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(a) None of the provisions of any public general law governing the preparation and filing of budgets by agencies of the State of Maryland [shall be] ARE applicable to the budgetary procedure of the commission. Except as hereinafter provided, the budget programs and procedures heretofore followed by the commission are ratified and confirmed and approved for use by the commission hereafter, together with such improvements therein as, in the discretion of the commission, [shall] be deemed necessary or appropriate in the public interest.

(1) For each fiscal year, beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 of the subsequent year, the commission shall prepare an annual capital and operating budget which shall contain, separately for each county where items are so allocable for which a tax is levied, the proposed expenditures and estimates of revenue anticipated. The proposed budget shall be established as hereinafter set forth. The commission's budget shall include for each county within the regional district a complete planning work program including a schedule for the production of all plans and amendments, hereinafter called the planning schedule of the commission. The budget shall contain items allocable to both counties including provisions for the operation of the departments of the commission established pursuant to law and the regional planning program. The budget shall also contain a schedule of recreation activities and programs for Prince George's County in accordance with section 85, 43A(g), as amended.

(2) The commission shall submit the proposed budget on or before January 1, 1973 and on or before January 1 of each succeeding year thereafter to the county executives of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

(3) In Montgomery County the county executive shall transmit the proposed budget to the county council, together with his recommendations thereon, on or before February 15, 1973 and on or before February 15 of each succeeding fiscal year. In Prince George's County, the county executive shall transmit the proposed budget to the county council, together with his recommendations thereon, on or before April 1, 1973 and on or before April 1 of each succeeding fiscal year.

(4) Each county council shall, upon public notice, hold a public hearing on the proposed budget of the commission commencing not earlier than twenty-one days following receipt thereof from the county executive.