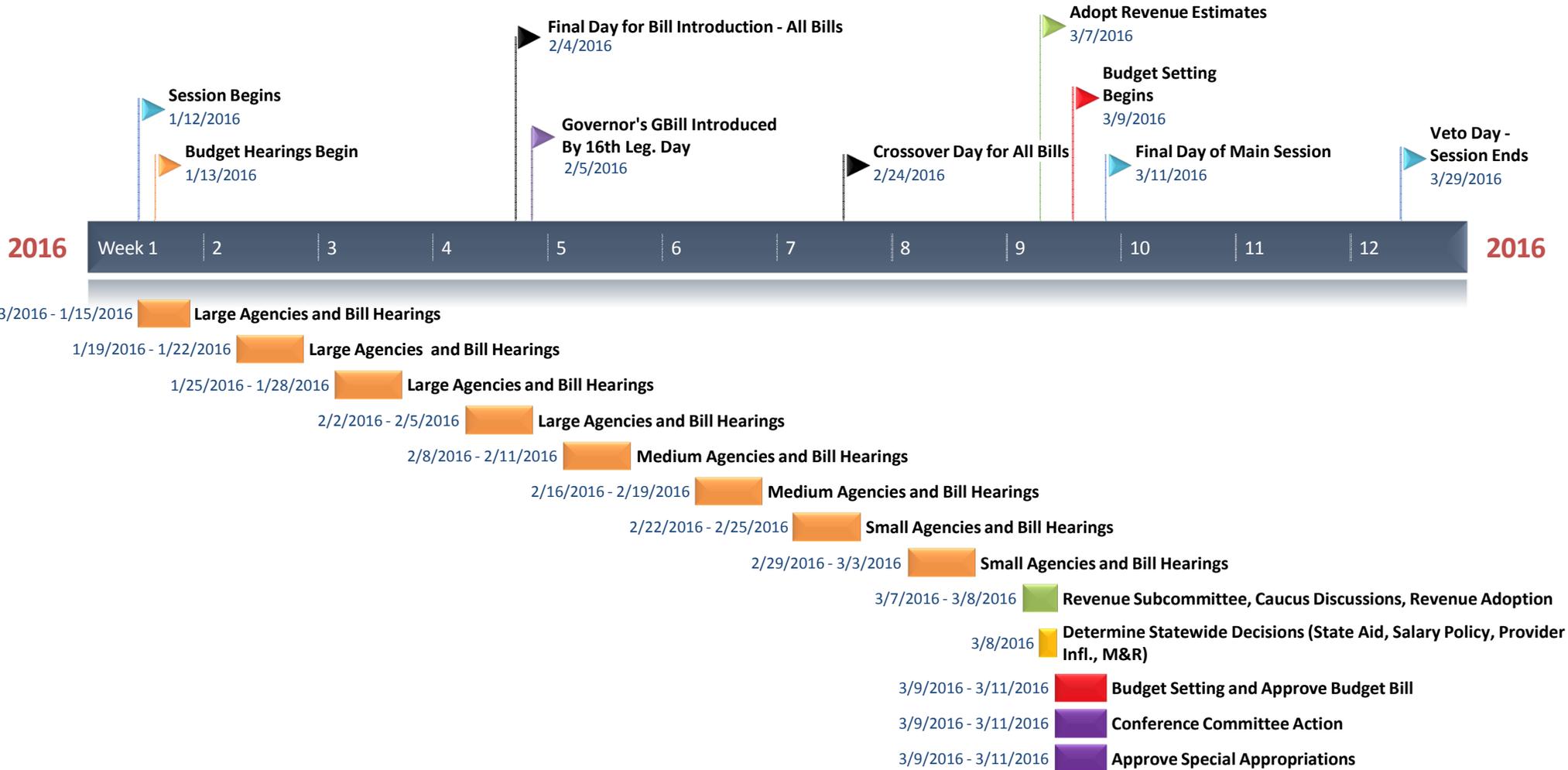
