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BOOKS

BUDGET

Governing partners : state-local relations in the United States. --Boulder, CO : Westview Press, 1998. 228 p.

Recently, budgetary restraints and institutional gridlock have limited the role of the national government in domestic policy making. Subnational governments have responded by assuming primary responsibility for a number of key problems, including economic development, educational improvement, environmental regulation and health and welfare innovations. A concise introduction to state-local relations, this volume of nine original essays includes an overview of the structure of state-local arrangements, central policy issues in state-local relation, and the likely future of this relations.
320.8 GOV

Budgeting for emergencies [pamphlets] : state practices and federal implications. Washington, D.C. : GAO, 1999. 59 p.

This report responds to the request for information on state experiences with reserve funds for emergencies or other unpredictable funding needs and state practices. Particularly how the federal government might budget for emergencies with surplus funds.
VF 363.34 NEL

Lee, Robert D. Public budgeting systems. Gaithersburg, MD ; Aspen Publishers, 1998. 540 p.

This is a general book on public budgeting, which purpose is to survey the current state of the art among all levels of government in the U.S.
352.4 LEE

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Making government work: electronic delivery of Federal services. Washington, D.C.: Office of Technology Assessment, United States Congress, 1993. 178 p.

Computer and telecommunication technologies offer a number of near-term opportunities for delivering federal services electronically in partnership with state/local agencies and the private sector. This report provides alternative strategies for improving the performance of government by using modern information technologies.
353.008 MAK

ECONOMY

The appropriate role of user charges in state and local finance [pamphlet] / Foundation Fiscal Partners and the National Conference of State Legislatures. -- Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures, 1999. 94 p.

This document provides an overview of changes in state and local revenue reliance and discusses the policy issues that arise both from the user charges in state and local finance and from impact fee.
VF 336.13 APP

The fiscal crisis of the states: lessons for the future. – Washington D.C: Georgetown University Press, 1995.
396 p.

This book reviews state fiscal conditions and policies during the first five years of the 1990s, focusing particularly in these questions: How did states respond to fiscal stress? What changes did they make in tax and spending policies? How did states treat local governments? Was it "business as usual," or did states adopt significant new approaches in the spirit of "reinventing government?" Who were the winners and losers as a result of state policies? To what extent were poor people the victims of state austerity? What role did federal policies play in state fiscal travails?
336.013 FIS

Privatization [pamphlet] : lessons learned by state and local governments. Washington, DC : GAO, 1997. 48 p.
VF

Rivlin, Alice M. Reviving the American dream : the economy, the states & the Federal government. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1992. 196 p.

Offers a straightforward, nontechnical look at the issues threatening the American dream and proposes a solution: restructure responsibilities between the federal and state government.
336.73 RIV

Wilson, Robert Hines. States and the economy: policymaking and decentralization. -- Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1993. 290 p.

For most of this century, the federal government has been the principal forum for addressing economic development issues. Although the development role of the federal government has remained central, federal policy has not responded to the recent development needs of states and regions. For both economic and political reasons, state government has been rejuvenated as an important public policy arena for effecting Economic change. As during other important economic junctures in the country's history, those states that understand and take advantage of these changing circumstances will be in a better position to ensure their future prosperity.
338.973 WIL

ENVIRONMENT

Church, Thomas W. Cleaning up the mess: implementation strategies in Superfund. -- Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1993. 209 p.

Provides an in-depth study of Superfund operations at hazardous waste sites. Examines six Superfund cleanups, including three regions and both "hard" and "easy" sites, to ask "what works?" Describes various strategies that have been applied by government regulators and lawyers and the responses to those different strategies by businesses and local government officials.

363.728 CHU

Ringquist, Evan J. Environmental protection at the state level: politics and progress in controlling pollution. -- Armonk, N.Y.: Sharpe, 1993. 243 p.

Why do some states enact stronger pollution control programs than do other states? More importantly, do these stronger pollution control programs have identifiable impacts on environmental quality in these states? This book addresses these questions using a unique combination of data, methods, and theory from the natural and social sciences. Further, it evaluates the limits and future prospects of pollution control policy, and provides a series of recommendations for improving the effectiveness of environmental policies.

