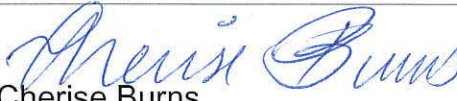


## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	January 24, 2017
<b>TO</b>	Board of Psychology Members
<b>FROM</b>	 Cherise Burns Central Services Manager
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item # 9 – Overview of the Legislative Process

**Background:**

This presentation is an overview of the legislative process in California and the Boards' and Staffs' roles and responsibilities during the process.

**Action Requested:**

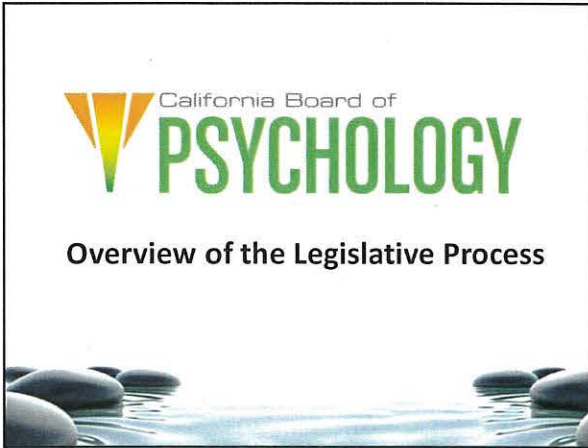
This item is for informational purposes only. No action is required.

Attachment A: Overview of the Legislative Process PowerPoint

Attachment B: Definitions of Common Terms

Attachment C: 2017 Tentative Legislative Calendar





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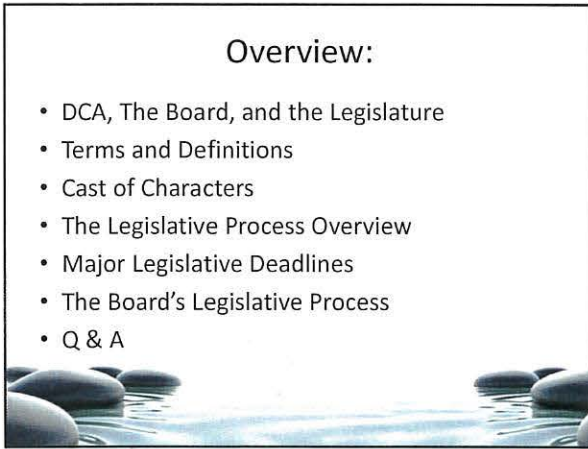
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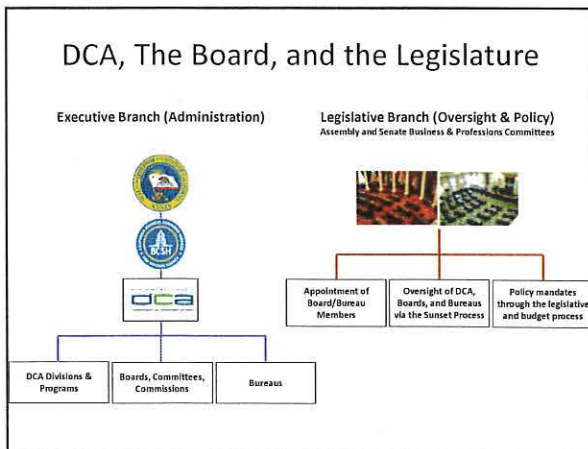
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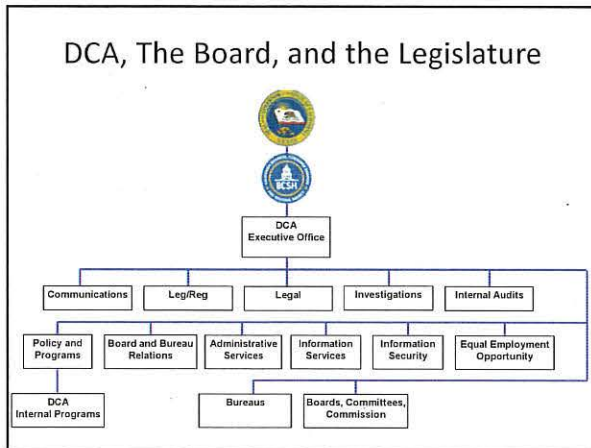
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### Major Terms

