

LEGISLATURE  
OVERVIEW

**Mission and Goals**

The Legislature is the state’s highest lawmaking body. It is one of the three separate and independent branches of government that make up the checks and balances system created by the New Jersey Constitution and is empowered to appropriate funds for the operation of state government. The 40 members of the Senate are elected for a term of four years. The 80 members of the Assembly are elected for a term of two years. The Office of Legislative Services, a nonpartisan agency that provides legislators with economic and budget analyses required for making legislative decisions, is also a part of the legislative branch. Legislative commissions assist in the legislative process by providing in-depth studies, holding public hearings and making recommendations on select issues as they arise.

**Budget Highlights**

The Fiscal 2012 Budget for the Legislature totals \$75.5 million, a decrease of \$1.8 million, or 2.4% under the fiscal 2011 adjusted appropriation of \$77.3 million. It provides \$11.6 million to the Senate and \$18.1 million to the Assembly. The recommendation also provides \$30.3 million to the Office of Legislative Services and \$15.5 million to the various legislative commissions.

The proposed Budget recommends line-item appropriations to five legislative commissions:

The Intergovernmental Relations Commission provides funding which permits the State of New Jersey to participate as a member of national and regional organizations.

The Joint Committee on Public Schools provides an ongoing study of the system of free public schools—its financing, administration and operations.

The State Commission of Investigation probes organized crime and improprieties in the conduct of publicly-funded programs. The Commission has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to uncover and document waste, fraud and abuse at all levels of government via investigations that have recouped millions of dollars in tax revenues.

The Law Revision Commission simplifies, clarifies and modernizes New Jersey statutes. It conducts an ongoing review of the statutes in order to identify areas that require revision and considers suggestions and recommendations from the American Law Institute, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and other learned bodies as well as from judges, public officials, bar associations, members of the bar and the general public. The Commission recommends the correction of inconsistent, obsolete and redundant statutes and comprehensive modifications of select areas of the law.

The State Capitol Joint Management Commission ensures the artistic, historical and architectural integrity of any restoration or preservation project at the State House, the State House Annex and adjacent environs, and also manages the Capitol Complex, including security and janitorial services.

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SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND  
(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2010					Year Ending June 30, 2012			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		2011 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
					<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
74,809	15,498	1,000	91,307	77,735	Direct State Services	77,309	75,476	75,476
---	2,338	---	2,338	3	Capital Construction	---	---	---
<b>74,809</b>	<b>17,836</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>93,645</b>	<b>77,738</b>	<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>77,309</b>	<b>75,476</b>	<b>75,476</b>
<b>74,809</b>	<b>17,836</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>93,645</b>	<b>77,738</b>	<b>Total Appropriation, Legislature</b>	<b>77,309</b>	<b>75,476</b>	<b>75,476</b>

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS BY PROGRAM  
(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2010					Year Ending June 30, 2012			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		2011 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
					<b>DIRECT STATE SERVICES - GENERAL FUND</b>			
					<b>Legislative Activities</b>			
11,459	5,086	200	16,745	11,706	Senate	11,639	11,639	11,639
17,902	1,805	800	20,507	18,308	General Assembly	18,137	18,137	18,137
29,952	4,694	---	34,646	32,287	Legislative Support Services	30,990	30,257	30,257
<b>59,313</b>	<b>11,585</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>71,898</b>	<b>62,301</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>60,766</b>	<b>60,033</b>	<b>60,033</b>

