



Greater Boston
Chamber of Commerce

2025 Small Business Policy Guide

Chris Eicher, Vice President, Government Relations

Matthew Arsenault, Manager, Government Relations



Greater Boston
Chamber of Commerce

Small Business Policy Guide

- **About the Chamber's Policy Team**
 - The Chamber's policy focus
 - Purpose of this Guide
- **Boston City Council**
 - Legislative and Budget Process
- **State Legislature**
 - Legislative and Budget Process

Policy & Impact – The Chamber’s Public Policy Work

- At the Chamber, we create meaningful impact through our public policy expertise and advocacy.
- We consistently apply critical and practical lenses in our analysis, looking at the effects on the economy, opportunity, and equity.
- This, combined with data, real world experience, and input from our members, steers us to positions that will make Greater Boston the best place for all businesses and all people to thrive.
- A large part of the Chamber’s membership are small businesses. Direct feedback from our small business members help shape the Chamber’s policy agenda and advocate for public policy that helps businesses and people thrive.

Policy Focus Areas

- The Chamber's policy advocacy can be categorized into six different priority areas:
 - Business Climate
 - Climate & Energy
 - Health Care
 - Housing & Development
 - Talent
 - Transportation
- Policy dealing with any of these categories impacts all sectors in the region, and it is critical that the small business community have an informed voice at the table

Purpose of this Guide

- Provide our small business members with an overview of the high-level basics of policymaking in the City of Boston and at the State House
- This guide is for the benefit of small business members who may not have the time or resources to devote to closely following public policy developments
- Let's hear from you!
 - We cannot do our work without your feedback!
 - Reach out to Matt Arsenault at policy@bostonchamber.com

Boston City Council



At-Large Members of the Boston City Council



At-Large Councilor,
Council President
Ruthzee Louijeune



At-Large Councilor
Julia Mejia



At-Large Councilor
Henry Santana



At-Large Councilor
Erin Murphy

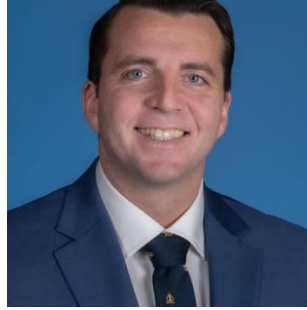
District Councilors



Councilor Gabriela Coletta (D1)



Councilor Ed Flynn (D2)



Councilor John FitzGerald (D3)



Councilor Brian Worrell (D4)



Councilor Enrique Pepén (D5)



Councilor Benjamin Weber (D6)



