

**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
	Constitutional	Statutory	Prior to session	Within one week	Within two weeks	Within one month	Over one month			
Alabama.....	★	★	(a)	...	...	...	...	★	...	...
Alaska.....	★	★	...	(a)	...	...	...	★	...	...
Arizona.....	...	★	★	...	...	...	...	...	...	★
Arkansas.....	...	★	★	...	...	...	...	...	...	★
California.....	★	...	...	...	...	...	...	★ (b)	...	...
Colorado.....	...	★	★ (a)	...	...	...	...	...	76th day by rule	...
Connecticut.....	...	★	...	...	...	(a)	...	★	...	...
Delaware.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	★	★	★	...	...	...	...	...	...	★
Georgia.....	★	...	...	(a)	...	...	...	★	...	...
Hawaii.....	...	★	30 days	...	...	...	...	...	★	...
Idaho.....	...	★	...	★	...	...	...	...	...	★
Illinois.....	...	★	...	...	...	...	★ (a)	...	★ (c)	...
Indiana.....	...	★	...	...	...	...	...	...	★	...
Iowa.....	...	★	...	...	...	(a)	...	...	...	★ (d)
Kansas.....	...	★	...	...	★ (e)	...	...	...	★	...
Kentucky.....	★	...	...	...	(a)	...	...	★	...	...
Louisiana.....	...	★	(f)	(f)	...	...	...	(g)	...	...
Maine.....	...	★	...	(a)	...	...	...	...	★	...
Maryland.....	★	...	...	★ (e)	...	...	...	★ (h)	...	...
Massachusetts.....	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	★	...	...
Michigan.....	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	★	...	...
Minnesota.....	...	★	...	...	...	(a)	...	...	...	★
Mississippi.....	...	★	★	...	...	...	...	...	★	...
Missouri.....	★	...	...	...	...	★	...	...	...	★
Montana.....	...	★	★	...	...	...	...	...	★	...
Nebraska.....	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	★ (i)	...	...
Nevada.....	★	...	(a)	...	...	...	...	...	...	★
New Hampshire.....	...	★	...	...	...	...	(a)	★	...	...
New Jersey.....	...	★	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	★
New Mexico.....	...	★	...	...	...	(a)	...	...	★	...
New York.....	★	...	...	...	★ (a)	...	...	...	★ (j)	...
North Carolina.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	★	...	...
North Dakota.....	...	★	(k)	...	...	...	...	...	...	★
Ohio.....	...	★	...	...	...	★ (d)(e)	...	★	...	...
Oklahoma.....	...	★	★	★	...	...	...	★	...	...
Oregon.....	...	★	...	...	...	...	★ (l)	★ (m)	...	...
Pennsylvania.....	★	...	...	...	...	...	★	...	...	★
Rhode Island.....	...	★	...	...	...	...	★	...	★	...
South Carolina.....	...	★	...	★	...	...	...	...	...	★ (n)
South Dakota.....	...	★	...	...	...	...	★ (o)	...	★ (p)	...
Tennessee.....	...	★	...	...	★ (a)(e)	★ (a)(e)	...	...	...	...
Texas.....	...	★	...	6th day	...	...	...	...	★ (q)	...
Utah.....	...	★	(a)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vermont.....	...	...	...	(s)	...	...	...	...	...	★
Virginia.....	...	★	Dec. 20	...	...	...	...	★	...	...
Washington.....	★ (t)	...	Dec. 20 (u)	...	...	...	...	★	...	...
West Virginia.....	★	...	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	...
Wisconsin.....	...	★	...	...	...	★ (v)	...	★	...	...
Wyoming.....	...	★	Dec. 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	★
American Samoa.....	...	★	★	...	...	...	...	★	...	...
Guam.....	...	★	...	...	...	★ (w)	...	★	...	...
No. Mariana Islands ..	...	★	(a)	...	...	...	...	...	(v)	★
Puerto Rico.....	...	★	...	...	...	★	...	...	...	★
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	...	★	May 30	...	...	...	...	...	★	...

See footnotes at end of table.

## STATE LEGISLATURES

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

Source: The Council of State Governments' survey, January 2009.

Key:

★ — Yes

... — No

(a) Specific time limitations: Alabama—five days; Alaska—December 15, 4th legislative day; Connecticut— not later than the first session day following the third day in February, in each odd numbered year; Colorado— presented by November 1 to the Joint Budget Committee; Georgia—first five days of session; Illinois— Third Wednesday in February; Iowa— no later than February 1; Kentucky—10th legislative day; Maine—The Governor shall transmit the budget document to the Legislature not later than the Friday following the first Monday in January of the first regular legislative session . . . A Governor-elect elected to a first term of office shall transmit the budget document to the Legislature not later than the Friday following the first Monday in February of the first regular legislative session (Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, Chapter 149, Section 1666); Minnesota—by the 4th Tuesday in January each odd-numbered year; Nevada—no later than 14 days before commencement of regular session; New Hampshire—by February 15; New Mexico—by January 1 each year; New York—The executive budget must be submitted by the governor to the legislature by the 2nd Tuesday following the opening of session (or February 1 for the first session following a gubernatorial election); Tennessee—on or before February 1 for sitting governor; Utah— Must submit to the legislature by the calendared floor time on the first day of the annual session; No. Mariana Islands—no later than 6 months before the beginning of the fiscal year.

(b) Budget and Budget Bill are annual—to be submitted within the first 10 days of each calendar year.

(c) Deadlines for introducing bills in general are set by Senate president and House speaker.

(d) Executive budget bill is introduced and used as a working tool for committee.

(e) Later for first session of a new governor; Kansas—21 days; Maryland—10 days after; New Jersey—February 15; Ohio—by March 15; Tennessee—March 1.

(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) Governor's budget bill is introduced and serves as a working document for the Appropriations Committee. The governor must submit the budget proposal by January 15 of each odd-numbered year. (Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 81-125). The statute extends this deadline to February 1 for a governor who is in his first year of office.

(j) Submission of the governor's budget bills to the legislature occurs with submission of the executive budget.

(k) Legislative Council's Budget Section hears the executive budget recommendations during legislature's December organizational session.

(l) By December 1st of even-numbered year unless new governor is elected; if new governor is elected, then February 1st of odd-numbered year.

(m) Legislature often introduces other budget bills during legislative session that are not part of the governor's recommended budget.

(n) The Ways and Means Committee introduces the Budget Bill within five days after the beginning of the session (S.C. Code 11-11-70).

(o) It is usually over a month. The budget must be delivered to the Legislature not later than the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December.

(p) It must be introduced no later than the 16th legislative day.

(q) Within first 30 days of session.

(r) Legislative rules require budget bills to be introduced by the 43rd day of the session.

(s) No official submission dates. Occurs by custom early in the session.

(t) And Rules.

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

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

(w) Usually January before end of current fiscal year.