The ACLU of Massachusetts works in the state legislature to pass laws that will protect and expand our civil liberties.

THE BASICS

The Massachusetts legislature is made up of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Every resident is represented by one state senator and one state representative. That means there are a total of 40 senators and 160 representatives.

You can find your legislators here: https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator

LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP

The House and Senate leadership set the tone and agenda for the legislative session.

**Senate President Karen Spilka**
Ashland (D) | @KarenSpilka

**Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Creem**
Newton (D) | @cindycreem

**Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr**
Gloucester (R) | @SenBruceTarr

**Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo**
Winthrop (D) | @SpeakerDeLeo

**House Majority Leader Ronald Mariano**
Quincy (D) | @RonMariano

**House Minority Leader Bradley Jones**
North Reading (R) | @RepBradJones

THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Massachusetts has a two year legislative session. The current session began in January 2019.

At the beginning of each session, bills are filed and assigned to a committee.

The committees hold hearings and decide whether the bills will be voted on by the whole chamber (“floor vote”).

KEY DATES

Dates to remember:

- **January 1, 2019**
  Formal session begins

- **February 5, 2020**
  Deadline to move bills out of first committee

- **July 31, 2020**
  Last day of formal sessions

TAKE ACTION

Fight for the future of freedom with the ACLU of Massachusetts.

Learn about our legislative priorities: aclum.org/legislative

Volunteer with the ACLU of Massachusetts: aclum.org/volunteer

Sign up for emails and action alerts: aclum.org/updates

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACLU OF MASSACHUSETTS: ACLUM.ORG