

From: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 9:00 AM
To: elena@judgewatch.org
Subject: **Re: FOIL/Records Request: The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Need for FY2026-27, as Required by Article VII, §1 of the NYS Constitution**
Attachments: [Rules and Regulations relating to Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records - January 2019 blue.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Sassower:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your request dated December 1, 2025 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law.

You are requesting..."a copy of the actual documents, with their certifications – comparable to what the Judiciary has already posted on its website for the “itemized estimates” it transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution".

When we receive a check in the amount of \$4.25 (17 pages @ \$.25 per page) made payable to the New York State Senate, we will forward the material. Please mail the check to:

Secretary of the Senate
New York State Senate
Room 321
Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12247

I have attached a copy of the Senate's Rules and Regulations Relating to the Public Inspection and Copying of Legislative Records for your information. Appeals must be directed to Counsel to the Majority, at the email address Foilappeal@nysenate.gov.

Sincerely,

Alejandra N. Paulino, Esq.
Secretary of the Senate

FOIL-BSR

From: elena@judgewatch.org <elena@judgewatch.org>
Sent: Monday, December 1, 2025 2:32 PM
To: Senate Foil <foil@nysenate.gov>; whylandfm@nyassembly.gov <whylandfm@nyassembly.gov>
Subject: FOIL/Records Request: The Legislature's Certified Itemized Estimates of its Financial Need for FY2026-27, as Required by Article VII, §1 of the NYS Constitution

TO: Senate Records Access Officer/Secretary of the Senate Alejandra Paulino, Esq.
Assembly Records Access Officer Fern Whyland

Please advise where on the Senate and Assembly websites are – or will be – posted the “Itemized estimates of the financial needs of the legislature, certified by the presiding officer of each house” for fiscal year 2026-2027, which [Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution](#) required the Senate and Assembly to transmit to the Governor by December 1st.

Please note I am looking to examine a copy of the actual documents, with their certifications – comparable to what the Judiciary has already posted on its website for the “itemized estimates” it transmitted to the Governor pursuant to Article VII, §1 of the New York State Constitution. For your convenience, here’s [the Judiciary’s 2026-2027 budget](#) from the Unified Court System’s website, whose transmitting memo is dated today, December 1, 2025.

In the event the Legislature is not intending to post its certified itemized estimates of its financial needs for fiscal year 2026-2027 on its Senate and Assembly websites, please advise why – and furnish a copy to me pursuant to [Senate Rule XIV](#) (“Freedom of Information”) and [Assembly VIII](#) (“Public Access to Information”).

Thank you.

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