- Assembly
- Senate
- Author
- Sponsor
- Legislative Staffer
- Legislative Counsel
- Stakeholders
- House of Origin (First House)
- Second House
- Enrolled
- Chaptered
- Urgency Clause

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### Cast of Characters

- Legislators 
- Legislative Staff 
- Stakeholders 
- Governor's Administration 
- Constitutional Offices 
- Independent Boards 

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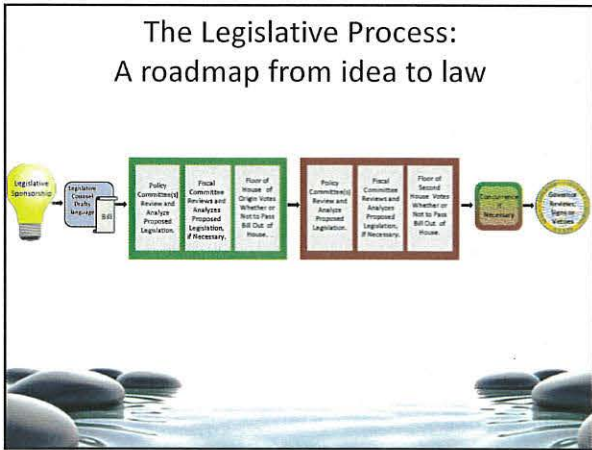
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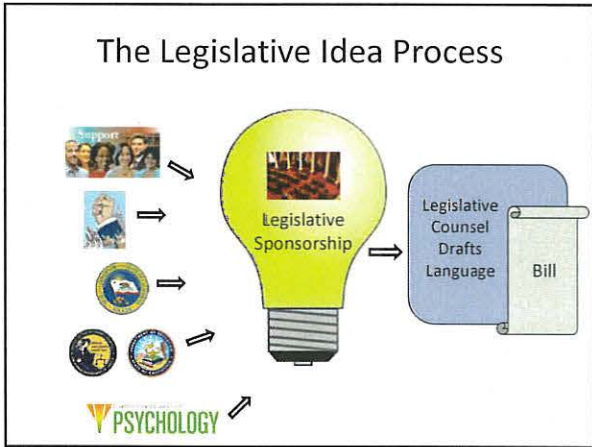
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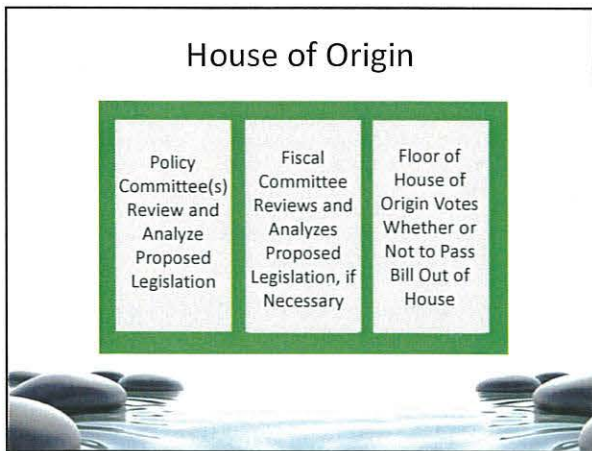
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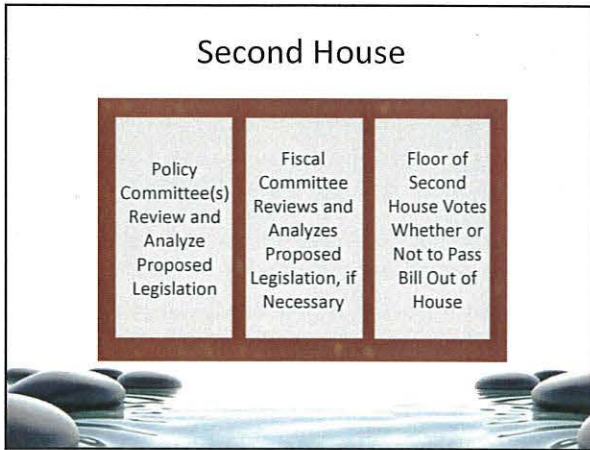
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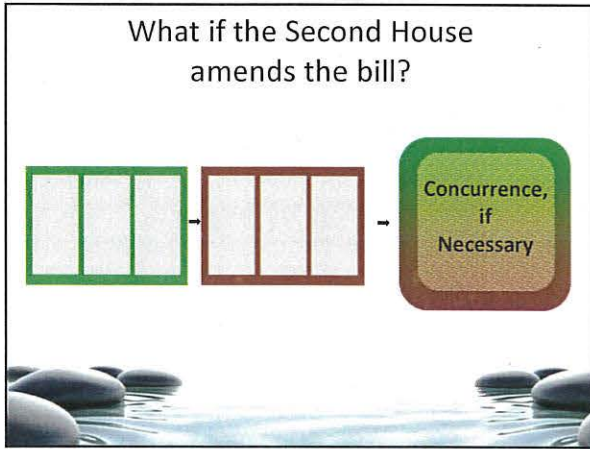
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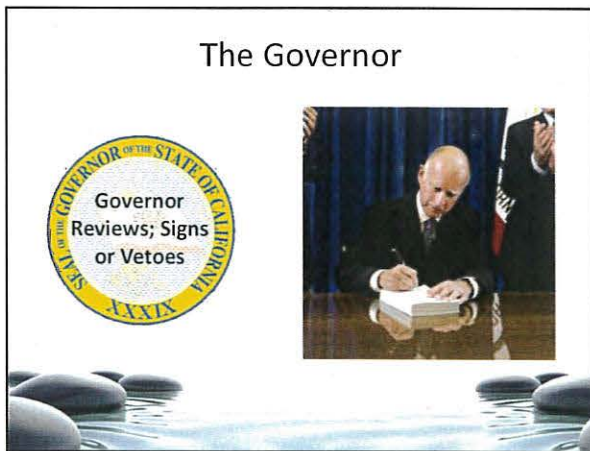
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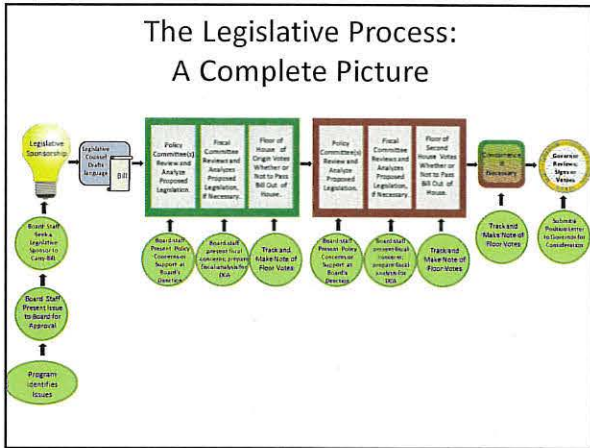
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### Major Legislative Deadlines