363.7 RIN

LAW & LEGISLATION

Neal, Tommy. Lawmaking and the legislative process: committees, connections, and compromises. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1996. 211 p.

Written for high school and community college students guiding them through the process by which lawmakers enact bills in state, federal, and local government. Neal, invents fictional state legislators and follows them through various state sessions as they introduce, debate, and try to pass specific bills such as graffiti ordinances, domestic abuse, and gun control.

328.73 NEA

POLITICS

American intergovernmental relations: foundations, perspectives, and issues. -- Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press, 1993. 430 p.

The intergovernmental system in the U.S. faces many challenges in the 1990s. Can a network of about 83,000 governments---including federal, state, county, municipal, and special-district units---function efficiently? Does the system's bewildering complexity allow it to meet the needs of Americans? Must local desires be subordinated to those of the "all-powerful" federal government? This collection of

thirty-eight readings, deal with such questions.
321.023 AME

Beyle, Thad L. State and local government, 1999-2000. – Washington, DC: CQ Press, 1999.
230 p.

This is a collection of the best articles and most up-to-date views on a wide range of issue, arranged in ten parts covering state politics, media in the states, the institutions of state government, and other salient issues. Each part begins with cogent analysis of the most important developments in the area.
353.078 BEY

County governments in an era of change. – Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1993. 167 p.

Analyzes the past, present, and the future of county governments and their structures, operations, services, problems, and ties to other governments. It also discusses how county governments in the United States have been molded and shaped by various historical influences and how these influences have left traditions and tensions that continue to affect their functioning and role.
352.007 COU

Erikson, Robert S. Statehouse democracy: public opinion and policy in the American states. --
New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 1993. 269 p.

The authors argue that despite what many observers see as the relative in attentiveness to state-level issues by the U.S. voter, state policies are in fact highly responsive to state public opinion. They find that while individual states vary both in the ideological division of their electorates and in the ideological direction of state policies, there exists a strong connection between opinion and policy, with liberal states producing liberal policies and conservative states producing conservative policies.
303.38 ERI

Hedge, David. Governance and the changing American states. Boulder, CO: Westview Press;
1998. 212 p.

The author identifies major currents of state politics today evolving federalism, governmental modernization, and responsible governance- expanding appreciation of these trends, the ways in which they interact, and their effects upon state government agencies and functions.
320.973 HED

Gunther, John J. Federal-city relations in the United States: the role of the mayors in federal aid to cities. Newark: University of Delaware Press, 1990. 281 p.

Examines the development of the changing relationship between federalism and urban government from the New Deal of Roosevelt to the Reagan policies of the 1980s. Federal-city relations.
353.007 GUN

Hill, Kim Quaile. Democracy in the fifty states. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1994.
179 p.

Kim Quaile Hill presents the first comprehensive assessment on the extent of achieved democratization. He examines the range of representative democracy in the states by comparing them on the key components of democracy indicated in empirical democratic theory-equal rights to vote,

competitiveness among political parties, and the degree of mass participation. Hill follows the tradition of prominent cross-national studies to develop this intranational analysis of democratic processes. These analyses provide considerable evidence that the states vary substantially in the extent to which they approximate the democratic ideal.

324.097 HIL

State government: CQ's guide to current issues and activities, 1997-98. -- Washington, D.C.: Congressional Quarterly, 1996. 225 p.

Thad L. Beyle examines the increased visibility and influence of the states and their responses to the challenges of the shifting balance of federalism. The book is divided into ten parts covering state politics, media in the states, the institutions of state government, and other salient issues. Each part begins with cogent analysis of the most important developments in the area.

320.973 STA

The State of the states. -- Washington, DC: CQ Press, 1996. 259 p.