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Year Ending June 30, 2010					Year Ending June 30, 2012			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended		2011 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
15,496	3,913	---	19,409	15,434	<b>Legislative Commissions and Committees</b>			
					Legislative Commission	16,543	15,443	15,443
<i>15,496</i>	<i>3,913</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>19,409</i>	<i>15,434</i>	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>16,543</i>	<i>15,443</i>	<i>15,443</i>
<b>74,809</b>	<b>15,498</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>91,307</b>	<b>77,735</b>	<b>Total Direct State Services - General Fund</b>	<b>77,309</b>	<b>75,476</b>	<b>75,476</b>
<b>74,809</b>	<b>15,498</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>91,307</b>	<b>77,735</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT STATE SERVICES</b>	<b>77,309</b>	<b>75,476</b>	<b>75,476</b>
					<b>CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION</b>			
					Legislative Activities			
---	2,338	---	2,338	3	Legislative Support Services	---	---	---
---	2,338	---	2,338	3	<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>---</i>	<i>---</i>
---	2,338	---	2,338	3	<b>TOTAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>74,809</b>	<b>17,836</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>93,645</b>	<b>77,738</b>	<b>Total Appropriation, Legislature</b>	<b>77,309</b>	<b>75,476</b>	<b>75,476</b>

**70. GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL**  
**71. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**  
**0001. SENATE**

Under the Constitution, as amended in 1966, certified by the Apportionment Commission and modified by the Supreme Court, the legislative power is vested in a Senate of 40 members and a General Assembly of 80 members with one Senator and two members of the General Assembly being elected from each of 40 legislative districts, apportioned according to population based on the latest decennial census. All members of the Senate were elected in November 2007 and members of the Assembly in November

2009. Senators are elected for a term of four years and members of the General Assembly for a term of two years.

The compensation of members of the Legislature is \$49,000 per year (C52:10A-1). The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly, by virtue of their offices, receive an additional allowance equal to one-third of their compensation.

**EVALUATION DATA**

	Actual FY 2009	Actual FY 2010	Revised FY 2011	Budget Estimate FY 2012
<b>PERSONNEL DATA</b>				
<b>Position Data</b>				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported .....	48	43	43	---
Total Positions .....	48	43	43	---
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Senate .....	48	43	43	---
Total Positions .....	48	43	43	---

**Notes:**

Actual payroll counts are reported for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 as of December and revised fiscal year 2011 as of January. Not included are the 40 Senators and part-time positions. The funded position count for fiscal year 2012 will be determined by the Legislature.

APPROPRIATIONS DATA  
(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2010					Year Ending June 30, 2012			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2011 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
<b>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</b>								
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>								
11,459	5,086	200	16,745	11,706	01	11,639	11,639	11,639
<u>11,459</u>	<u>5,086</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>16,745</u>	<u>11,706</u>		<u>11,639</u> (a)	<u>11,639</u>	<u>11,639</u>
<b>Distribution by Fund and Object</b>								
Personal Services:								
---	---	---	---	1,969		1,990	1,990	1,990
10,739	1,931	200	12,870	4,797		4,529	4,529	4,529
---	---	---	---	4,489		4,400	4,400	4,400
<u>10,739</u>	<u>1,931</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>12,870</u>	<u>11,255</u>		<u>10,919</u>	<u>10,919</u>	<u>10,919</u>
135	881	---	1,016	8		135	135	135
486	1,252	---	1,738	417		486	486	486
72	834	---	906	2		72	72	72
<u>27</u>	<u>188</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>24</u>		<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>11,459</u>	<u>5,086</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>16,745</u>	<u>11,706</u>		<u>11,639</u>	<u>11,639</u>	<u>11,639</u>

Notes -- Direct State Services - General Fund

(a) The fiscal year 2011 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program.

Language Recommendations -- Direct State Services - General Fund

The unexpended balance at the end of the preceding fiscal year in this account is appropriated.

70. GOVERNMENT DIRECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND CONTROL  
71. LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES  
0002. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 2009	Actual FY 2010	Revised FY 2011	Budget Estimate FY 2012
<b>PERSONNEL DATA</b>				
<b>Position Data</b>				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported	65	57	45	---
Total Positions	65	57	45	---
Filled Positions by Program Class				
General Assembly	65	57	45	---
Total Positions	65	57	45	---

Notes:

Actual payroll counts are reported for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 as of December and revised fiscal year 2011 as of January. Not included are the 80 State Assemblypersons and part-time positions. The funded position count for fiscal year 2012 will be determined by the Legislature.

