Policymaking:Crafting the State Budget

AGENCY PHASE

SUMMER-FALL
State agencies
prepare a budget
based on targets
provided by the Gov.
Targets are based on
revenue forecasts
and the economic
condition of the
State and Gov.'s
priorities

GOV'S PHASE

NOV –JAN
In the Fall the Gov.
thru F&M conducts
meetings w/Depts.
The Gov. is required
to submit a
recommended
budget to the
Legislature for their
consideration by 3rd
week of January.

HOUSE PHASE

JAN - MAR
Traditionally House
Appropriations
Committee (HAC)
considers the
budget (aka the Big
Bill) first. They take
testimony and hold
public hearings. This
bill typically passes
the House in March.

SENATE PHASE

FEB - APR

The Senate
Appropriations
Committee (SAC)
begins to hear
testimony and public
hearings. They then
consider the House
passed bill and pass
the bill in late April.

COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR

MAY - JUNE

The differences are worked out by representatives from each body. The conference report is then submitted for approval by each body. Once adopted, the budget is sent to the Gov. for approval or veto.