**Most Important Dates to Track:**

- Last day to submit bill requests to Legislative Counsel
- Last day to introduce bills
- Last day for policy committees to pass fiscal bills
- Last day for policy committees to pass nonfiscal bills
- Last day for fiscal committees to pass bills

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### Major Legislative Deadlines

**Most Important Dates to Track (cont.):**

- House of origin deadline
- Spring/Summer Recess
- Last day to amend bills on the Floor
- Last day for bills to pass on the Floor
- Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature

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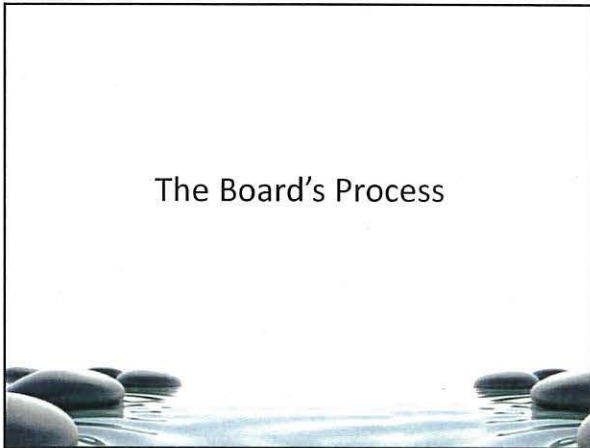
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## The Board's Process

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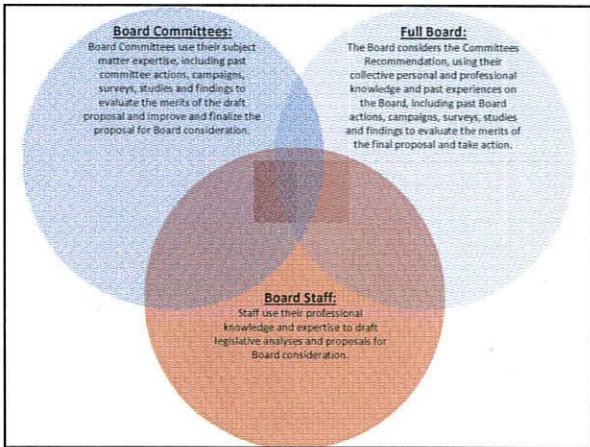
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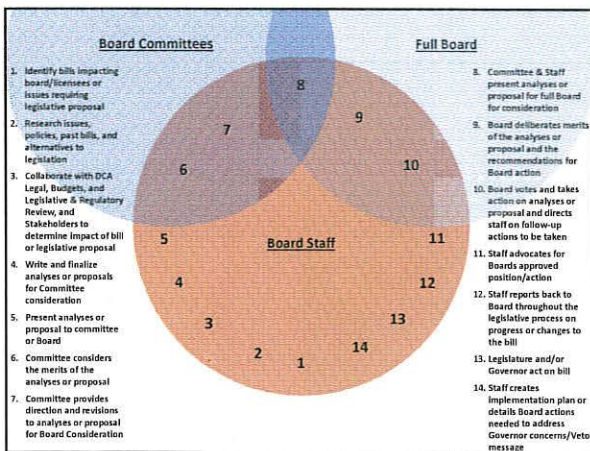
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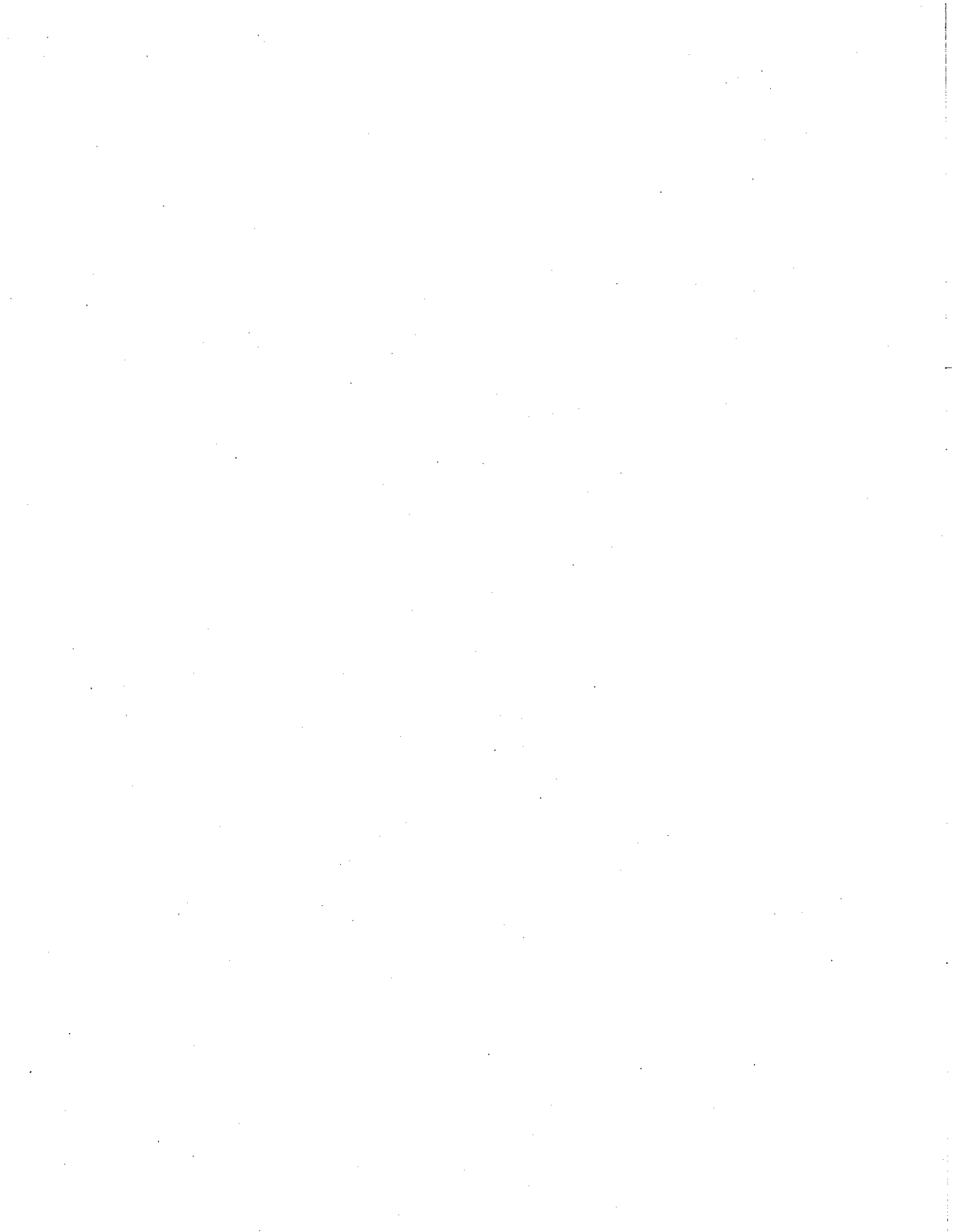
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## **Definitions of Common Terms**

