

Composition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House of Representatives

Year	Session	Total Days in Session	Number of Seats	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	Note
1780	1st							Year the state constitution was signed
1781	2nd						211	
1782	3rd		131					
1783	4th							
1784	5th							
1785	6th							
1786	7th							
1787	8th							
1788	9th							
1789	10th							
1790	11th							
1791	12th							
1792	13th							
1793	14th							
1794	15th							
1795	16th							
1796	17th							
1797	18th							
1798	19th							
1799	20th							
1800	21st							
1801	22nd	80						
1802	23rd	86						
1803	24th	92						
1804	25th	92						
1805	26th	102						
1806	27th	107						
1807	28th	113						
1808	29th	99						
1809	30th	84						
1810	31st	72						
1811	32nd	58						
1812	33rd	80	748					
1813	34th	74						
1814	35th	85						
1815	36th	100						
1816	37th	111						
1817	38th	127						
1818	39th	120						
1819	40th	122						
1820	41st	146						
1821	42nd	137						
1822	43rd	142						
1823	44th	116						
1824	45th	138						

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1825	46th	158						
1826	47th	144						
1827	48th	81						
1828	49th	92						
1829	50th	92						
1830	51st	100						
1831	52nd	120						
1832	53rd	113	528					
1833	54th	130	574					
1834	55th	137	570					
1835	56th	147	615					Extra session of 62 days to revise statutes
1836	57th	150	619					
1837	58th	164	635					
1838	59th	170	480					
1839	60th	170	521					
1840	61st	148	521					
1841	62nd	126	397					
1842	63rd	163	336					Extra session of 9 days to create Congressional Districts
1843	64th	175	352					
1844	65th	134	321					
1845	66th	115	271					
1846	67th	135	264					
1847	68th	136	255					
1848	69th	120	272					Extra session of 3 days to choose electors of Pres. and Vice Pres.
1849	70th	109	263					
1850	71st	129	297					
1851	72nd	144	396					
1852	73rd	206	402					
1853	74th	155	288					
1854	75th	164	310					
1855	76th	176	380					
1856	77th	163	329					
1857	78th	147	357					Extra session of 18 days to establish districts for Councilors, Representatives and Senators
1858	79th	157	240					
1859	80th	183	240					Extra session of 113 days to revise general statutes
1860	81st	156	240					Extra session of 14 days to consider disease of cattle in Commonwealth
1861	82nd	163	240					Extra session of 10 days to consider public duty in relation to the Rebellion
1862	83rd	157	240					

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1863	84th	181	240					Extra session of 8 days to provide for raising the quote for 300,000 men (Rebellion)
1864	85th	155	240					
1865	86th	162	240					
1866	87th	158	240					
1867	88th	170	240	10	230			
1868	89th	151	240	60	180			
1869	90th	196	240	16	224			
1870	91st	169	240	58	160		11 Labor Reform	
1871	92nd	179	240	34	195			
1872	93rd	171	240		179		55 Democratic-Labor Reform; 9 Unknown	Extra session of 30 days to consider legislation regarding the Nov. great fire in Boston
1873	94th	156	240	24	211		5 vacancies	
1874	95th	143	240	70	168	2		
1875	96th	178	240	79	155	6		
1876	97th	178	240	58	182			
1877	98th	165	240	62	178			
1878	99th	165	240	69	171			
1879	100th	162	240	48	178	3	11 Greenbackers	
1880	101st	206	240	48	175	12	5 Greenbackers	
1881	102nd	163	240	47	191		2 Greenbackers	Extra session of 10 days regarding revising the statutes
1882	103rd	171	240	53	179	2	5 Independent Republicans; 1 Independent Democrat	
1883	104th	182	240	84	151	4	1 National	
1884	105th	150	240	92	137	6	3 Greenbackers; 1 Independent Republican; 1 Independent Democrat	
1885	106th	150	240	65	164		3 People's Party; 1 Independent Democrat; 1 Unknown	
1886	107th	144	240	75	157	8		
1887	108th	153	240	78	158	1	1 Independent Republican; 3 Independent Democrats; 1 Unknown	
1888	109th	206	240	71	164	3	1 Independent Republican; 1 Independent Democrat	
1889	110th	151	240	58	181		1 Independent Democrat	
1890	111th	144	240	79	161			
1891	112th	161	240	98	139	1	1 Prohibition; 1 Unknown	
1892	113th	144	240	90	149		1 Prohibition; 1 Unknown	
1893	114th	156	240	72	163		1 Labor and Independent Democrat; 4 Unknown	
1894	115th	116	240	56	183	1		
1895	116th	144	240	46	194			
1896	117th	114	240	58	182			

