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## **LEGISLATIVE – January 2023**

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Let's recognize a few legislative terms.

**APPROPRIATION:** Funds allocated for various departments of government set aside by formal action for specific use. Allows money to be spent; is not actual expenditure record.

**COMMITTEE:** A body of members appointed by the presiding officer (or another authority specified by the chamber) to consider and make recommendations concerning disposition of bills, resolutions, and other related matters.

**Conference committee:** A committee composed of members from the two houses specifically appointed to reconcile the differences between House and Senate versions of a bill or bills.

**Interim committee:** A committee established to study or investigate certain matters between annual or biennial legislative sessions and to report to the next regular session.

**Joint committee:** A committee composed of members from both chambers.

**Standing committee:** A committee appointed with continuing responsibility in a general issue area or field of legislative activity.

**ITEM VETO:** An action taken by the governor to prevent the enactment of an item of an appropriation bill; also, may be called line-item veto.

**LEGISLATIVE DAY:** A day on which either chamber convenes (or both chambers convene) to conduct official business.

**PREVIOUS QUESTION:** A motion to close debate and bring the pending question or questions to an immediate vote.

**SUNSET:** Expiration date of a measure.

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