### **Assembly**

The California State Assembly is the lower house of the California State Legislature. It consists of 80 members, with each member representing at least 465,000 people. An Assembly term is two years. The Assembly is associated with the color green.

### **Senate**

The California State Senate is the upper house of the California State Legislature. The legislative body consists of 40 members, with each member representing approximately 931,000 people. A Senate term is four years. The Senate is associated with the color red.

### **Author**

The legislator that is listed as the principle author of the bill. There may be more than one, but generally, the most important author is the first listed.

### **Sponsor**

The private individual or group who developed a piece of legislation and advocates its passage.

### **Legislative Staffer**

Staff of either a legislator or a legislative committee. This person is generally given a number of bills or certain subject areas to focus on for a session on behalf of their legislator or legislative committee.

### **Legislative Counsel**

The nonpartisan public agency that drafts legislative proposals, prepares legal opinions, and provides other confidential legal services to the Legislature.

### **Stakeholders**

Groups or individuals that have an interest in a given subject matter. Stakeholders can include interest groups (associations), individuals, and government entities (state, local, federal).

### **House of Origin (First House)**

The House in which a measure begins; the Assembly is the House of Origin for all Assembly measures.

## **Second House**

The house which hears measures following the House of Origin.

## **Urgency Clause**

Language in a bill which states the bill will take effect immediately upon enactment. A two-thirds vote is required for bills containing an urgency clause.

## **Enrolled**

When a bill passes both the Senate and Assembly, it is ordered "enrolled." Upon enrollment, the bill is again proofread for accuracy and delivered to the Governor.

## **Chaptered**

After a bill has been signed by the Governor, the Secretary of State assigns the bill a Chapter Number, for example, "Chapter 123, Statutes of 2015," which subsequently may be used to refer to the measure.

