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§ 53. Budget review process. Within ten days after submission of the budget by the governor pursuant to article seven of the constitution, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly shall jointly or separately promulgate a schedule for the specific budget-related actions of each house, including but not limited to the following:

1. a preliminary response by the houses to the governor's budget submission;

2. fiscal committee hearings on the budget, hearings with heads of departments and divisions pursuant to section three of article seven of the constitution, and other actions which may be taken by the fiscal committees, which shall be designed to inform the public of the contents of the governor's budget, policy issues relating to such budget and such other information as the senate and the assembly shall jointly or separately determine. Such hearings and other actions may be conducted jointly or separately;

3. a date for the production of a forecast or forecasts on receipts which shall constitute an evaluation developed by the fiscal committees of each house, jointly or separately, of the receipts likely to be available to the state absent passage of any new revenue measures. Such forecast or forecasts shall also contain an evaluation of the receipts likely to be available to the state upon passage of any revenue measure submitted and proposed by the governor pursuant to section three of article seven of the state constitution; and

4. the dates for public hearings required by the provisions of section thirty-two-a of this chapter.