This book provides up-to-date, comprehensive coverage of state political, institutional, and policy trends, including the many new challenges facing state governments in the latter half of the 1990s. Eleven leading observers of state government and politics describe and analyze these trends, providing a twenty-year historical perspective as well as an examination of each political institution under discussion

353.9 STA

TAXES

Critical issues in state-local fiscal policy [pamphlet]: a guide to local option taxes / Foundation for State Legislatures and National Conference of State Legislatures. -- Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures, 1997. 32 p.

This report provides an overview of state-local tax systems and reviews the current status of local option taxing authority. It also highlights key policy questions that legislators may want to consider when deciding how much taxing authority to grant local governments.

VF 363.013 CRI

State of the economy, fiscal and monetary policy [pamphlet]: hearing before the Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, One Hundred second Congress, February 4, 1992. -- Washington, DC: U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1992. 47 p.

VF

REFERENCE BOOKS

DICTIONARIES

Elliot, Jeffrey M. The state and local government political dictionary. -- San Bernardino, CA: Borgo Press, 1995. 325 p.

Based on the authors' thirty years of study, research, and teaching, this indispensable guide is a rich lexicon to the working and background of state and local government in the United States. 290 entries have been systematically selected and organized to complement the standard works on the subject. This dictionary includes thousands of facts and general information about state and local governments, but it also provides ample analysis and interpretation.
REF 353.903 ELL

DIRECTORIES

Counties USA: a directory of United States counties. -- Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, 1997. 573 p.

This book provides statistical, descriptive, and contact information for more than 3100 counties of the U.S. directories.
REF 917.3 COU

Evans, James. Law on the Net. -- Berkeley, CA: Nolo Press; 1995. 692 p.

This book contains easy access to online legal resource on: federal, state and local governments; federal & state court dockets & opinions; legislation, statutes & codes; international law, treaties & constitutions; White House & executive offices; law firms, law schools, law libraries and much more.
REF 025.06 EVA

The Municipal yearbook, 1999: the authoritative source book of urban data and developments. Washington, DC: International City Management Association, 1999. 356 p.

This is the authoritative source book of urban data and developments. Provides information on local government management issues and trends, intergovernmental subjects, staffing, and compensation.
REF 352.073 MUN

State leadership directory 1999. -- Lexington, KY: Council of State Governments, 1999. 3 vols.

This volume intended to provide access to information on the legislative leadership, elective and administrative officials, committees and staff for 50 state governments and six U.S. jurisdictions.
REF 353.9 STA

The States and small business: a directory of programs and activities, 1993. -- Washington, D.C.: U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy, 1993. 461 p.

This directory is designed to identify state and local programs, agencies, laws, and other activities that aid in the nurturing of small business in the United States. Information is included for all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

REF 353.938 STA

ENVIRONMENT

Clean water action plan: restoring and protecting America's waters. -- Washington, DC: Environmental Protection Agency, 1998. 89 p.

This Clean Water Action Plan provides a blueprint for restoring and protecting the nation's precious water resources. A key element in the Action Plan is a new cooperative approach to watershed protection in which state, tribal, federal, and local governments identify the watersheds with the most critical water quality problems and then work together to focus resources and to implement strategies to solve those problems.

REF 363.7 CLE

Kimball, Debi. Recycling in America: a reference handbook. Denver, Colo.: ABC-CLIO, 1992. 254 p.

Designed to serve as a one-stop information source and a guide to pursuing individual recycling efforts. Examines the history of waste disposal, the environmental impact on current disposal practice, the most commonly recycled commodities, and current recycling process and legislation. Develops a strong understanding of the fundamental principles behind recycling and shows what steps state governments are taking to ensure that air, water, and soil remain clean and usable for future generations.

REF 363.728 KIM

HANDBOOKS

Kemp, Roger L. Managing America's cities: a handbook for local government productivity. -- Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, 1998. 460 p.

This volume currently represents the most comprehensive codification of knowledge available about the operations and productivity applications in U.S. municipal governments.

REF 352.16 KEM

Strategic planning for local government: a handbook for officials and citizens. Kemp Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland & Co., 1993. 10 p.

The purpose of this book is to review proven and sound public sector strategic planning theories, to demonstrate different, yet successful, strategic planning practices used in local government and to assess the future direction and application of strategic planning in America's local government.