## **Chaptering Out**

When, during a calendar year, two or more bills amending the same code section become law, the bill enacted last (with a higher chapter number) becomes law and prevails over ("chapters out") the code section in the bill or bills previously enacted. Chaptering out can be prevented with the adoption of "double jointing" amendments.

## **Double Jointing**

Double jointing refers to technical amendments necessary when two or more bills propose to amend the same code section (i.e., are in conflict). Double jointing prevents the problem of chaptering out.

**2017 TENTATIVE LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR**  
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**DEADLINES**

JANUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wk. 2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Wk. 3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Wk. 4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Wk. 1	29	30	31				

FEBRUARY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1				1	2	3	4
Wk. 2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wk. 3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Wk. 4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Wk. 1	26	27	28				

MARCH							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1				1	2	3	4
Wk. 2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Wk. 3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Wk. 4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Wk. 1	26	27	28	29	30	31	

APRIL							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1							1
Wk. 2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Spring Recess	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Wk. 3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Wk. 4	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Wk. 1	30						

MAY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1		1	2	3	4	5	6
Wk. 2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Wk. 3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Wk. 4	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
No Hrgs.	28	29	30	31			

- Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 4** Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(1)).
- Jan. 10** Budget Bill must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12(a)).
- Jan. 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 20** Last day to submit bill requests to Office of Legislative Counsel.

- Feb. 17** Last day for bills to be introduced (J.R. 61(a)(1), J.R. 54(a)).
- Feb. 20** Presidents' Day.

**Mar. 31** Cesar Chavez Day.

- Apr. 6** Spring Recess begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
- Apr. 17** Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess (J.R. 51(a)(2)).
- Apr. 28** Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(a)(2)).

- May 12** Last day for policy committees to hear and report to the floor nonfiscal bills (J.R. 61(a)(3)).
- May 19** Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 5 (J.R. 61(a)(4)).
- May 26** Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report bills to the floor (J.R. 61(a)(5)). Last day for fiscal committees to meet prior to June 5 (J.R. 61(a)(6)).
- May 29** Memorial Day observed.
- May 30-June 2** Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose except for Rules Committee and Conference Committees (J.R. 61(a)(7)).

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JUNE							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
No Hrgs.					1	2	3
Wk. 1	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wk. 2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Wk. 3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Wk. 4	25	26	27	28	29	30	

**June 2** Last day to pass bills out of house of origin (J.R. 61(a)(8)). Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(a)(9)).

**June 15** Budget Bill must be passed by midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).

JULY							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 4							1
Wk. 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Wk. 2	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Wk. 3	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Summer Recess	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Summer Recess	30	31					

**July 4** Independence Day.

**July 14** Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills for referral to fiscal committees (J.R. 61(a)(10)).

**July 21** Last day for policy committees to hear and report bills (J.R. 61(a)(11)). Summer Recess begins upon adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed (J.R. 51 (a)(3)).

AUGUST							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Summer Recess			1	2	3	4	5
Summer Recess	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Summer Recess	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Wk. 4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Wk. 1	27	28	29	30	31		

**Aug. 21** Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess (J.R. 51 (a)(3)).

SEPTEMBER							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Wk. 1						1	2
No Hrgs.	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No Hrgs.	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Interim Recess	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Interim Recess	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

**Sept. 1** Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(12)).

**Sept. 4** Labor Day.

**Sept. 5-15** Floor session only. No committee may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(a)(13)).

**Sept. 8** Last day to amend on the Floor (J.R. 61(a)(14)).

**Sept. 15** Last day for any bill to be passed (J.R. 61(a)(15)). Interim Recess begins on adjournment (J.R. 51(a)(4)).

**IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING INTERIM RECESS**

**2017**

**Oct. 15** Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature on or before Sept. 15 and in the Governor's possession after Sept. 15 (Art. IV, Sec.10(b)(1)).

**2018**

**Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

**Jan. 3** Legislature reconvenes (J.R. 51(a)(4)).