
Mississippi	60 days after passage	60 days after passage	No law of a general nature, unless therein otherwise provided, shall be enforced until sixty days after its passage.	Mississippi Constitution, Sec. 75
Missouri	August 28, 2026	August 28, 2025	Unless specified or in emergency legislation, a bill shall take effect 90 days after the session adjourns. Pursuant to Section 20(a), Article III, Constitution of Missouri, as amended in 1988, the regular sessions of the general assembly end on May 30th and laws passed at that session become effective August 28th of that year.	Missouri Constitution, Article III, Sec. 29
Montana	No session	October 1, 2025	Unless specified, legislation takes effect the first day of October following passage. Appropriations bills take effect the first day of July following passage. Any taxation bill takes effect the first day of January following passage. Any bill passed during special session takes effect upon passage.	Montana Code Annotated 1-2-201
Nebraska	July 18, 2026	September 2, 2025	Bills take effect three months after the adjournment of the session. Unless they include an effective date or emergency clause. Bills with an emergency clause become effective as soon as the governor signs the bill, the legislature overrides the governor's veto, or five days pass after the legislature approves a bill and the governor fails to act on it.	Nebraska Constitution, Article III, Sec. 27

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Nevada	No session	October 1, 2025	Unless specified, bills take effect on the October 1 after the session.	Nevada Revised Statutes 218D.330
New Hampshire	Specified in text		Effective dates for all bills are specified in bill text.	n/a
New Jersey	July 4 of the next year	July 4 of the next year	Unless specified, bills take effect on the next July 4.	NJ Legislative process
New Mexico	May 20, 2026	June 20, 2025	Bills go into effect 90 days after adjournment of the session, except general appropriation bills, which go into effect upon passage, or emergency bills passed by 2/3 of the legislature.	New Mexico Constitution, Article IV, Sec. 23
New York	Specified in bill text		Effective dates for all bills are specified in bill text.	n/a
North Carolina	60 days after adjournment	60 days after adjournment	Unless specified, bills take effect 60 days after adjournment.	North Carolina General Statutes § 120-20
North Dakota	August 1, 2026	August 1, 2025	Unless specified, bills generally take effect on August 1. Bills take effect on July 1 if appropriations or tax bills.	North Dakota Constitution, Article IV, Section 13
Ohio	90 days after passage	90 days after passage	Unless specified, bills take effect 90 days after passage. Emergency bills passed by two-thirds of the legislature take effect immediately.	Ohio Constitution, Article II, Section 01b
Oklahoma	90 days after passage	90 days after passage	Unless specified, bills take effect 90 days after passage, except bills enacting initiative and referendum, a general appropriation bill, or emergency bills passed by a vote of two-thirds of the legislature.	Oklahoma Constitution, Section V-58
Oregon	January 1, 2027	January 1, 2026	Bills take effect the following January 1.	Oregon Revised Statutes 171.022
Pennsylvania	60 days after passage	60 days after passage	Unless specified, a bill takes effective 60 days after passage.	Pennsylvania CSA Effective Dates
Rhode Island	The next July 1	July 1, 2025	Bills passed before July should take effect July 1. Any bill passed after July 1 shall take effect upon passage.	Rhode Island General Laws, Section 43-3-25
South Carolina	20 days after passage	20 days after passage	Bills shall take effect 20 days after signed by the Governor.	South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 2-7-10

