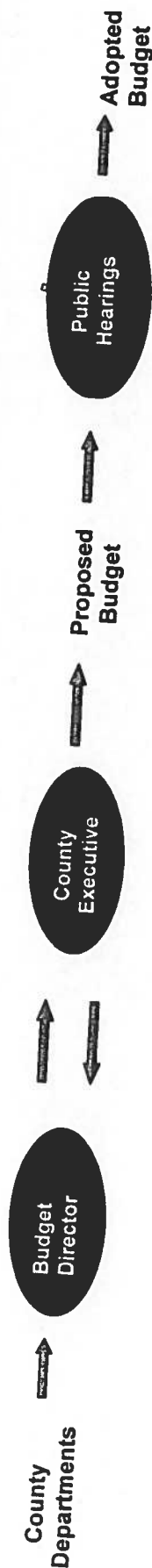


# Operating Budget Timetable



By September 10<sup>th</sup> each year, every County Department and Agency must submit estimates of its revenues and operating expenditures for the coming fiscal year to the County's Budget Director.

The Budget Director makes a thorough study of all departmental estimates and prepares recommendations for the County Executive.

The County Executive is responsible for proposing the County budget to the Board of Legislators. The County Executive's proposed budget, including the budget message, and an exhaustive report on the fiscal prospect of the County, is submitted to the Board by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Legislators is responsible adopting the County budget. Before acting it receives a report from its Committee on Budget and Appropriations, which may include proposed changes in the budget, and it holds public hearings. The Board of Legislators adopts the County budget for the coming year no later than December 27<sup>th</sup>. The County Executive has veto power over increases made by the Board. A two-thirds vote of all members of the Board is required to override the County Executive's veto.