

Tracking Alien Land Bills – 2023 Legislative Sessions

Methodology

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In addition to its own research, APA Justice collects, integrates, and updates the tracking information on alien land bills for the 2023 legislative sessions from multiple sources.

The current factors being tracked are:

1. State
2. Bill number (usually denoted by leading codes of SB for Senate Bill, HB for House Bill, A for Assembly, or SJR for Joint Bill, to be followed by a number)
3. Link to each referenced bill from LegiScan, an online application to provide consistent legislative descriptions for all 50 states
4. Number of sponsors by Party (Democrat, Republican, Other, Bipartisan or Committee, as reported by LegiScan)
5. Last known action date for the referenced bill, as reported by LegiScan
6. Last known action taken for the referenced bill, as reported by LegiScan
7. Legislative session end date for 2023 (including some cross-year sessions)
8. Category of bills as defined by Advancing Justice | AAJC (AL=Agricultural Land, CI=Critical Infrastructure, RP=Real Property)

Sources used by APA Justice in compiling its integrated tracking list include:

- APA Justice independent research
- Advancing Justice | AAJC, <https://bit.ly/3MDfc3w>
- Committee of 100, direct communications
- National Agricultural Law Center, <https://bit.ly/3MH0yZ5>
- Project South, <https://bit.ly/43sGqAK>
- Media reports
- Crowdsourcing, referring to the practice of obtaining information or input by enlisting people and organizations via groups or the Internet

Information tracked by APA Justice is not intended to be comprehensive. We strive to provide leads to additional details that interested users may find useful. We cannot guarantee completeness and absolute accuracy.

Due to the dynamic nature of the developments, we update the information periodically. Users may subscribe to the APA Justice newsletter <https://bit.ly/2FJunJM> for the most recent updates or review past newsletters at https://bit.ly/APAJ_Newsletters.

Our current tracking is limited to the 2023 legislative sessions of all 50 states.

According to [Quorum](#), every state legislature operates differently. Forty-six (46) states hold annual legislative sessions, while Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, and Texas only meet during odd-numbered years. Additionally, some legislative sessions are year-round, while others only operate for several months. In addition to regular sessions, the states may also hold special sessions.

Several sources are available to determine the legislative session end date (Factor 7), including but not limited to the following:

- MultiState, an online application. <https://bit.ly/43cwvPQ>
- National Conference of State Legislators. <https://bit.ly/42b0NkP>
- Quorum, a public affairs software. <https://bit.ly/3WAwy5G>
- Statescape, an online application. <https://bit.ly/3OJ70S3>
- Stateside, a state and local government relations firm. <https://bit.ly/3IKztDf>

APA Justice produces and shares and the integrated results as part of its community service in two ways:

- A four-color map using MapChart.net
- An Excel file published in the PDF format.

They are posted at <https://bit.ly/3oo5zxF>.

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