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Regular Legislative Sessions with Limited Scope

State	Year in which the Scope Limit Occurs	Subject Limit
Arkansas	Even year/ 2 nd year of biennium	Appropriation bills; other bills only upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each house
Connecticut	Even year/ 2 nd year of biennium	Individual legislators may only introduce bills of a fiscal nature, emergency legislation, bills raised by committee
Louisiana	Odd year/ 2 nd year of biennium	Fiscal issues, local bills and individual legislators may introduce a maximum of five bills by prefile date
Maine	Even year/ 2 nd year of biennium	Budgetary matters, legislation in the governor's call, emergency legislation, legislation referred to committees for study
New Mexico	Even year/ 2 nd year of biennium	Budgets, appropriation and revenue bills, bills drawn pursuant to governor's message, vetoed bills
North Carolina	Even year/ 2 nd year of biennium	Budget adjustments and other topics as set out in the adjournment resolution ending the odd-year
Wyoming	Even year/ 2 nd year of biennium	Budget bills; other bills only by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of either house

Limits on Regular Session Length

State	Odd-Numbered Year	Even-Numbered year
Arkansas	60 calendar days	30 calendar days
Connecticut	Wednesday after 1 st Monday in June	Wednesday after 1 st Monday in May
Louisiana	45 legislative days in 60 calendar days	60 legislative days in 85 calendar days
Maine	3 rd Wednesday in June	3 rd Wednesday in April
New Mexico	60 calendar days	30 calendar days
North Carolina	No limit	No limit
Wyoming	40 legislative days	20 legislative days



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Regular Session Bill Introductions: 2003-2014

Year	Arkansas	Connecticut	Louisiana	Maine	New Mexico	North Carolina	Wyoming
2003	2,885	3,302	3,166	1,602	1,902	2,302	455
2004	NA	1,324	2,604	202	1,174	850	310
2005	3,176	3,391	1,243	1,693	2,182	2,903	524
2006	NA	1,550	2,149	658	1,623	1,905	213
2007	2,817	3,936	1,308	1,931	2,506	3,531	500
2008	NA	6,649	2,188	255	1,185	1,248	270
2009	2,285	2,886	1,230	1,496	1,609	2,692	202
2010	321	1,039	2,288	336	572	704	202
2011	2,235	3,132	905	1,588	1,203	1,691	338
2012	298	3,132	1,964	325	653	437	229
2013	2,492	2,872	05	1,046	1,245	1,705	418
2014	309	1,073	1,951	1,865	696	384	225

Notes:

1. Arkansas: Until 2009, the Arkansas Legislature was biennial, and it met in odd-numbered years.
2. Louisiana: Louisiana holds “off-year” elections, so the first year of a legislative biennium is an even-numbered year.



Special Sessions: 2003-2014

Year	Arkansas	Connecticut	Louisiana	Maine	New Mexico	North Carolina	Wyoming
2003	2	4	0	1	1	2	0
2004	0	2	1	1	0	0	1
2005	0	4	1	2	1	1	0
2006	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
2007	0	5	0	0	1	1	0
2008	1	6	1	1	1	1	0
2009	0	5	0	0	1	0	0
2010	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
2011	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
2012	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
2013	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	0