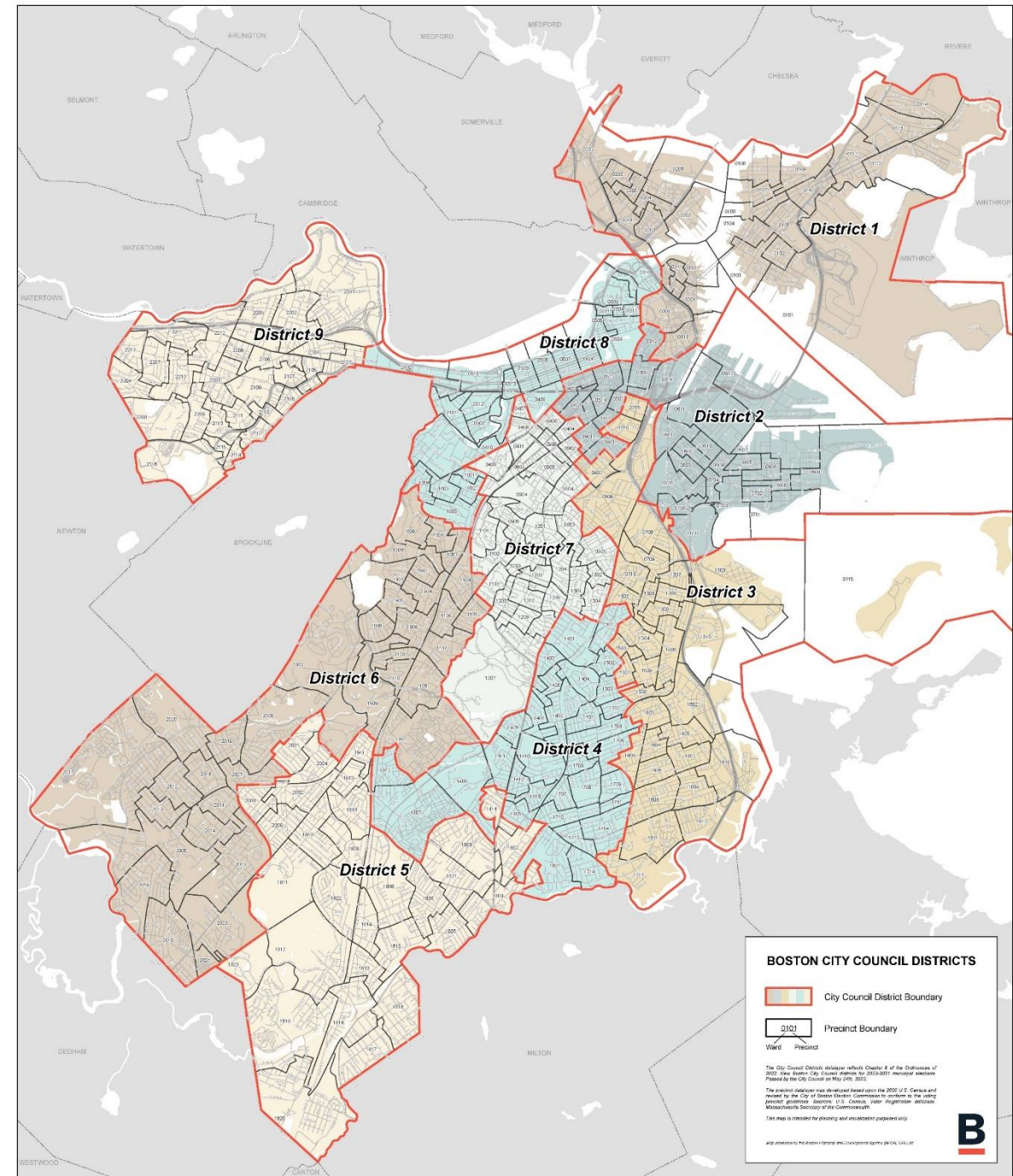
Councilor Tania Fernandes-Anderson (D7)



Councilor Sharon Durkan (D8)



Councilor Liz Breadon (D9)



