

2026 SPECIAL SESSION I

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4001

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Limiting legislation to be considered by the 2026 Special Session I of the General Assembly and establishing a schedule for the conduct of business coming before such Special Session.

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RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That during the 2026 Special Session I of the General Assembly, summoned by proclamation of the Governor on Friday, March 20, 2026, to begin Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 317, 2026 Regular Session, except with unanimous consent of the house in which the legislation is offered, no bill, joint resolution, or resolution shall be offered or considered in either house during the Special Session other than (i) the Budget Bill(s); (ii) single-house commending and memorial resolutions; (iii) bills, joint resolutions, or resolutions affecting the rules of procedure or schedule of business of the General Assembly, either of its houses, or any of its committees; (iv) the election of judges and other officials subject to the election of the General Assembly; or (v) appointments subject to the confirmation of the General Assembly; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That after the Special Session is convened for the first time, each body may stand in recess from time to time until reconvened with at least 48 hours' notice by the respective call of the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Rules; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That for the purposes of this resolution: "Budget Bill(s)" means a general appropriation bill introduced that authorizes the biennial expenditure of public revenues for the period from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the 2026 Special Session I of the General Assembly shall be governed by the following procedural rules:

Rule 1. Neither house shall receive, consider, or vote on any committee amendment or floor amendment or amendment of the other house to any Budget Bill(s) continued or considered at the 2026 Regular Session.

Rule 2. Neither house shall consider such Budget Bill(s) earlier than 48 hours after introduction unless both houses respectively determine to proceed earlier by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting in each house. A report shall be issued concurrently with the introduction of the Budget Bill(s) that identifies the following by item number, narrative description, and dollar amount: (i) any item in the Budget Bill(s) that was not included in a general appropriation bill as passed by either the House or the Senate during the 2026 Regular Session and (ii) any item that represents legislation that failed in either house during the 2026 Regular Session.

Rule 3. No engrossment of the Budget Bill(s) shall be required in either house.

Rule 4. This Special Session of the General Assembly shall jointly adjourn sine die.

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