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### Deadline Passes on Furlough Notices for KS State Workers

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The deadline has passed for Kansas to notify nonessential state employees that they will be furloughed next week.

The Republican-controlled Legislature has been sharply divided over how to close a projected budget shortfall for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The House has approved a proposed budget that would leave the state with a \$406 million shortfall.

GOP lawmakers are sharply divided over raising taxes to fill the rest of the gap. They were in the 106th day of an annual session set for 90 days.

The impasse has driven the lawmakers into overtime, and nonessential state workers will be furloughed at 12:01 a.m. Sunday if a budget is not signed by then, according to the Department of Administration's website.

It wasn't immediately clear how many employees received notices.

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