**1st SESSION OF THE SENATE OF THE VOOPERIAN EMPIRE**

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**IN THE SENATE**

**July 30th, 020**

**Senate Budget Act**

***Created by Senator Superjacobl***

**TITLE I — SENATE BUDGET ACT**

**SEC. 101. SHORT NAME**

SBA

**SEC. 102. INFORMATION**

(a) (1) *SUMMARY OF THIS ACT*.—

This act creates a budget committee, and creates a process for passing a budget.

**TITLE II - ESTABLISHMENT OF SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Sec 201. Creation**

* 1. A committee called “Senate Budget Committee” shall be created.
  2. The Senate Budget Committee shall be made up of 3 members, and 1 chair.
     1. 2 members shall be senators, and the other one shall be The Chief Financier of Vooperia.

**Sec 202. Chair**

1. Shall have the power to break ties in the Senate Budget Committee.
2. After all members have been elected/added, the Senate Budget Committee shall vote on a chairman using RCV.
3. Chairman must be a member of the Senate Budget Committee.

**Sec 203. Members**

1. Any senator can propose to be a member of the Senate Budget Committee by proposing a motion.
2. Each motion shall be its own vote, with a simple majority to confirm a member.
3. If a senator loses their seat, the speaker of the senate shall appoint a replacement.

**Sec 204. Senate**

1. The term for chair and members of the Senate Budget Committee shall last until the end of the senate session.
   1. Unless the member is The Chief Financier of Vooperia.

**Sec 205. Powers**

1. To issue subpoenas for imperial or district entities.
   1. This must be voted on, and shall pass with a majority vote of the Senate Budget Committee.
2. To write the monthly budget.
3. To review the effects of any laws passed or proposed that will affect the income, spending of the imperial government.
4. To provide estimates on income/spending of any bills proposed.
5. Shall give estimates to the senate on the income/spending of the budget that the Senate Budget Committee writes.
   1. The cost estimates shall include spending from all imperial acts that involve spending.
      1. Except when an imperial act specifically says not to count the spending of the act in the budget’s cost estimates.
6. Anything else that is listed in this act.

**Sec 206. Voting**

1. The final budget must pass the Senate Budget Committee with a simple majority vote.

**Sec 207. Record**

1. The Senate Budget Committee shall be required by law, to keep a full record of all action taken by the committee.
   1. The Senate Budget Committee record shall include the recorded votes of every member, by name, and the total vote count for the ayes and nays.
   2. The Senate Budget Committee record shall be public.

**TITLE III - BUDGET PROCESS**

**Sec 301. Requirements**

1. The Senate Budget Committee must provide a balanced budget to the senate before the 5th of every month.

**Sec 302. Senate Motions**

1. Any motion may require the senate budget committee to include the item listed in the motion into the budget.
   1. Ex. Motion: “Require the Senate Budget Committee to include in the budget, a section that changes the UBI from a percent of income, to a flat rate per rank.“ This would force the SBC to include this item in the monthly budget.
2. Budget motions may only contain items related to either spending or income.
3. Budget motions must be passed with at least a simple majority.
4. Budget motions may also be passed via the unanimous process.

**Sec 303. Writing**

1. Every member in the Senate Budget Committee must help write the budget.
2. The budget shall only contain items related to either spending or income.
3. The budget shall include
   1. Any items in the senate passed motions that require the SBC to include.
   2. A consolidated tax code of all taxes.
   3. The salaries for every imperial government position.
   4. District funding.
   5. Income and cost estimates for every tax, and spending item.
   6. A 6 month estimate of budget income/spending per month.
   7. Spending estimates for clause 5 and 6 of this subsection, shall by law, include spending from all imperial acts that involves spending.
      1. Except when an imperial act specifically says not to count the spending of the act in the budget’s cost estimates.
4. The Senate Budget Committee may, with a simple majority vote, increase/decrease any taxes, or increase/decrease any spending in the draft budget, in order to ensure that the budget is balanced.
   1. Unless a senate passed motion says otherwise.

**Sec 304. Voting**

1. The budget shall be voted on the 7th of every month, and shall be approved with a simple majority.
2. After the senate has passed the budget, it shall come into effect on the 2nd.

**Sec 305. Balance**

1. The budget must at least give a surplus, before it can be put to a senate vote.
   1. The budget may give a much higher surplus than what's needed to balance the budget.

**Sec 306. Imperial Reserve**

1. Any spending relating to the Imperial Reserve shall not be counted as spending in the budget.
   1. Except for the salaries of the The Chief Financier of Vooperia, and the employee.

**TITLE IV - SPENDING REQUIREMENTS**

**Sec 401. Requirements**

1. Every ministry who spends money, or gets fundings, shall provide before the 13th of every month, a detailed accounting sheet, that includes the spending of the ministry, and every item that that the ministry spent money on.
2. The detailed accounting sheet shall be given to the Senate Budget Committee.

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