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(thousands of dollars)

Year Ending June 30, 2010					Year Ending June 30, 2012			
Orig. & (S)Supplemental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2011 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended
<b>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</b>								
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>								
17,902	1,805	800	20,507	18,308	02	18,137	18,137	18,137



and reports on legislative matters, drafts of bills, resolutions, and bill amendments.

Office of Public Information—Operates a public information service; records proceedings of hearings; prepares and distributes various legislative documents.

Office of the State Auditor—Performs a comprehensive financial post-audit of the State and all of its agencies. The division examines and audits accounts, reports, and statements and in addition, makes independent verification of all assets and liabilities, revenues and expenditures, policies and programs. The division makes, or causes to be made, studies and reports with respect to economy, internal management control, and compliance with laws and regulations of the operation of State or State-supported agencies.

Office of the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer—Collects and assembles information with reference to the fiscal affairs of the State, examines all requests for appropriations and claims against the State; provides the Legislature with expenditure information and performance analyses of programs and transactions; examines and processes fiscal notes.

Data Management Unit—Supervises the operation, maintenance and security of the legislative computer system.

Administrative Unit—Handles personnel, budgeting, accounting, purchasing, space acquisition and assignment, and other centralized services for the Office of Legislative Services as well as the administration of legislative printing.

EVALUATION DATA

	Actual FY 2009	Actual FY 2010	Revised FY 2011	Budget Estimate FY 2012
<b>PERSONNEL DATA</b>				
<b>Position Data</b>				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported .....	349	358	351	---
Total Positions .....	349	358	351	---
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Legislative Support Services .....	349	358	351	---
Total Positions .....	349	358	351	---

Notes:

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Year Ending June 30, 2010					Year Ending June 30, 2012				
Orig. & (S)Supple- mental	Reapp. & (R)Recpts.	Transfers & (E)Emer- gencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2011 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recom- mended	
<b>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</b>									
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>									
29,952	4,694	---	34,646	32,287	Legislative Support Services	03	30,990	30,257	30,257
<b>29,952</b>	<b>4,694</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>34,646</b>	<b>32,287</b>	<b>Total Direct State Services</b>		<b>30,990<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>30,257</b>	<b>30,257</b>
<b>Distribution by Fund and Object</b>									
Personal Services:									
21,701	274	2,125	24,100	23,904	Salaries and Wages		23,000	23,000	23,000
<b>21,701</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>24,100</b>	<b>23,904</b>	<b>Total Personal Services</b>		<b>23,000</b>	<b>23,000</b>	<b>23,000</b>
1,065	724	-125	1,664	871	Materials and Supplies		1,065	1,065	1,065
2,527	2,146	-2,250	2,423	1,770	Services Other Than Personal		2,527	2,527	2,527
3,181	1,150	250	4,581	4,364	Maintenance and Fixed Charges		3,181	3,181	3,181
Special Purpose:									
30	---	---	30	30	State House Express Civics Education Program	03	30	30	30
29	---	---	29	29	Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity	03	29	29	29
214 <sup>S</sup>	228	---	442	222	Continuation and Expansion of Data Processing Systems	03	---	---	---
---	17	---	17	---	Statute Challenges Fund	03	---	---	---
100	---	---	100	100	Senator Wynona Lipman Chair in Women's Political Leadership, Eagleton Institute	03	100	100	100



The function of the New Jersey Redistricting Commission is to formulate Congressional districts in New Jersey for the election of members to the United States House of Representatives. The districts remain unaltered through the next year ending in zero in which a federal census for New Jersey is taken, unless the districts are ruled invalid by New Jersey or United States courts.

P.L. 1992, c.67 for the purpose of maintaining, monitoring, and preserving the architectural, historical, cultural and artistic integrity of any completed project whose purpose is to restore, preserve or improve the capitol complex. The complex consists of the State House, the State House Annex and the adjacent environs. The eight-member commission is equally balanced with four members from the executive branch of State government and four members from the legislative branch.

