

**Night Adjournment Rules for Legislative Sessions
(Revised 10/22/04)**

State	FT/PT	Session Dates		Chamber	End Time/Time Limit	Override or Exception (s)	Cite
		2004	2005				
Colorado	PT	1/7 - 5/5	1/12- 5/11	Senate	6 pm	If the Senate or a committee of the whole is in session, the session continues until a motion to adjourn is adopted, but no action can be taken on any motion for final passage of a bill or resolution on a second or third reading unless the motion was first made prior to 6 pm.	Sen. Rule 1
Maine	PT	1/7 - 1/30 & 2/3 - 4/30	12/1/04- 6/15/05	Senate	9 pm	Affirmative vote of 2/3 of members present and voting.	Senate Rule 514
Massachusetts	FT	Legislature meets throughout the year		Senate	8 pm	Roll call vote of majority of members present and voting	Senate Rule 38A
				House	9 pm or midnight - No session may start earlier than 10 AM.	House may not meet after 9 pm unless the rule is suspended by a vote of a majority of members present and voting. Vote must be taken by roll call. House may not meet after 12 AM without the unanimous consent of members present.	House Rule 1A
Michigan	FT	Legislature meets throughout the year		House & Senate	Midnight	None	Joint Rule 27

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New York	FT	Legislature meets throughout the year		Senate	Midnight - No session may be held between 12AM and 8 AM.	Senate may remain in session (1) to complete action on measure on which debate began before midnight, (2) to act on a measure considered in connection with a message of necessity from the governor, or (3) upon a majority vote of all elected Senators	Senate Rule 5, Part 2
				House	Midnight - No session may run more than 8 hours (excluding time spent in recess or standing at ease) and no session may occur between 12 AM and 6 AM	House may remain in session to (1) complete action on measures being debated, (2) act on a measure considered in connection with a message of necessity from the governor, or (3) upon a majority vote of all elected House members	House Rule 2, Part 2
No. Carolina	PT	5/10 - early July	1/26 - early July	House	10 pm	None	House Rule 1
Oregon	PT	No regular session	1/10 - early July	House	(1) The House shall not meet for more than 12 hours on any session day including recesses. (2) When the 12-hour period has elapsed, the House must adjourn for at least 8 hours.	A majority of House members present may vote to suspend the 12 hour provision	House Rule 3.08
Rhode Island	PT	1/6 - 6/25	1/4 - late June	Senate	11 pm.	None	Senate Rule 3.5
				House	10 pm	None	House Rule 57

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Washington	PT	1/12 – 3/11	1/10 – 4/24	Senate	10 pm. - Senate must recess for 90 minutes for lunch and 90 minutes for dinner.	Rule may suspended by a majority	Senate Rule 15

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