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February Floorperiod Starts Tomorrow as the End Nears

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At the beginning of each biennial session, both legislative chambers agree to dates where the full chambers may convene to vote on passage of legislation. These sets of dates are known as floorperiods. The February 2026 floorperiod kicks off tomorrow, February 10th and runs until Thursday, February 19th. This floorperiod is especially notable as it's expected to be the last floorperiod for the Wisconsin State Assembly before they adjourn their 2025-2026 Legislative Session. While the Senate will meet in February, they're expected to continue their work into March.

League's 2026 Priorities

In the December 22nd edition of the Legislative Bulletin, the League laid out seven efforts we're focused on passing in 2026 as we near the end of this biennial session. This was followed by our January 13th edition of the Legislative Bulletin where we listed six efforts we're focused on stopping in 2026. Together, these lists make up our baker's dozen of legislation we're tailoring our efforts around to close out this session.

Below are two charts showing these issues, their bill numbers, and the status in each chamber. For bills that are yet to pass at least one of the chambers, we're watching closely to see if they'll be scheduled in February.

Priorities with the League's Support

Legislation Description	Bill Numbers	Senate Status	Assembly Status
Addressing PFAS Contamination Liability and Costs	SBs 127 and 128 ABs 130 and 131	Heard in committee, awaiting their vote	Heard in committee, awaiting their vote
Banning Drones from Flying Over Municipal Utilities	SB 766 AB 768	Heard in committee, awaiting their vote	Voted out of committee, available for the floor
Distributing Aid Payments for Energy Storage Facilities	SB 566 AB 559	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Voted out of committee, available for the floor
Easing Requirements for Rehired Annuitants	SB 105 AB 138	Heard in committee, awaiting their vote	Voted out of committee, available for the floor
Improving Access to WHEDA Housing Loan Programs	SB 180 AB 194	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Voted on by the full Assembly
Increasing the Allowable Municipal Court Fees	SBs 333 and 470 ABs 320 and 443	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Voted on by the full Assembly
Modernizing Public Construction Bidding Thresholds	SB 216 AB 217	Voted out of committee, available for the floor	Voted out of committee, available for the floor

While the seven topics above have made up the list of positive priorities we're pushing to close out the 2025-2026 Legislative Session, many other pieces of legislation continue to receive the League's attention. This includes proposals to extend the Stewardship Program, promote affordable housing, and more. We're hoping for action on the seven above and many more by the time the final gavel drops.

Priorities with the League's Opposition

Legislation Description	Bill Numbers	Senate Status	Assembly Status
Removing Economic Growth Opportunities in the ETJ	SB 873 AB 885	Referred to committee, no public hearing held	Heard in committee

Discouraging the Formation of Regional EMS	SB 181 AB 197	Voted on by the full Senate	Voted out of committee
Invalidating Established Municipal Wheel Taxes	SB 467 AB 483	Voted on by the full Senate	Heard in committee
Restricting Municipal Oversight of Advertising Signs	SB 497 AB 502	Voted out of committee	Voted on by the full Assembly
Impeding the Effectiveness of Homelessness Services Grants	SB 614 AB 625	Heard in committee	Voted out of committee
Prohibiting Local Regulations for Chickens and Gardens	SBs 37 and 44 ABs 41 and 42	Voted out of committee	Heard in committee

We've had some significant victories throughout 2025 and are planning on more to come in 2026. Stay tuned for our full session recap of the 2025-2026 Legislative Session after we adjourn. To learn more about municipal victories in the 2025-2027 State Budget, read this article or review the full budget recap.

February Calendar

The Assembly is expected to meet four times in February, with scheduled dates including Tuesday, February 10th and Thursday, February 12th and expected dates including Tuesday, February 17th and Thursday, February 19th. The 19th is likely to be their final day, though they are not expected to fully adjourn the session pending possible veto override votes that could be taken up after the Governor concludes his actions.

As of today, only Tuesday, February 10th's agenda has been finalized. Two bills with League lobbying positions are listed on that calendar. This includes one of the League's 2026 priorities. Assembly Bill 559, which the League is registered in support of, would provide utility aid payments for energy storage facilities. Presently, local governments receive aid payments only for energy generation facilities. As energy storage becomes more common in the nation's ongoing energy transition, ensuring municipalities receive compensation for these tax-exempt facilities is crucial. Senate Bill 331, which the League is registered in support of, is also on the calendar. This bill, which has already passed the Senate, would amend various all-terrain and utility-terrain vehicle (ATV and UTV) and snowmobile statutes to provide more authority to local governments to designate routes where these vehicles may be driven on roadways.

The Senate is expected to meet once in February and is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th. While it's not expected that the Senate will meet a second time in February, they may choose to meet during the week of February 16th so long as 24 hours' notice is provided. The Senate is expected to continue their work into March with the next scheduled floorperiod running from Tuesday, March 17th to Thursday, March 19th.

On Thursday, April 2nd, all bills not already sent to the Governor will be automatically delivered to his desk. The Governor has six days not including Sundays to act, meaning that all bills passed by both chambers in the 2025-2026 Legislative Session will either be signed into law or vetoed by Thursday, April 9th. While not common, the Legislature does have the ability to convene back in session following that final action for veto override votes. With slim margins for the majority party in both chambers and a two-thirds majority vote required for veto overrides to take effect, a successful veto override would require a bipartisan vote.

Staying Informed

Last week, a joint legislative committee approved emergency funding to WisconsinEye, a C-SPAN service for Wisconsin that streams floor sessions, committee hearings, and other legislative events. With WisconsinEye back online, all floor sessions will be livestreamed on their website.

Of course, the League's Government Affairs Team will keep you informed of floor actions in next Monday's Wheeler Bulletin and the following Monday's Legislative Bulletin. Be on the lookout on Monday mornings for these weekly recaps of what happened and what will happen during the hectic end to the 2025-2026 Legislative Session so you can see how actions in the State Capitol will impact your municipality.