AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California
Enactment clauses that specify the effective date are included in each bill.	Legislation becomes effective 90 days after enactment, including Saturdays and Sundays, unless specified otherwise within the bill. A bill becomes enacted if, while the Legislature is in session, the Governor neither signs nor vetoes it within 15 days following its delivery, Sundays excepted. If the Legislature is not in session and the Governor neither signs nor vetoes a bill within 20 days following its delivery, Sundays excepted, the bill becomes enacted.	If the Governor signs a bill and it is either emergency or Proposition 108 legislation, the law takes effect immediately; otherwise, the law takes effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns sine die. Proposition 108 requires legislation that provides a net increase in state revenues to receive a two-thirds majority.	Unless there is an emergency clause or an enactment clause that specifies otherwise, the legislation takes effect 90 days after sine die adjournment. In Arkansas, this period of time is a constitutionally-reserved right of the people to file a referendum petition blocking non-emergency legislation. In addition, if this referendum deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the deadline must instead move to the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. For this reason, the effective date may end up being slightly later than 90 days after adjournment.	Most bills go into effect on January 1 of the year following a bill's enactment. Urgency measures take effect immediately after they are signed by the Governor, or after they are allowed to become law without the Governor's signature. Statutes calling for elections or providing for tax levies or appropriations for the usual current expenses of the state also go into effect immediately upon enactment. Every concurrent and joint resolution takes effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

CO, CT, DE, FL, GA

Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	Florida	Georgia

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CO, CT, DE, FL, GA (cont)

If a bill contains a safety clause (meaning the bill is not subject to the citizens' right to file a referendum petition against it), the bill takes effect on the date specified within it. If no date is specified, then it takes effect upon its passage - the date on which the Governor either approves the bill or allows it to become law without a signature. If a bill does not contain a safety clause, a special effective date clause explaining an alternative effective date will be added to the bill in lieu of the safety clause. Assuming that a referendum petition is not filed against a bill lacking a safety clause, the earliest the bill can take effect is the day after the expiration of the 90-day period following adjournment. If a referendum petition containing sufficient signatures is filed against a bill within the 90-day period, the bill cannot take effect until approved by the voters at an even-year statewide election.	The effective date is specified in the bill. Usually the date given is either July 1 or October 1, although January 1 occasionally appears as an effective date, as well.	Bills take effect as soon as they are signed into law, when a veto is overridden, or when the Governor has failed to sign a bill within 10 days (Sundays excluded), unless a different effective date is otherwise noted within an enactment clause in the bill.	Each law takes effect on the 60th day after adjour-nment sine die of the session of the Legisl-ature in which it was enacted, or as otherwise provided within the bill.	Legisl-ation takes effect on July 1 unless otherwise specified within an enactment clause in the bill.

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Enactment clauses are included in each bill.	In general, unless a bill contains an emergency clause or a clearly-i-ndicated effective date, the bill will take effect 60 days following session adjour-nment or July 1, whichever is later. Every joint resolution takes effect from its passage, unless a different date is mentioned in the resolution.	If a bill has no effective date provided in the text, then the Effective Date of Laws Act, 5 ILCS 75/, supplies the date. If the bill passes prior to June 1, it takes effect the following January 1. If it passes after May 31, it takes effect June 1 of the following year. Bill passage is defined as when a bill has passed both chambers in the same form, and will be sent to the Governor.	A bill takes effect upon the date indicated at the beginning of the relevant statutory section referenced in the bill. This includes special session bills and bills that have passed without the Governor's signature.	1. All Acts and resolutions of a public nature passed at regular sessions of the Legisl-ature shall take effect on July 1 following their passage, unless some other specific date is provided in the text. 2. All Acts and resolutions of a public nature passed prior to July 1 at a regular session of the Legislature, and which are approved by the Governor on or after July 1, shall take effect 45 days after approval, except for the type of legislation described in section 3.12 (appropriations) and those that specifiy their effective dates in their text. 3. All Acts and resolutions passed at a special session of the Legislature shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the special session unless a different effective day is stated in the text. 4. An Act which is effective upon enactment is effective upon the date of signature by the Governor. If the Governor vetoes it, it is effective upon the date the Legislature overrides the veto. If the Governor fails to sign or return an Act that submitted prior to the last three days of a session, it is effective on the fourth day after it was presented to the Governor for approval. An Act that has an effective date that is dependent upon the time of enactment shall have the time of enactment determined by this subsection. 5. A concurrent or joint resolution which is effective upon enactment is effective upon the date of final passage by both chambers of the Legislature, except that any concurrent or joint resolution requiring the approval of the Governor under section 262A.4 (or otherwise) is effective upon the date of such approval. A resolution which is effective upon enactment is effective upon the date of passage. A concurrent or joint resolution or resolution that has an effective date that is dependent upon the time of enactment shall have the time of enactment determined by the standards of this subsection. 6. Unless retroactive effectiveness is specifically provided for in an Act or resolution, any legislation enacted after an effective date provided in its text shall take effect upon the date of enactment instead.

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KS, KY, LA, ME, MD

Kansas

The vast majority of the time, effective dates are at the end of the bill. However, if there is no effective date noted, a bill becomes effective upon publication in the statute book. This is always July 1 of the year that the bill passed the Legislature. This rule applies to special session bills and bills that passed without the Governor's signature. In certain cases, bills may become effective upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Kentucky

Effective dates are normally noted in the text of the bill. However, if they are not noted, the bill becomes effective 90 days after the official end of the session. The official end of the session is determined by the Attorney General. This 90-day rule applies to bills that pass into law without the Governor's signature, as well as special session bills. For special sessions, a bill will become effective 90 days after the special session ends, also as determined by the Attorney General.

