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MEMORANDUM

To: The Executive Committee of the Legislative Council
From: Ed DeCecco
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Subject: Convening the Second Regular Session of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly

This memorandum is to provide you information about setting the date for the Seventy-fifth General Assembly to convene its Second Regular Session.

1. Possible Dates

Article V, section 7 of the Colorado Constitution requires the General Assembly to meet in regular session at 10:00 a.m. no later than the second Wednesday of January each year, and the earliest it can meet is on or after January 1.¹ This means the possible dates for the General Assembly convening next session are January 1, 2026, to January 14, 2026.

Sessions typically begin on Wednesdays and all of the deadlines created in Joint Rule 23 (a) are based on that assumption, but the General Assembly can start on any day within the permissible dates. For example, the First Regular Session of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly began on Monday, January 9, 2023, in order for the General Assembly to meet to ensure statewide officers could take office in a timely manner and to comply with its constitutional duties.²

¹ § 2-2-303.5 (4), C.R.S.

² For more information, see this [LegiSource article](#).

2. Options for Setting the Date

2.1. Set the Date in a Joint Resolution

The General Assembly, acting by joint resolution, may designate the date of the next regular session,³ and it did so for the 2021, 2022, and 2023 sessions. The joint resolution typically is sponsored by the Majority and Minority Leaders from both chambers, and it starts in alternating chambers, with the 2023 resolution starting in the House. This resolution would not be subject to the deadline for introducing resolutions and memorials.⁴ If you currently know that you want the next regular session to begin on a date other than January 14, 2026, then you should sponsor a resolution to designate the desired date.

2.2. Default to January 14, 2026

If another date is not established, then the next General Assembly will automatically default to convening on the second Wednesday of January,⁵ which is January 14, 2026. There was no joint resolution in 2023 or 2024 that established a different convening date, and, therefore, the last and current regular sessions began on the default statutory starting date.

If, after the General Assembly adjourns, but no later than November 1, 2025, the Executive Committee decides that the General Assembly should begin sooner than January 14, then it is empowered to pick a different date within the allowable boundaries.⁶

³ § 2-2-303.5 (3), C.R.S.

⁴ Joint Rule 23 (g)(2).

⁵ § 2-2-303.5 (2), C.R.S.

⁶ §§ 2-2-303.5 (4) and 2-3-303 (4)(b), C.R.S. The Executive Committee's authority to set the date only applies if the General Assembly does not set a date through a joint resolution.