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1897	118th	204	240	38	202			
1898	119th	158	240	57	181		1 Prohibition; 1 Non-Partisan	
1899	120th	149	240	64	168	1	2 Independent Citizens; 1 Independent Democrat; 1 Democratic Socialist; 1 Prohibition; 1 Republican Citizens; 1 Non-Partisan	
1900	121st	155	240	68	166		2 Democratic Socialists	
1901	122nd	154	240	58	179	1	2 Democratic Socialists	Extra session of 7 days regarding revising the statutes
1902	123rd	200	240	70	159		3 Independent Republicans; 3 Republican Citizens; 2 Independent Democrats; 2 Democratic Socialists; 1 Unknown	
1903	124th	179	240	83	154		3 Socialists	
1904	125th	226	240	85	154		1 unknown	
1905	126th	184	240	69	169	1	1 Republican Citizen	
1906	127th	144	240	69	165		3 Republican Citizens; 2 Independent Republicans; 1 Democratic Citizens	
1907	128th	232	240	63	173		2 Independent Republicans; 1 Independent Democrat; 1 Independent Citizen	
1908	129th	221	240	65	175			
1909	130th	Did not meet	240	60	180			
1910	131st	305	240	69	169	1	1 Socialist	
1911	132nd	Did not meet	240	112	127		1 Socialist	
1912	133rd	158	240	94	143	2	1 Socialist	
1913	134th	Did not meet	240	94	139	1	5 Progressives; 1 Socialist	
1914	135th	204	240	104	118		17 Progressives; 1 Socialist	
1915	136th	165	240	90	150			
1916	137th	182	240	72	168			Extra session of 3 days to legislate for MA soldiers called to the Mexican border; and regarding reapportionment of Suffolk County into Representative districts
1917	138th	165	240	65	175			
1918	139th	239	240	61	179			
1919	140th	228	240	58	182			Extra session of 36 days regarding various topics
1920	141st	319	240	64	176			Extra session of 16 days regarding the revision of the General Laws
1921	142nd	186	240	52	188			
1922	142nd	179	240	52	188			
1923	143rd	157	240	80	160			
1924	143rd	255	240	80	160			
1925	144th	277	240	70	170			

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1926	144th	262	240	70	170			
1927	145th	290	240	63	177			
1928	145th	254	240	63	177			
1929	146th	324	240	83	157			
1930	146th	144	240	83	157			Extra session of 3 hours on Oct. 20 to commemorate the tercentenary of the first General Court held in MA
1931	147th	206	240	99	141			Extra session of 46 days to consider changing the law relative to rates for compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance
1932	147th	319	240	99	141			
1933	148th	186	240	93	147			Extra session of 27 days to consider regulation and control of liquor traffic
1934	148th	364	240	93	147			
1935	149th	246	240	116	124			
1936	149th	364	240	116	124			
1937	150th	200	240	104	136			
1938	150th	237	240	104	136			Extra session of 3 days to provide funds for devastation caused by hurricane and floods
1939	151st	237	240	97	143			First year of the biennial session
1940	151st	309	240	97	143			
1941	152nd	187	240	97	143			
1942	152nd	331	240	97	143			Extra session of 6 days regarding funds for the war emergency
1943	153rd	213	240	97	143			
1944	153rd	371	240	97	143			Extra session of 15 days regarding voting by citizens in the armed forces; and regarding the issuance of licenses based upon safety of places of public assembly
1945	154th	282	240	102	138			First year to return to annual sessions
1946	154th	364	240	102	138			
1947	155th	190	240	96	144		1 Democrat lost by death	
1948	155th	306	240	96	144			
1949	156th	186	240	122	118			
1950	156th	364	240	133	118			
1951	157th	364	240	124	116			
1952	157th	363	240	124	116			Extra session of 6 days to repeal provisions of law providing pensions or retirement allowances for elected state legislators and officials; and to revise laws providing travel and other expenses to members of the legislative branch
1953	158th	362	240	117	123			