Louisiana

If an effective date is not provided in the bill text, the bill will always become effective on August 1 of the year that the bill passed the Legislature. This rule also applies to bills that pass into law without the Governor's signature. For special sessions, the bill becomes effective 60 days after adjournment of the special session.

Maine

Effective dates are normally noted in the bill, but for bills that do not have an effective date, they become effective 90 days after the session has ended. This rule also applies to resolves, special sessions and bills that pass into law without the Governor's signature.

Maryland

Bills will always have an effective date noted in the bill text. The only bills that do not have effective dates in the bill text are emergency bills, which become effective on the day they are signed.

MA, MI, MN, MS, MO

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississippi

Missouri

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MA, MI, MN, MS, MO (cont)

The majority of bills will have effective dates within the bill text. If a bill does not have an effective date, it is effective 90 days after it was signed by the Governor. If a bill was not signed by the Governor, then it is effective 90 days after the end of the session.

Most bills will have an effective date noted in the text of the bill. If an effective date is not noted, however, and if the bill passed by a two-thirds majority, then the bill takes effect immediately. If the bill does not pass by a two-thirds majority, then the bill becomes effective 90 days after adjournment.

Most bills will have effective dates within the bill text. For bills that do not have effective dates noted in the text, the bills become effective on August 1 of the year in which the bill passed the Legislature, except for appropriation bills. Appropriation bills become effective on July 1 of the fiscal year to which the bill applies. For special sessions, if the August 1 deadline has passed, then the bill will always have an effective date within the bill text. The above rules apply even if a bill passes without the Governor's signature.

If a bill does not have an effective date within the bill text, then the bill becomes effective 60 days after passage. This includes bills passed during a special session and bills that have become effective without the Governor's signature.

If a bill does not have an effective date within the bill text, then the bill will become effective on August 28 of the year in which it passed the Legislature. If the bill is an emergency bill, then it is effective immediately unless otherwise noted within the bill. For special sessions, if there is no effective date within the text of the bill, then the bill becomes effective 90 days after adjournment of the special session.

MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ

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If a bill does not have an effective date within the bill text, then the bill becomes effective on October 1 of the year that it passed the Legislature. For special sessions, bills become effective upon passage if an effective date is not stated in the bill text.

Bills without emergency clauses or effective dates specified in bill text become law three calendar months after the legislative session ends (Article III, Sec, 27 Nebr. Const.). Bills with emergency clauses become law the day after they are signed by the Governor.

Bills without effective dates specified in bill text become effective on October 1.

Effective dates for all bills are specified in bill text.

A law takes effect on the day specified in its text or, if unspecified, the first July 4 following its enactment.

NM, NY, NC, ND, OH

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NM, NY, NC, ND, OH (cont)

Bills without effective dates specified in bill text or emergency clauses become effective 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature. Bills with emergency clauses become effective upon signing by the Governor.	Effective dates for all bills are specified in the bill text.	Bills without effective dates specified in bill text become effective 60 days after the adjournment of the session in which they passed.	Bills without effective dates specified in bill text become effective on August 1, unless they are appropriations or tax bills, in which case they become effective on July 1. Tax bills include any enforced contribution for public purposes (e.g., this would include fees or even authority for a public entity to determine a fee level). Emergency measures become effective when they are filed with the Secretary of State's office or on the date specified in the measure. The date a bill is filed with the Secretary is often, but not always, the same day that the Governor signs the bill.	Bills without effective dates specified in bill text become effective on the 91st day following the bill's filing with the Secretary of State for final enrollment. Emergency, current appropriation, and tax legislation are effective immediately.

OK, OR, PA, RI, SC

Oklahoma	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Rhode Island	South Carolina
Bills without effective dates specified in bill text become effective 90 days after the session adjourns. Emergency measures become effective upon signing by the Governor.	Except as otherwise provided in an Act, an Act of the Legislature takes effect on January 1 of the year after its passage.	Effective dates for all bills are specified in the bill text.	Effective dates for all bills are specified in the bill text.	A law becomes effective 20 days after approval by the Governor, unless a date is specified in the text.

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SD, TN, TX, UT, VT

South Dakota	Tennessee	Texas	Utah	Vermont
The state Constitution provides that no law can take effect sooner than 90 days following the legislative session. In addition, existing state law sets the effective date of bills passed during the regular session as July 1, unless the text itself provides for a later effective date or the law contains an emergency clause granting immediate effect.	Laws of a general nature do not take effect until 40 days after their passage, unless they contain a provision that the public welfare requires that they should take effect sooner.	Laws passed by the Legislature, except the general appropriation act, take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the session at which they are enacted, unless passed by a two-thirds majority. The final vote is indicated on the signature page of an enacted bill.	Enacted bills are effective 60 days following adjour-nment, unless otherwise specified in the text.	If a bill does not contain an enactment clause, it becomes effective on July 1 of the year the session ends.

VA, WA, WV, WI, WY

Virginia	Washington	West Virginia	Wisconsin	Wyoming
Bills that become law at a regular session (or the reconvened session that follows) are effective July 1 following the adjournment of the regular session, unless otherwise specified. Bills enacted at a special session take effect on the first day of the fourth month following the month that the special session adjourned.	Laws go into effect 90 days after the adjour-nment of the session, unless otherwise specified.	Acts of the Legislature may not take effect until 90 days have elapsed from a bill's passage, unless it was passed by a two-thirds majority. The 90 days are calculated based on the date the Legisl-ature passed the bill, not the date it was signed by the Governor.	Unless otherwise specified, the date of enactment of a bill is one day after the date of publication.	Each bill contains an enactment clause that indicates when the law shall become effective.

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Other			
Puerto Rico	Guam	US Virgin Islands	United States
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