Texas Biennial Budget Cycle

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State budget decisions shape the Texas we live in today and pass on to future generations.

JANUARY - MARCH
COMPTROLLER ISSUES REVENUE ESTIMATE
Determines how much is available to spend
HOUSE AND SENATE INTRODUCE BUDGET BILLS AND HOLD HEARINGS ON THEM

APRIL - JUNE
BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL AGENCIES
(April-July)
LBB and Governor’s Budget Office tell state agencies how much money they can request

JANUARY - JUNE
AGENCIES SUBMIT BUDGET REQUESTS (July-August)
BUDGET HEARINGS FOR AGENCIES (August-October)
FISCAL YEAR BEGINS (September)
LBB SETS SPENDING GROWTH CAP (November-December)
Limits the legislature’s ability to fund state needs

JULY - DECEMBER
STATE AGENCIES DEVELOP OPERATING BUDGETS FOR EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS
Budget starts September 1

JULY - SEPTEMBER
AMENDED BUDGET BILLS PASS HOUSE AND SENATE; CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RESOLVES DIFFERENCES
Governor line-item vetoes and signs budget

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