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1954	158th	364	240	117	123			Extra session of 1 day to provide funds regarding hurricane; and to revise law regarding retirement of certain veterans of WWI
1955	159th	371	240	128	112			
1956	159th	364	240	128	112			
1957	160th	322	240	132	108			
1958	160th	364	240	132	108			
1959	161st	364	240	145	95			
1960	161st	364	240	145	95			Extra session of 3 days regarding various topics
1961	162nd	371	240	156	84			
1962	162nd	364	240	156	84			Extra session of 1 day regarding cessation of service by the Metropolitan Transit Authority
1963	163rd	364	240	150	90			
1964	163rd	364	240	150	90			
1965	164th	364	240	170	69			
1966	164th	371	240	170	69			Extra session of 24 days regarding various topics
1967	165th	364	240	168	71			
1968	165th	364	240	168	71			
1969	166th	364	240	172	68			
1970	166th	363	240	172	68			
1971	167th	363	240	178	62			
1972	167th	371	240	178	62			
1973	168th	363	240	186	52			Extra session of 6 days regarding the energy crisis
1974	168th	363	240	186	52			
1975	169th	363	240	191	43			
1976	169th	364	240	191	43			
1977	170th	371	240	194	43			
1978	170th	190	240	194	43			Extra session of 2 days to consider removal of Robert M. Bonin, Chief Justice of the Superior Court
1979	171st	306	160	129	30			
1980	171st	186	160	129	30			Extra sessions totaling 14 days covering the Constitutional Convention and the MBTA
1981	172nd	364	160	128	31			
1982	172nd	364	160	128	31			
1983	173rd	363	160	128	29			
1984	173rd	362	160	128	29			
1985	174th	364	160	125	34			
1986	174th	371	160	125	34			
1987	175th	364	160	127	33			
1988	175th	322	160	127	33			
1989	176th	364	160	128	32			
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1991	177th	364	160	121	38	1		

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1992	177th	371	160	119	37	1	3 vacancies	
1993	178th	364	160	124	34	1	1 vacancy	
1994	178th	364	160	122	34	1	3 vacancies	
1995	179th	364	160	124	35	1		
1996	179th	364	160	123	35	1	1 vacancy	
1997	180th	371	160	129	29	1	1 vacancy	
1998	180th	364	160	127	29	1	2 vacancies	
1999	181st	364	160	131	27	1	1 vacancy	
2000	181st	364	160	130	27	1	2 vacancies	
2001	182nd	363	160	136	24			
2002	182nd	363	160	137	20		3 vacancies	
2003	183rd	371	160	136	23		1 unenrolled	
2004	183rd	363	160	136	23	1		
2005	184th	363	160	136	21	1	3 vacancies	
2006	184th	363	160	138	21		1 vacancy	
2007	185th	364	160	139	19		2 vacancies	
2008	185th	371	160	140	19		1 vacancy	
2009	186th		160	143	16		1 vacancy	
2010	186th		160	143	16		1 vacancy	
2011	187th		160	127	31		1 vacancy	
2012	187th		160	125	33		2 vacancies	
2013	188th		160	128	29		3 vacancies	
2014	188th		160	128	29		3 vacancies	
2015	189th		160	126	33			
2016	189th		160	125	34		1 vacancy	
2017	190th		160	125	35			
2018	190th		160	121	34	2	3 vacancies	
2019	191st		160	127	32		1 unenrolled	
2020	191st		160	127	31		1 unenrolled, 1 vacant	
2021	192nd		160	128	30		1 unenrolled, 1 vacant	
2022	192nd		160	129	29		1 unenrolled, 1 vacant	

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