

GUIDE TO THE BUDGET

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JANUARY THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL

New York State's budget process uses an executive budget model. Under this system, the Governor is responsible for developing and preparing a budget proposal, which they present in their State of the State Address or in an official public address.



FEBRUARY BUDGET PRIORITY LETTERS

Members of the Senate and Assembly can submit official letters detailing local funding priorities for their districts



MID TO LATE MARCH THREE-WAY NEGOTIATIONS

The Governor and Legislative leaders meet and negotiate differences in their budget proposals. The Governor may use the line item veto to disapprove items added by the Legislature while approving the remainder of the bill. As provided in the Constitution, the Legislature may override the Governor's veto by a vote of two-thirds of the members of each house.

LATE JAN-FEB BUDGET HEARINGS



The Legislature conducts a series of hearings to get testimony from the Governor's office, policy experts, & advocates to determine how the Governor's proposed budget would impact New York.

MID MARCH THE "ONE HOUSE" BUDGETS



After some intense discussion & debate, the Senate & Assembly each vote on a resolution outlining their own proposed state budget. Some years these resolutions are practically identical to each other, other times they are different.

APRIL 1st FINAL BUDGET VOTE



Due April 1st

Once an agreement is reached, both houses of the legislature debate and vote on a series of budget bills and, once passed, the bills go to the Governor to be signed into law.

The resulting budget agreement gets signed into law and goes into effect

In New York, a fiscal year goes from April 1st – March 31st of the following year.

