

**LEGISLATURES**

**Table 3.17  
LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS: BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND BILLS**

State or other jurisdiction	Budget document submission						Budget bill introduction		
	Legal source of deadline		Submission date relative to convening				Same time as budget document	Another time	Not until committee review of budget document
			Prior to session	Within one week	Within two weeks	Within one month			
Alabama	★	...	...	2nd day	...	...	★	...	
Alaska	★	...	Dec. 15	★	...	...	...	★ (a)	
Arizona*	...	★	★	...	...	...	...	★	
Arkansas	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	★	
California	★	...	...	★	...	...	★	...	
Colorado	...	★	★ (b)	...	...	...	...	★	
Connecticut	...	★	...	(a)	...	...	★	...	
Delaware	...	★	...	...	by Feb. 1	...	★ (c)	...	
Florida	★	★	45 days	...	...	...	...	★ (c)	
Georgia	★	...	...	★	...	...	★	...	
Hawaii	...	★	30 days	...	...	...	...	★	
Idaho	...	★	...	★	...	...	...	★	
Illinois	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	★	
Indiana	...	★	...	...	...	...	★	...	
Iowa	...	★	...	...	...	★ (a)	...	★ (c)	
Kansas	...	★	...	...	★ (e)	...	★	...	
Kentucky	...	★	...	...	★ (a,e)	...	★	...	
Louisiana	...	★	(f)	(f)	...	...	(g)	...	
Maine*	...	★	...	★ (a,e)	...	...	...	...	
Maryland	★	...	...	★ (e)	...	...	★ (h)	...	
Massachusetts*	...	★	...	...	...	★	★ (i)	...	
Michigan*	...	★	...	...	...	★ (e)	★	...	
Minnesota	...	★	...	...	...	★ (a)	...	★ (j)	
Mississippi*	...	★	...	1st day	...	...	...	★	
Missouri*	★	...	...	...	...	★	...	★	
Montana	...	★	★	...	...	...	...	★	
Nebraska	...	★	...	...	...	★ (a,e)	★ (c)	...	
Nevada	...	★	...	★	...	...	...	★	
New Hampshire	...	★	...	...	...	★ (a)	★	...	
New Jersey	...	★	...	...	...	★ (e)	...	★ (k)	
New Mexico	...	★	...	...	...	(l)	(d)	...	
New York*	★	...	...	★ (e)	...	...	★ (m)	...	
North Carolina	...	★	...	...	...	(k)	★	...	
North Dakota	...	★	(n)	...	...	...	...	★	
Ohio	...	★	...	...	...	★ (e)	★	...	
Oklahoma	...	★	Oct. 1	★	...	...	★	...	
Oregon	...	★	Dec. 1 (e)	...	...	...	...	★ (a)	
Pennsylvania	...	★	...	...	...	★ (e,o)	...	★	
Rhode Island*	...	★	...	...	...	★	★	...	
South Carolina	...	★	(a,b)	...	...	...	...	★	
South Dakota	...	★	★ (a)	...	...	...	...	★ (p)	
Tennessee	...	★	...	★ (a,e)	★ (a,e)	...	★	...	
Texas	...	★	...	6th day	...	...	...	★	
Utah	...	★	(q)	★ (r)	...	...	...	★ (s)	
Vermont	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	★	
Virginia	...	★	Dec. 20	...	...	...	★	(a)	
Washington	...	★	Dec. 2 (u)	...	...	...	...	(v)	
West Virginia	★	...	...	1st day (e)	...	...	★	...	
Wisconsin	...	★	...	...	...	★ (w)	★	...	
Wyoming	...	★	Dec. 1	...	...	...	...	★	
No. Mariana Islands	...	★	(a)	...	...	...	...	(x)	
Puerto Rico	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	★	
U.S. Virgin Islands	...	★	May 30	...	...	★ (y)	★	(z)	

See footnotes at end of table.

## LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS: BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND BILLS — Continued

Source: The Council of State Governments' legislative survey January 2000, except where noted by \* where data are from *The Book of the States, 1998-99*.

## Key:

★ - Yes

... - No

(a) Specific time limitations: Alaska-4th legislative day; Connecticut-odd numbered years no later than the first session day following the third day in February, in even numbered years on the day the General Assembly convenes; Iowa-no later than February 1; Kentucky-10th legislative day; Maine-by Friday following the first Monday in January; Minnesota-fourth Tuesday in January during biennial session; Nebraska-by January 15; New Hampshire-by February 15; Oregon-Dec. 15 in even-numbered years; South Carolina-first Tuesday in January; South Dakota-first Tuesday after the first Monday in December; Tennessee-on or before February 1; No. Mariana Islands-no later than 6 months before the beginning of the fiscal year.

(b) Copies of agency budgets to be presented to the legislature by November 1. Governor's budget usually is presented in January.

(c) Executive budget bill is introduced and used as a working tool for committee. Delaware-after hearings on executive bill, a new bill is then introduced; the committee bill is considered by the legislature.

(d) New Mexico repealed a statutory deadline in 1999. The deadline for budget bill introduction now relies on joint rules regarding third reading and final passage in house of origin.

(e) Later for first session of a new governor; Kansas-21 days; Kentucky-15th legislative day; Maine-by Friday following first Monday in February; Maryland-10 days after convening; Michigan-within 60 days; Nebraska-February 1; New Jersey-March 15; New York-February 1; Ohio-by March 15; Oregon-February 1; Pennsylvania-first full week in March; Tennessee- March 1; West Virginia-10 days, in odd-numbered years.

(f) The governor shall submit his executive budget to the Joint Legislative Committee on the budget no later than 45 days prior to each regular session; except that in the first year of each term, the executive budget shall be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the regular session. Copies shall be made available to the entire legislature on the first day of each regular session.

(g) Bills appropriating monies for the general operating budget and ancillary appropriations, bills appropriating funds for the expenses of the legislature and the judiciary must be submitted to the legislature for introduction no later than 45 days prior to each regular session, except that in the first year of each term, such appropriation bills shall be submitted no later than 30 days

prior to the regular session.

(h) Appropriations bill other than the budget bill (supplementary) may be introduced at any time. They must provide their own tax source and may not be enacted until the budget bill is enacted.

(i) General appropriations bills only.

(j) The Executive Branch usually submits budget bills shortly after the budget is submitted. There is no statutory requirement that this occur.

(k) By custom only. No statutory or constitutional provisions.

(l) Statutes provide for submission by the 25th legislative day; however, the executive budget is usually presented by the first day of the session.

(m) Governor has 30 days to amend or supplement the budget; he may submit any amendments to any bills or submit supplemental bills.

(n) For whole legislature. Legislative Council's Budget Section receives budget during legislature's December organizational session.

(o) Submitted by governor as soon as possible after General Assembly organizes, but not later than the first full week in February.

(p) No later than the 16th legislative day by rule.

(q) Governor must submit budget to Legislative Fiscal Analyst 30 days prior to session.

(r) Must submit to the legislature no later than 3 days after session begins.

(s) Joint legislative rules require budget bill to be introduced 3 days prior to the constitutionally mandated end of the session.

(t) Must submit to fiscal analyst 30 days prior to session.

(u) For fiscal period other than biennium, 20 days prior to first day of session.

(v) Even-numbered years.

(w) No set time.

(x) Last Tuesday in January. A later submission date may be requested by the governor.

(y) By enacting annual appropriations legislation.

(z) Prior to September 30.