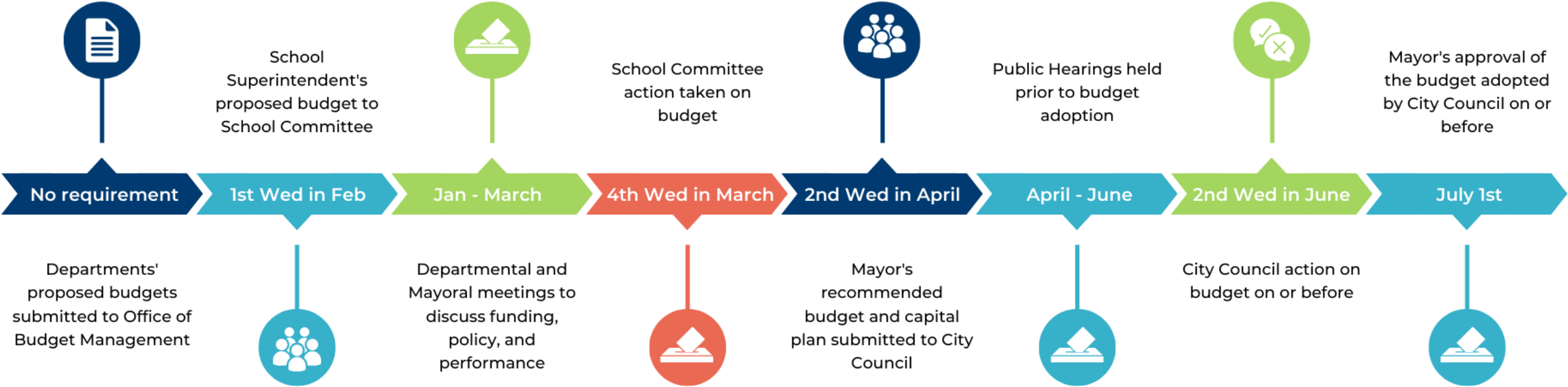


Council Legislative and Budgetary Procedure

CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE



CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PROCEDURE

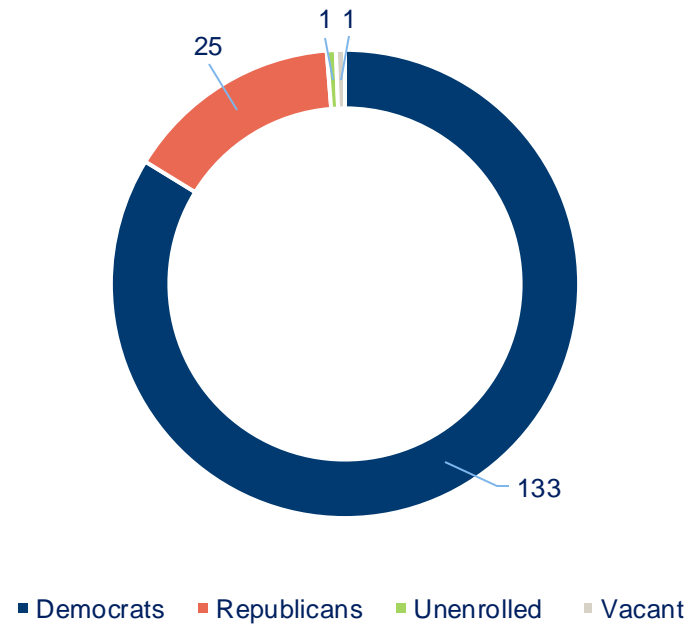


State Legislative Background and Procedure



Legislative Size and Partisan Breakdown

Massachusetts House of Representatives Partisan Breakdown

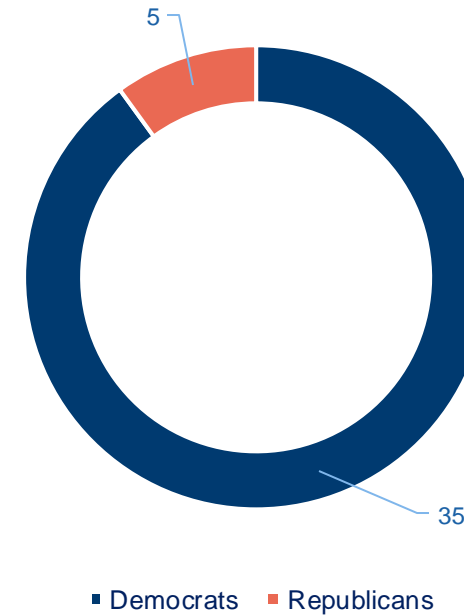


House Speaker
Ron Mariano (D)



House Minority Leader
Brad Jones (R)

