

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE

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The Joint Rules provide that when the Senate or Assembly refuses to concur in amendments to a bill made by the other, the Senate and the Assembly will each appoint three members to the Budget Committee on Conference (Committee). However, the Senate or Assembly may deviate from the Joint Rules and appoint more than three members to the Committee. Generally, the appointees for each house will include two members from the majority party and one from the minority party. Meetings of the Committee are held in public.

Passage requires a majority vote of two senators and two assembly members unless there are more members appointed. The Committee shall only consider differences between the versions of the Budget Bill unless rules are waived and an open Conference is declared. The Committee shall not approve any item of expenditure which exceeds that contained in one of the two versions. If the Committee fails to gain passage, a second Committee on Conference will be selected and the process repeated. No more than three different conference committees may be appointed on any one bill.