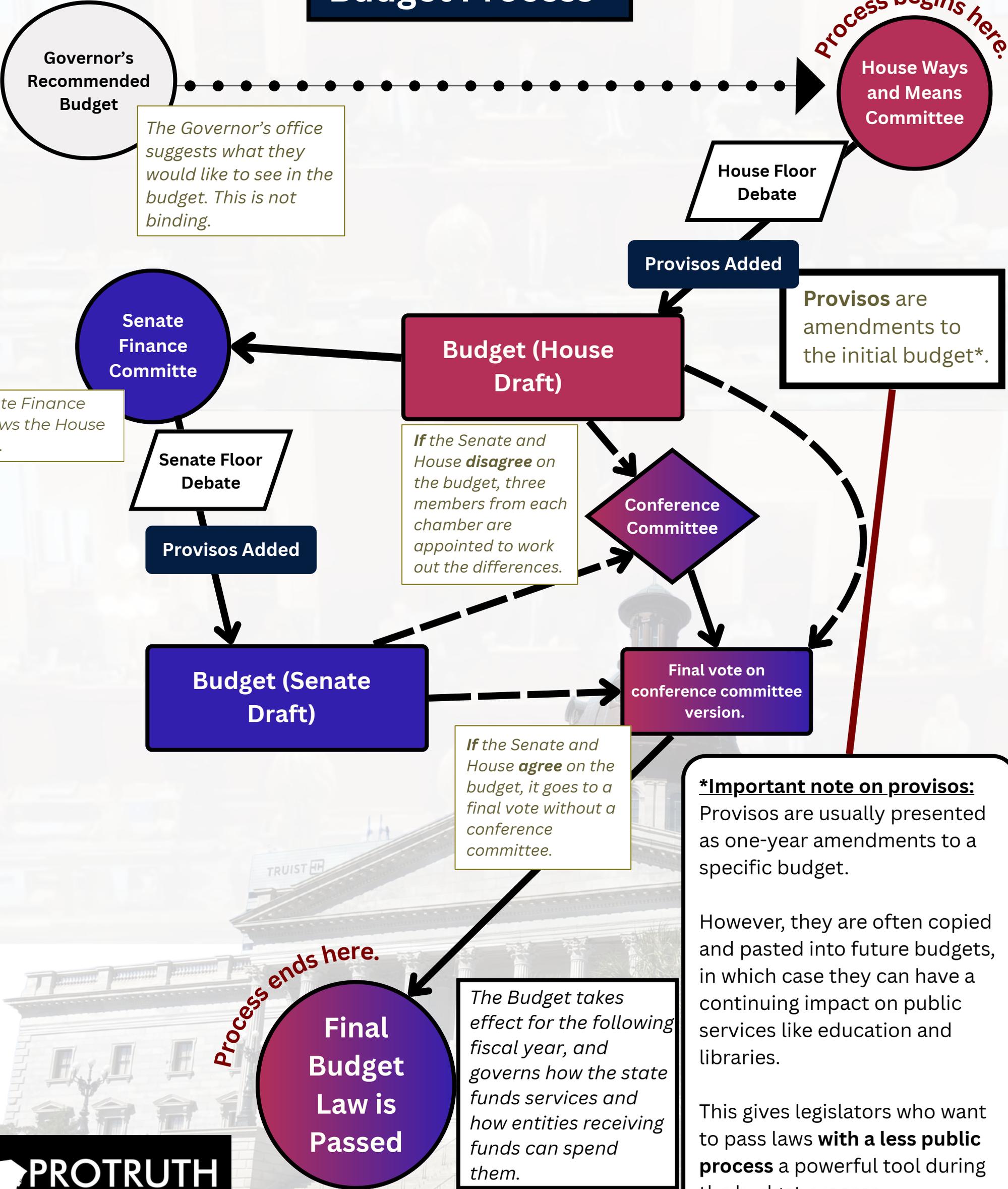


South Carolina's Budget Process



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The Governor's office suggests what they would like to see in the budget. This is not binding.

Provisos are amendments to the initial budget*.

Senate Finance reviews the House draft.

If the Senate and House **disagree** on the budget, three members from each chamber are appointed to work out the differences.

If the Senate and House **agree** on the budget, it goes to a final vote without a conference committee.

***Important note on provisos:**
 Provisos are usually presented as one-year amendments to a specific budget.

 However, they are often copied and pasted into future budgets, in which case they can have a continuing impact on public services like education and libraries.

 This gives legislators who want to pass laws **with a less public process** a powerful tool during the budget process.

Process ends here.