

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Financial Summary

### Expenditures, Current Budget, and Agency Requests

Budget Classes / Fund Sources	FY 2000 Expenditures	FY 2001 Expenditures	FY 2002 Current Budget	FY 2003 Agency Requests		
				Adjusted Base	Enhancements	Totals
Personal Services - Staff			\$18,637,818	\$18,881,715		\$18,881,715
Personal Services - Elected Officials			5,580,966	5,766,807		5,766,807
Personal Services - Combined	\$17,972,112	\$20,155,002				
Regular Operating Expenses	1,855,355	2,055,217	2,640,384	2,749,434		2,749,434
Travel - Staff			135,000	140,000		140,000
Travel - Elected Officials			3,500	3,500		3,500
Travel - Combined	51,928	57,161				
Equipment	1,210,422	724,941	1,330,000	1,299,000		1,299,000
Computer Charges	568,219	245,314	390,200	364,700		364,700
Real Estate Rentals	3,680	3,680	5,000	7,500		7,500
Telecommunications	464,822	434,988	693,000	698,000		698,000
Per Diem and Fees - Elected Officials			3,686,488	3,376,511		3,376,511
Per Diem and Fees - Staff			94,767	115,303		115,303
Per Diem and Fees - Combined	3,829,007	3,496,973				
Per Diem Differential	66,901					
Contracts - Elected Officials			745,000	830,000		830,000
Contracts - Staff			90,000	95,000		95,000
Photography	81,746	77,878	105,000	105,000		105,000
Expense Reimbursement Allowance	948,396	1,302,166	1,652,000	1,652,000		1,652,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$27,052,588</b>	<b>\$28,553,320</b>	<b>\$35,789,123</b>	<b>\$36,084,470</b>		<b>\$36,084,470</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE FUNDS</b>	<b>\$27,052,588</b>	<b>\$28,553,320</b>	<b>\$35,789,123</b>	<b>\$36,084,470</b>		<b>\$36,084,470</b>

The budget request for the General Assembly has been included in the Governor's recommendation in estimating the total financial needs of the state for FY 2003.

**EXPLANATION OF REQUEST:** The General Assembly requests an increase of \$295,347 for operations in FY 2003.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Constitution provides that the legislative power of the state shall be vested in the General Assembly, which consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The General Assembly convenes in regular session annually on the second Monday in January. With 2 exceptions, all bills may originate in either the Senate or the House of Representatives, but all bills must be passed by both branches and signed by the Governor before becoming law. The exceptions are bills raising revenue and bills that appropriate money, which can originate only in the House. In the event of the Governor's veto of any bill during a session, it can be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote in both houses.

**REQUESTED APPROPRIATION:** The General Assembly is the budget unit for which the following State fund Appropriation for FY 2003 is requested: \$36,084,470.