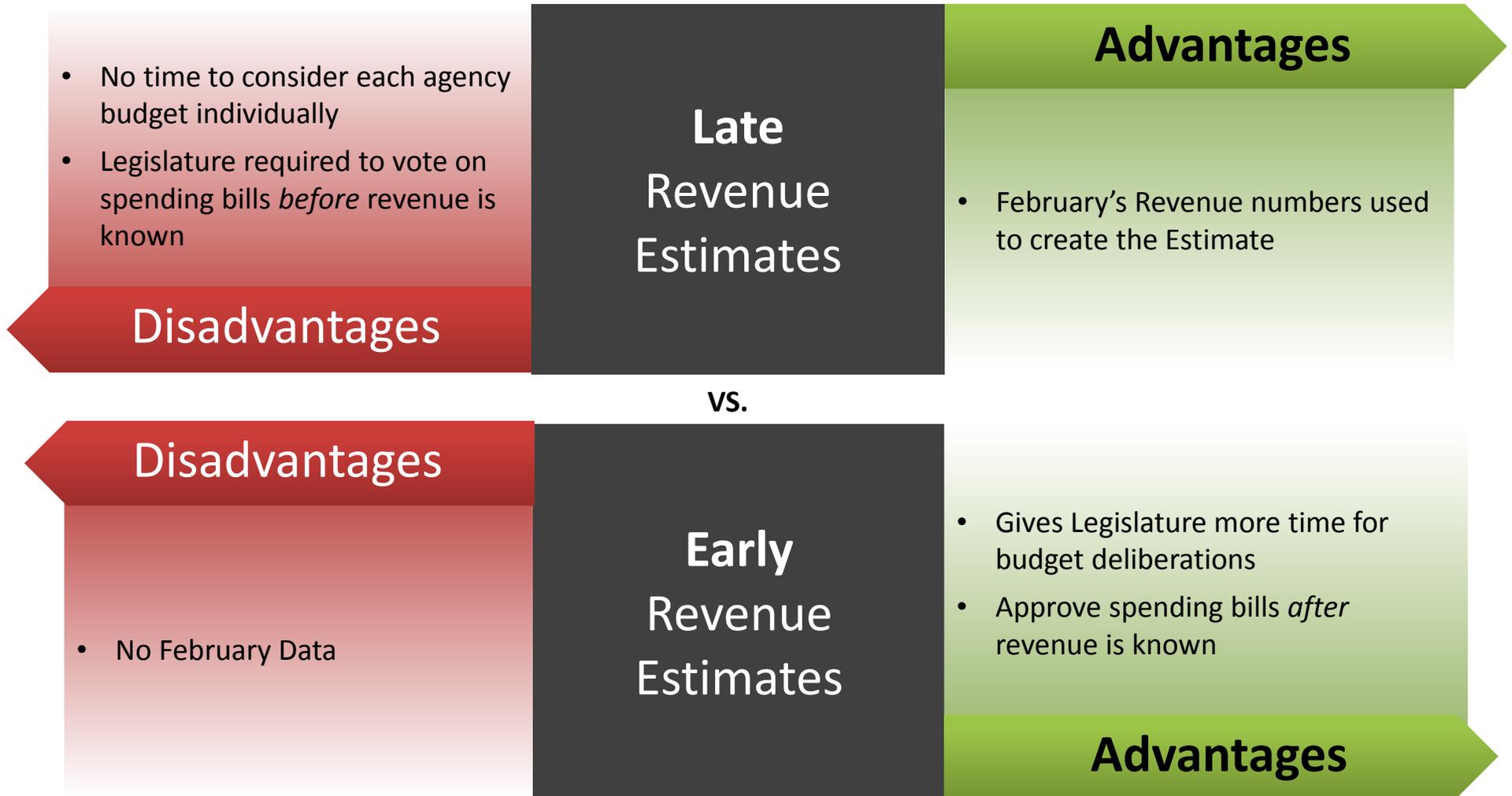


# CURRENT Budget Process Timeline



# Setting the Revenue



# Bill Deadlines

- The Legislature's budgetary decision making is fractured (JCA vs. Conf. Comm.)
- Different aspects of agency budgets are set in isolation
- Must vote on Spending Measures *before* revenue is known
- Requires amendments to \$1
- Requires rules suspension or introduction of Shell Bills for ideas not yet fleshed out

## Disadvantages

Crossover  
Deadlines  
Apply to  
All Bills

## Advantages

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## Disadvantages

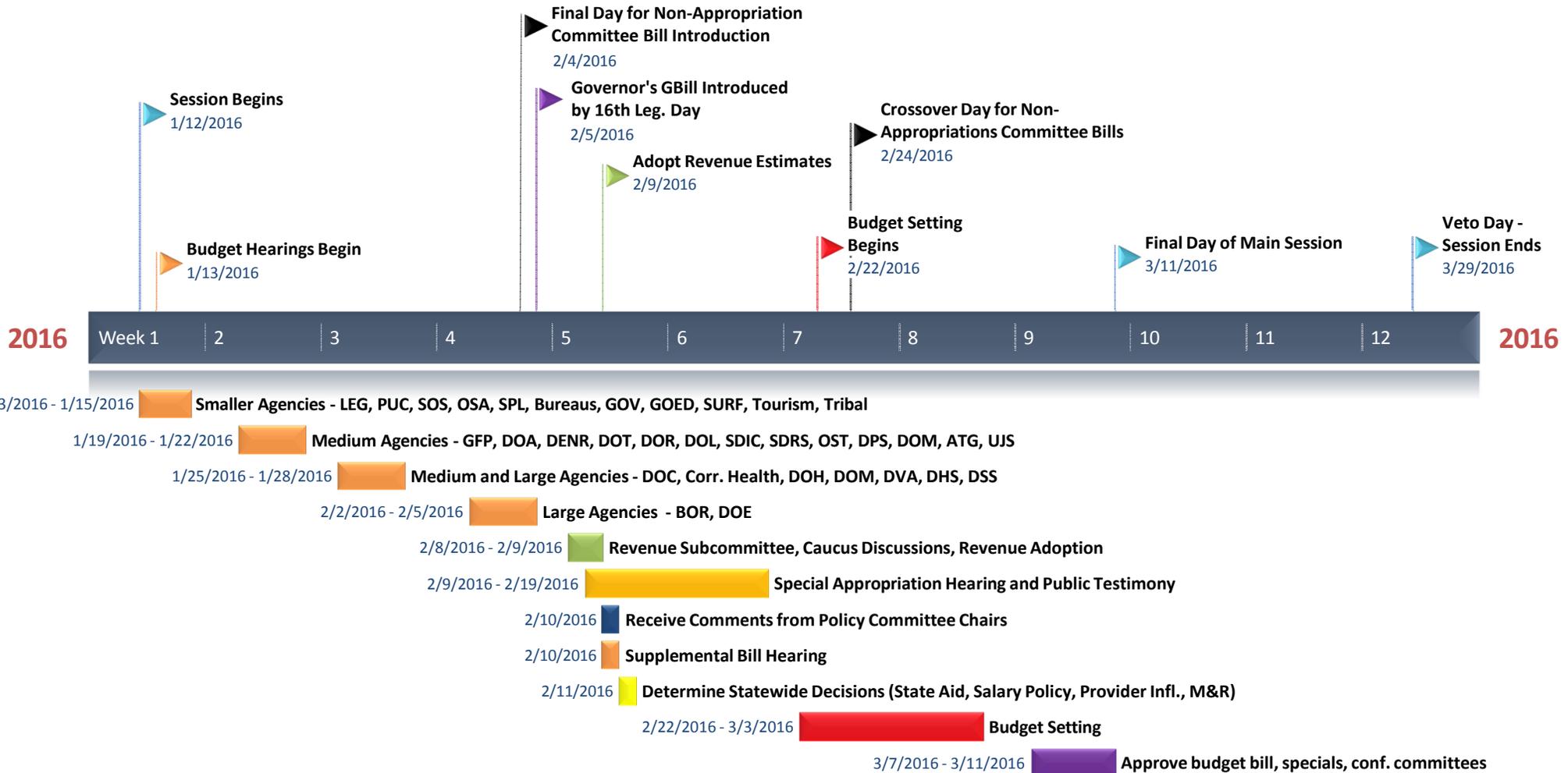
- New process learning curve

Exempt  
Appropriation Bills in  
Appropriations  
Committees from  
Crossover Deadlines

- Vote on spending measures *after* revenue is known
- More transparent - No need for:
  - \$1 amendments
  - Shell Bills
  - Rule Suspensions for bill introductions
- Specials discussed in conjunction with agency hearing

## Advantages

# PROPOSED Budget Process Timeline



## Proposed Legislative Rule Changes – Part I

- Require early revenue adoption
- Exempt appropriation bills referred to the Appropriations Committee from crossover deadlines
- Exempt Appropriations Committee appropriation bills from bill introduction deadline
- Each special appropriation bill would receive a full Appropriations Committee hearing, and appear on the list of line items to be considered by the full committee when the applicable agency budget is set.
- Committee votes to set each agency budget in total, with each line item shown separately:
  - Any special appropriation line items receiving approval would be delivered to the floor (special appropriations would be exempted from the bill crossover deadline).
  - Remainder included in the G-Bill.

**Proposed Legislative Rule Changes – Part II**  
**Decision Point No. 1**  
**JCA VOTING PROCESS**

**Option  
No.**

1 The JCA would retain the ability to divide itself into House and Senate committees, pursuant to Joint Rule 7-12. However, the request must be made by either appropriations committee chair, or the majority of either appropriations committee (rather than by any member).

2 The JCA would be required to approve all bills with a double majority ... each vote would require a majority of the House Appropriations and a majority of the Senate Appropriations for approval. Eliminates the necessity to divide JCA pursuant to Joint Rule 7-12.

3 Status quo for the JCA's ability to divide itself into House and Senate committees, pursuant to Joint Rule 7-12, at the request of any JCA member.

**Proposed Legislative Rule Changes – Part II**  
**Decision Point No. 2**

**AMENDING APPROPRIATION BILLS ON THE FLOOR**

**Option  
No.**

- 1 Appropriation bills approved by the JCA could not be amended on the floor. “Up, Down, or Refer-Back-to-Appropriations” would be the available floor actions for JCA-approved appropriation bills.
- 2 Appropriation bills approved by the JCA with a “Do Pass” motion in committee could not be amended on the floor. “Up, Down, or Refer-Back-to-Appropriations” would be the available floor actions for JCA “Do Pass” appropriation bills.  
Appropriation bills not carrying a “Do Pass” could be amended on the floor.
- 3 Status quo for all appropriation bills and the ability to amend on either floor.

**Proposed Legislative Rule Changes – Part II**  
**Decision Point No. 3**

**REFERRING APPROPRIATION BILLS TO COMMITTEES**

**Option  
No.**

1      Require all live appropriation bills to be referred to appropriations prior to any final floor vote.

2      Status quo for appropriation bills and the ability of the presiding officer to refer appropriation bills to any committee.