The State Capitol Joint Management Commission was created by

**EVALUATION DATA**

	Actual FY 2009	Actual FY 2010	Revised FY 2011	Budget Estimate FY 2012
<b>PERSONNEL DATA</b>				
<b>Position Data</b>				
Filled Positions by Funding Source				
State Supported .....	60	58	51	---
Total Positions .....	60	58	51	---
Filled Positions by Program Class				
Legislative Commission .....	60	58	51	---
Total Positions .....	60	58	51	---

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<b><u>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</u></b>								
<b>Distribution by Fund and Organization</b>								
400	122	---	522	401	Intergovernmental Relations Commission	400	400	400
335	496	---	831	166	Joint Committee on Public Schools	335	335	335
4,539	1,413	---	5,952	5,019	State Commission of Investigation	4,555	4,555	4,555
---	---	---	---	---	Apportionment Commission	1,100	---	---
321	331	---	652	311	New Jersey Law Revision Commission	321	321	321
9,901	1,551	---	11,452	9,537	State Capitol Joint Management Commission	9,832	9,832	9,832
<b>Distribution by Fund and Program</b>								
15,496	3,913	---	19,409	15,434	Legislative Commission	09 16,543	15,443	15,443
<b>15,496</b>	<b>3,913</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>19,409</b>	<b>15,434</b>	<b>Total Direct State Services</b>	<b>16,543<sup>(a)</sup></b>	<b>15,443</b>	<b>15,443</b>

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Year Ending June 30, 2010					Year Ending June 30, 2012				
Orig. & (S) Supplemental	Reapp. & (R) Recpts.	Transfers & (E) Emergencies	Total Available	Expended	Prog. Class.	2011 Adjusted Approp.	Requested	Recommended	
<b>DIRECT STATE SERVICES</b>									
<b>Distribution by Fund and Object</b>									
<b>Intergovernmental Relations Commission</b>									
---	24	---	24	1	09	---	---	---	
155	58	---	213	155	09	155	155	155	
184	21	---	205	184	09	184	184	184	
36	14	---	50	36	09	36	36	36	
25	5	---	30	25	09	25	25	25	
<b>Joint Committee on Public Schools</b>									
335	496	---	831	166	09	335	335	335	
<b>State Commission of Investigation</b>									
4,539	1,412	-1	5,950	5,019	09	4,555	4,555	4,555	
---	1	1	2	---	09	---	---	---	
<b>Apportionment Commission</b>									
---	---	---	---	---	09	1,100 <sup>S</sup>	---	---	
<b>New Jersey Law Revision Commission</b>									
321	331	0	652	311	09	321	321	321	
<b>State Capitol Joint Management Commission</b>									
9,901	1,551	---	11,452	9,537	09	9,832	9,832	9,832	
<u>15,496</u>	<u>3,913</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>19,409</u>	<u>15,434</u>		<u>16,543</u>	<u>15,443</u>	<u>15,443</u>	
<b>OTHER RELATED APPROPRIATIONS</b>									
<b>Federal Funds</b>									
---	---	1	1	---	09	---	---	---	
---	---	1	1	---		---	---	---	
<b>All Other Funds</b>									
---	15 <sup>R</sup>	---	24	---	09	---	---	---	
---	24	---	24	---		---	---	---	
<u>15,496</u>	<u>3,937</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>19,434</u>	<u>15,434</u>		<u>16,543</u>	<u>15,443</u>	<u>15,443</u>	

**Notes -- Direct State Services - General Fund**

(a) The fiscal year 2011 appropriation has been adjusted for the allocation of salary program.

**Language Recommendations -- Direct State Services - General Fund**

The unexpended balances at the end of the preceding fiscal year in these accounts are appropriated.

Receipts from the rental of the Cafeteria and the Welcome Center and any other facility under the jurisdiction of the State Capitol Joint Management Commission are appropriated to defray custodial, security, maintenance and other related costs of these facilities.

Such sums as are required for the establishment and operation of the Apportionment Commission and the Legislative Redistricting Commission are appropriated, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting and the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer.