

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET OFFICE ACT

Act No. 6931, Jul. 18, 2003.
Amended by Act No. 8050, Oct. 4, 2006.

Article 1 (Purpose) The purpose of this Act is to provide for the organization and duties of the National Assembly Budget Office and other necessary matters.

Article 2 (Status) (1) The National Assembly Budget Office (hereinafter referred to as the “Budget Office”) shall be under the control of the Speaker of the National Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the “Speaker”).

(2) The independence of the duties of the Budget Office shall be respected.

Article 3 (Duties) The Budget Office shall perform any of the following duties related to the final accounts of the national budget or the administration of national funds and finance:

1. Research and analysis on the budget bill, the final accounts of the budget, draft plans for the administration of funds, and the final accounts thereof;
2. Estimation of costs required by bills and other matters involving expenditure from the budget or funds;
3. Analysis of and prospects for macro-economic trends and the administration of national finance;
4. Analysis and evaluation of major national projects and analysis of medium- and long-term financial requirements; and
5. Research and analysis on any matters required by a committee (hereinafter referred to as a “committee”) or member of the National Assembly.

Article 4 (Chief) (1) The Chief of the National Assembly Budget Office (hereinafter referred to as the “Chief”) shall be a public official in political service, and his/her remuneration shall be the same as that of a vice minister.

(2) The Chief shall, in performing his/her duties, have expertise and maintain neutrality.

(3) The Chief shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the Budget Office and direct and supervise public officials belonging thereto by order of the Speaker: Provided, That this shall not apply in any case in which the National Assembly Secretariat Act, the State Public Officials Act, the National Finance Act, the State Properties Act, or other Acts or subordinate statutes provide that the personnel administration, the budget and accounts, the management of state property, that of goods, contingency plans, the registration of property of public servants, etc. among the relevant affairs of the Budget Office shall come under the jurisdiction of the National Assembly Secretariat or the Secretary General thereof. (Amended by Act No. 8050, Oct. 4, 2006)

Article 5 (Committee for Recommendation of Chief of National Assembly Budget Office) (1) If the Speaker makes a request for consent to the appointment of the Chief under Article 22-2 (3) of the National Assembly Act, the Speaker shall, in advance, receive recommendations from the Committee for the Recommendation of the Chief of the National Assembly Budget Office (hereafter referred to as the "Recommendation Committee" in this Article).

(2) The Recommendation Committee shall be composed of those persons who have expertise concerning duties of the Budget Office, maintain political neutrality and make fair recommendations and who are neither members nor public officials of the National Assembly.

(3) Matters necessary for the composition, operation, etc. of the Recommendation Committee shall be provided for by rule.

Article 6 (Appointment of Public Officials) Grade V or higher public officials of the Budget Office shall be appointed and dismissed by the Speaker, and other public officials shall be appointed and dismissed by the Chief: *Provided*, That the Speaker may delegate part of his/her authority to appoint them to the Chief as provided by rule.

Article 7 (Organization) (1) Subsidiary organs of the Budget Office shall be an assistant chief, a director general, and a director: *Provided*, That their names may otherwise be determined as provided by rule.

(2) Under the Chief, an assistant chief, and a director general, there may be assistant directors general to assist them directly, and under the Chief, there may be established one division which does not belong to an office or bureau.

(3) An assistant chief, a director general and a director shall be Grade I or II, II or III and III or IV state public officials in general service or public officials in contractual service respectively, and an assistant director general shall be a Grade II through IV state public official in general service or public official in contractual service, or a state public official in extraordinary civil service equivalent to Grades II through IV.

(4) Under the Chief, there may be established an advisory organ to render advisory opinions to him/her.

(5) The prescribed number of public officials belonging to the Budget Office, the establishment and duties of offices, bureaus, divisions and assistant directors general thereof, and other necessary matters shall be provided for by rule: *Provided*, That the establishment and duties of divisions and assistant directors general equivalent thereto may be determined by the Chief.

Article 8 (Submission of Materials to Committees and Members of National Assembly) The Chief shall, in performing his/her duties, submit necessary materials to committees and members of the National Assembly if required to do so by them.

Article 9 (Report, etc. to Committee) (1) Chief or other public officials designated by him/her shall make a report and give an explanation to a committee if required to do so by the committee.

(2) If the Chief deems that there are illegal matters related to a relevant administrative agency or other matters requiring the amendment of statutes or the institutional or administrative improvement, in the course of performing his/her duties, he/she shall report those matters to a standing committee of

the National Assembly having jurisdiction over them as well as to the Special Committee on Budget and Accounts.

Article 10 (Request for Materials) The Chief may request State organs or other institutions or organizations to submit materials necessary to perform his/her duties with the permission of the Speaker. In this case, those entities which receive such request shall comply therewith unless there is any special reason to the contrary.

Article 11 (Provisions on Delegation) Matters delegated by this Act and provided for by rule and those necessary for the enforcement of this Act shall be determined by the Speaker with the consent of the House Steering Committee.

ADDENDA

(1) **(Enforcement Date)** This Act shall enter into force three months after the date of its promulgation: *Provided*, That the provisions of Article 5 shall do so on that date.
(2) Omitted.

ADDENDA (Act No. 8050, Oct. 4, 2006)

Article 1 (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force on January 1, 2007. (Proviso Omitted)

Article 2 through 12 Omitted.