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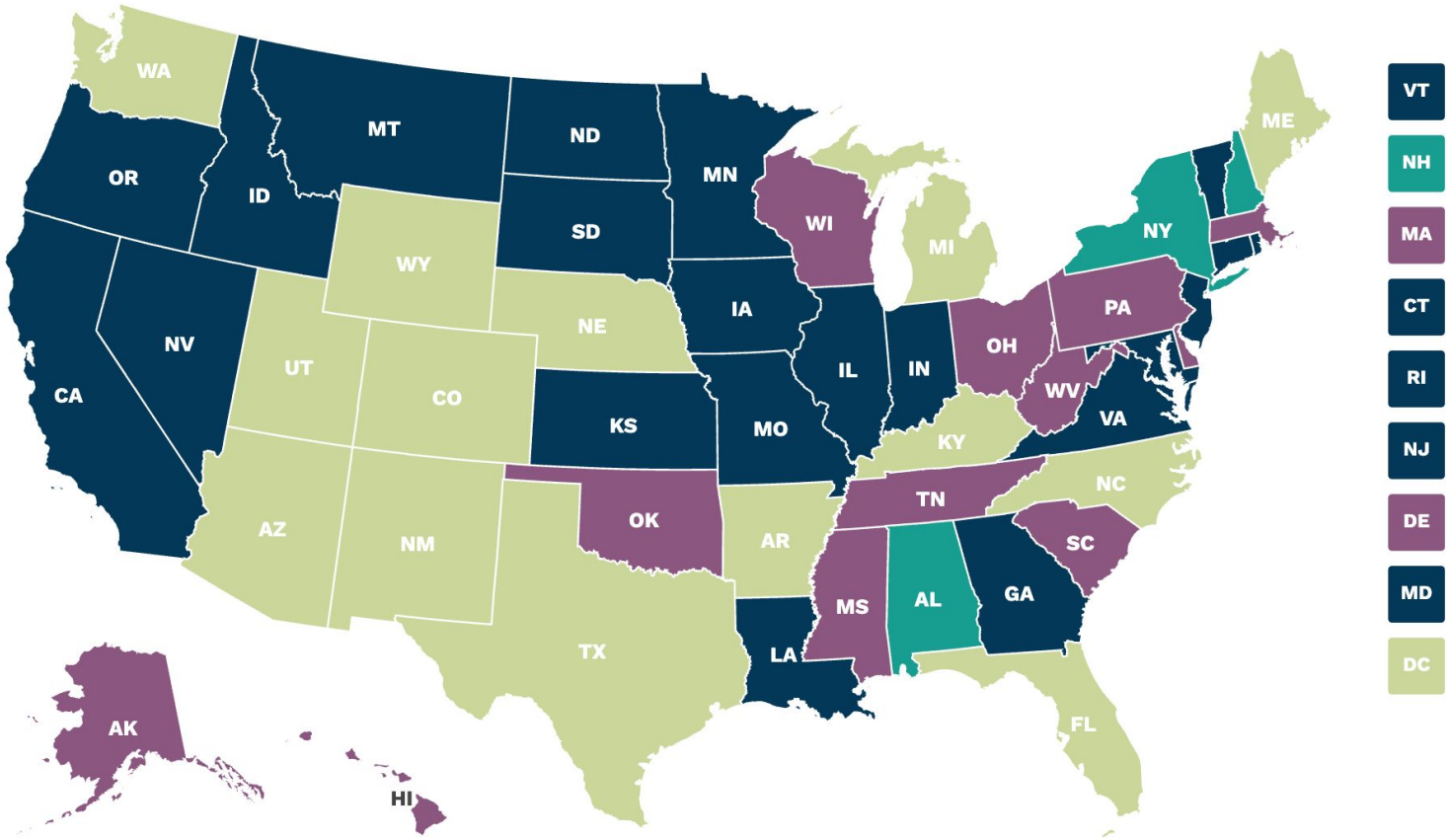
South Dakota	No session	July 1, 2025	An act of the Legislature which does not prescribe when it shall take effect, if passed at a regular session, takes effect on the first day of July after its passage and if passed at a special session on the ninety-first day after the final adjournment of such session.	South Dakota Statutes, 2-4-16
Tennessee	40 days after passage	40 days after passage	Bills take effect 40 days after passage unless it mentions in the bill that public welfare requires it be in effect immediately.	Tennessee Constitution, Article II, Section 20
Texas	No session	September 1, 2025	Unless specified, bills take effect 90 days after adjournment of the session, unless they are emergency bills passed by two-thirds of the legislature.	Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 39
Utah	May 5, 2026	May 7, 2025	Bills take effect 60 days after the session has adjourned unless it is an emergency bill passed by two-thirds of the legislature.	Utah Constitution, Article VI, Section 25
Vermont	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2025	Unless specifically provided, bills take effect the July 1 after they are passed.	1 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 212
Virginia	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2025	Bills take effect on July 1 after they were enacted, unless they are a emergency or general appropriations bill. Bills from a special session are effective the first day of the fourth month after adjournment.	Virginia Constitution, Article IV, Section 13
Washington	June 11, 2026	July 27, 2025	Bills take effect 90 days after adjournment of the session.	Washington Constitution, Article II, Section 41
West Virginia	90 days after passage	90 days after passage	Bills take effect 90 days after passage, unless passed by two-thirds of the legislature.	West Virginia Constitution, Article VI, Section 30
Wisconsin	Two days after the governor signs the bill.	Two days after the governor signs the bill.	Unless specified, bills take effect the day after publication by the Legislative Bureau, which takes place a day after the Governor signs the bill.	Wisconsin Constitution, Article IV, Section 17
Wyoming	June 3, 2026	TBA	Unless specified, bills take effect 90 days after adjournment of the session, although bills typically have a clause that makes them effective either immediately or on July 1.	Wyoming Statutes, Section 8-1-108

When is a bill's effective date?

- Fixed effective date
- Number of days after bill passage
- Number of days after session adjourns
- Determined by bill



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