Massachusetts Senate Partisan Breakdown

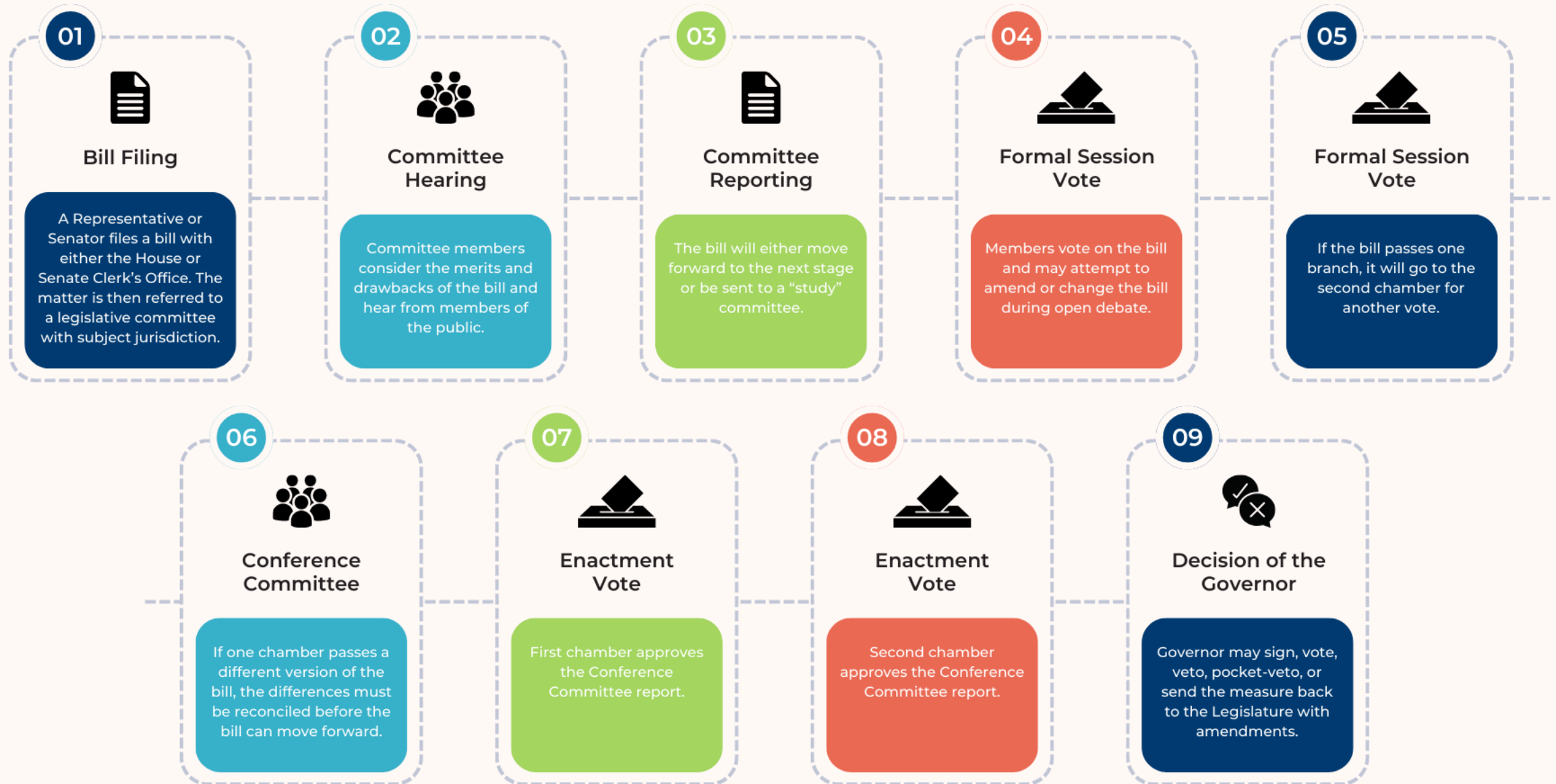


Senate President
Karen Spilka (D)



Senate Minority Leader
Bruce Tarr (R)

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

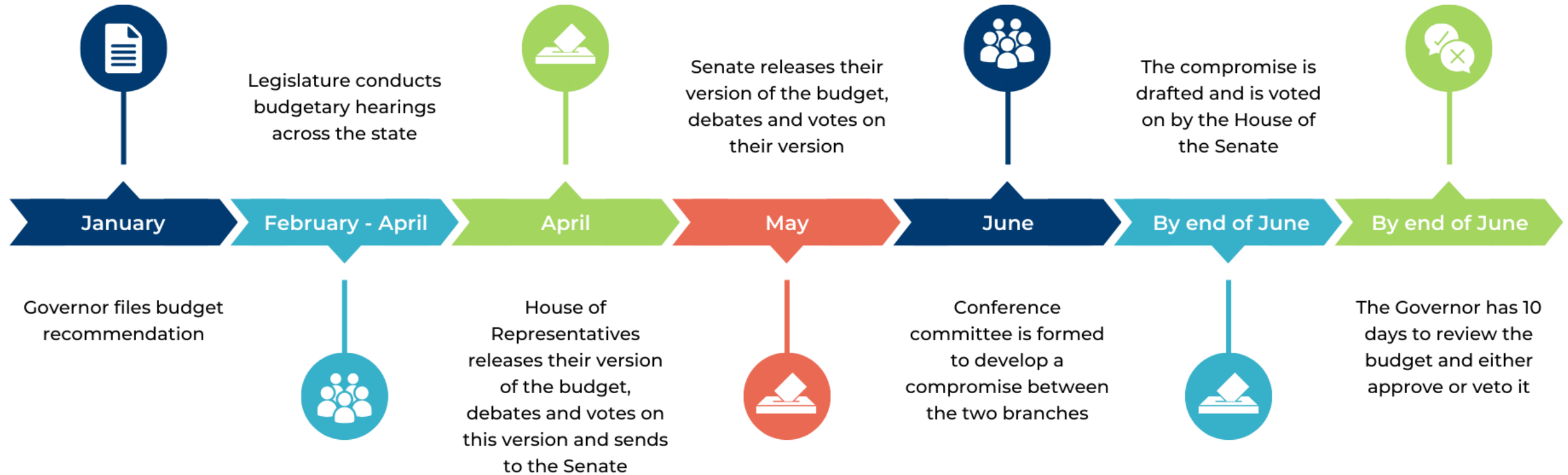


State Budget Procedure



TIMELINE

Massachusetts operates on a one-year budget with a fiscal year beginning July 1st and ending June 30th





THANK YOU!

Stay in touch:

Policy Department Contact Information

policy@bostonchamber.com