

The Louisiana Legislature suspended its annual lawmaking session for two weeks, from March 16 – March 31 in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

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SESSION KICKS OFF MONDAY

It's that time again! Legislators are headed to the Capitol next week to kick off the Legislative Session. The 2020 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature will convene at noon on Monday, March 9, 2020.

Due to term limits, we saw a historic turnover of legislators during elections last fall. While 91 legislators are returning (some to a new chamber), 10 of the 39 Senators and 43 of the 105 Representatives are new to the Legislature. With this huge "incoming class" and the start of a new term, there is high energy at the Capitol as they head into new territory.

In January, the new legislators selected their leadership. Senator Page Cortez of Lafayette will serve as President of the Senate, and Representative Clay Schexnayder of Gonzales will serve as Speaker of the House. A couple weeks ago, Sen. Cortez and Rep. Schexnayder selected leadership of their chamber's Committees, which are incredibly important to the legislative process.

According to the Louisiana Constitution, the Session is of general subject matter in even-numbered years. Typically, this means a larger number of bills are filed on a wide range of topics and fields. While this year's bill count is low (less than 1,200), we still expect a fast-paced Session. Legislators can still file up to 5 bills each until March 31st.

Please take a moment to reach out to your legislators to wish them luck in the Regular Session, thank them for serving, and offer yourself as a resource in issues related to our profession. If you don't know your legislators, use the link below to find your State Representative and State Senator.

Find Your Legislators

WHAT TO EXPECT

Over the coming months of Regular Session, we will keep you informed on any measures that may impact your profession. Your engagement in the legislative process is vital to building a trusted presence across the state. Please be on the lookout for our Legislative Updates and Legislative Alerts.

UPDATES

These communications will provide you with the most up-to-date information that is important to the association but does not require immediate action.

ALERTS

These communications are time sensitive. Alerts should cue you to stop what you are doing, read, and take the advised action. These will most likely be sent in advance of a vote or some other important step in the legislative process. Remember to STOP, READ & ACT!

GET INVOLVED

There are a number of ways to get involved in the legislative process!

Stay Informed

Life gets busy, but you must take the time to stay informed about issues affecting your profession. Things happen very quickly at the Capitol. Stay on top of our emails and the actions requested in each. Utilize the State Legislature's great, free tracking tool MyLegis. You can track up to 50 measures and receive updates on any actions taken on those instruments. To sign up, go to www.legis.la.gov and click "Sign Up" in the upper right corner.

Know Your Legislators

The very best action you can take is to get to know your legislators. They want to know their constituents. If you have not met your legislators, take the time now to squeeze in a meeting with them. One great way to accomplish that is to ...

Visit the Capitol!

While we advise meetings or visits in your district, legislators spend so much of their time at the Capitol. Call their legislative aide before you head over to get a feel for their schedule.

Discuss Your Issues

Don't be shy about discussing issues with your colleagues and legislators. Become a resource to your legislator by informing them on particular issues.

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