

Advisory Budget Commission ^[1]

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The Advisory Budget Commission (ABC) was created when the [General Assembly](#) ^[3] of 1925 enacted the [Executive Budget Act](#) ^[4] to vest the governor with more direct supervision of state agencies and institutions. The act also enabled the chief executive to initiate a balanced budget for presentation before each session of the legislature. The ABC was part of the Budget Bureau, established by the legislature within the governor's office. The [governor](#) ^[5] was designated as the Budget Bureau's director and ex officio head and was authorized to appoint a budget officer as an assistant.

The ABC superseded the [Budget Commission](#) ^[6] (created by the General Assembly in 1919) and assisted, but was subordinate to, the governor. It included the chairs of the appropriations and finance committees of the General Assembly and two gubernatorial appointees. In addition to advisory duties concerning state expenditures and finance, the ABC assisted the director in the preparation of the budget. The legislature has from time to time altered the duties, responsibilities, and membership of the ABC, but its role in the state's fiscal decisions has remained essentially the same.

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