

50 State Session Summary and Legislative Forecast

The 2010 legislative calendar kicks off another exciting year in politics and policy. For CAI and our state Legislative Action Committees (LAC), it means continued involvement in the legislative arena to ensure that the voices of our community association boards, managers and businesses are heard. Currently, there are 31 states in session, joined by the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Congress. Additionally, California, Tennessee and Wisconsin are currently in the midst of a special session. Before the conclusion of January 2010, an additional four state legislatures will be convening sessions.

With an estimated 101,000 bills being introduced in the 2010 legislative cycle, this current session will again be a year of challenges. Expect to see continued member-led initiatives such as priority lien legislation, manager licensing and model common-interest ownership acts. As many community and homeowners associations struggle with the looming threat of foreclosures in a stagnant economy, this legislation helps to ensure the financial health and best practices for the industry. 2010 is also a federal election year with all 435 House seats and one-third of all Senate seats being contested in the halls of Congress.

With increased action in Congress and state houses, CAI and its state LACs look forward to a successful year!

IN SESSION

There are 31 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. in regular session. There are three states in special session. There are 10 states currently prefiling/filing legislation for upcoming sessions.

In Regular Session:

AL, AZ, CA, CO, DC, DE, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MO,
MS, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, RI, SC, SD, TN, US, VA, VT, WA, WV

CONVENING:

UT convenes on 01/18/2010.
AK convenes on 01/19/2010.
NM convenes on 01/19/2010.
HI convenes on 01/20/2010.