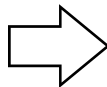


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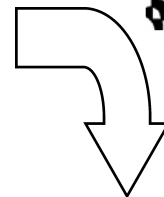


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State agencies submit budget requests to the Governor in September of even numbered year.

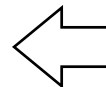


Governor creates budget and delivers budget message to the Legislature on or before last Tuesday in January.

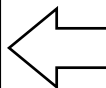


JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Governor's budget is introduced in either the Senate or Assembly and sent to the Joint Finance Committee (8 Senate members and 8 Assembly members).



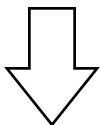
Joint Finance Committee holds public hearings statewide through March and April.



Joint Finance Committee meets in "executive session" to amend and pass the budget bill out of committee (April- June).



Joint Finance Committee submits modified version of the budget bill to house it was introduced in.



LEGISLATURE

Budget passed by first house, after more amendments. Sent on to second house.



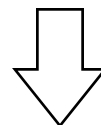
Second house makes modifications and passes its version of the



Conference Committee (leadership from Senate and Assembly) holds public meetings and resolves differences between two houses' versions of the budget. Committee submits unamendable version to the Legislature.



Once budget is passed by majority of both Senate and Assembly members, it is sent to the Governor for approval by June 30 (statutory requirement).



EXECUTIVE



The budget is approved by the legislature, signed by the Governor, and becomes law for the next two years.

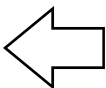


Governor signs budget as is, vetoes budget, or partially vetoes (specific parts he disagrees with).

OR



The legislature can override the Governor's veto with a 2/3 majority in both houses.



The budget approved by the legislature becomes law for the next two years.