REF 352 STR

LAW & LEGISLATION

Grooters, Jennifer. Legislative budget procedures: a guide to appropriations and budget processes in the states, commonwealths and territories. -- Denver, CO: National Conference of State Legislatures, 1998. 1 v.

The purpose of this guide is to categorize state budget processes and procedures in a simple table format.

REF 353.973 GRO

National survey of State laws / Richard A. Leiter, editor. -- Detroit, MI: Gale Research, 1997. 605 p.

The book provides an overall view of some of the most-asked about and controversial legal topics in the United States. Presented in chart format, this reference allows users to make basic state-by-state comparisons of current state laws.

REF 349.73 NAT

Suggested state legislation, 1995. -- The Council of State Governments. -- Lexington, KY: The Council, 1995. 174 p.

Series of compilations of draft legislation on topics of current interest and importance to the states. The entries are offered as an aid to state officials interested in drafting legislation in a specific area, and can be looked upon as a guide to areas of broad current interest in the states.

REF 349.73 SUG

State legislative sourcebook: a resource guide to legislative information in the fifty states, 1998. -- Topeka, Kansas: Government Research Service, 1998. 488 p.

REF 353.9 STA

Tarr, G. Alan. Understanding state constitutions. -- Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 1998. 247 p.

Tarr, a leading authority on state legal issues, combines history, law, and political science to present an explanation of the distinctiveness of the state constitutional experience and assessing its implications both for state constitutional interpretation and for understanding American Constitutionalism is the task of this book.

342.73 TAR

WEB SITES

DIRECTORIES

Almanac of Politics and Government.

Almanac of Politics and Government has "ten sections, including: a political calendar; political documents; information on world governments; the U.S. legislative, executive, and judicial branches; U.S. state and local government; U.S. political parties; economics and the U.S. federal budget; and U.S. and world political history."

<http://www.polisci.com/>

Council of State Governments

This site provides many useful resources, including a directory of state government officials, recent state election results, the text of model state legislation, a legislative discussion forum, issue updates, the text of "State of the State" addresses and links to state government Internet sites.

<http://www.statesnews.org/>

Governing Magazine.

Governing Magazine makes available links to directories of homepages for local and state governments.

<http://www.governing.com/govlinks.htm>

Government Resources on the Web.

Many links to government Internet resources, from the University of Michigan Document Center.

<http://www.lib.umich.edu/libhome/Documents.center/state.html>

Info Space Com.

Complete government information for any U.S. State. Includes state courts and county governments.

http://www.infospace.com/_1_185285254_info/blue/mystate.html

LAW & LEGISLATION

All Law.

All Law: includes search engines for federal and state laws.

http://www.alllaw.com/state_resources/

State Cases and Codes.

<http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/state.html>

State Legislative Home Pages.

<http://www.governing.com/urllegis.htm>

COUNSEL QUEST

Is a premier internet legal research web tool. Designed to guide its guests to the vast amount of legal and governmental resources available on the internet in a quick, concise and easy to use format

<http://www.CounselQuest.com/>

Municipal Codes Online

In an effort to make municipal codes throughout the nation more accessible to the public, Seattle Public Library staff have prepared this list of links to city and county codes available for unrestricted searching on the World Wide Web.

<http://www.spl.org/govpubs/municode.html>

STATESCAPE

StateScape is the only web-based state monitoring service that offers its clients comprehensive legislative and regulatory reporting.

<http://www.statescape.com/>

STATISTICS

U.S. Bureau of Census Federal, State and Local Governments.

<http://www.census.gov/ftp/pub/govs/www/index.html>

Centers for Disease Control. State Health Statistics.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/fastats.htm>

ECONDATA.

EconData.Net, your guide to regional economic activity on the Web. We have more than 400 links to socioeconomic data sources, arranged by subject and provider, pointers to the Web's premiere data collections, and our own list of the ten best sites for finding regional economic data.

<http://www.econdata.net/>

50 States and Capitals.

<http://www.50states.com/>

WEB PORTALS

GovSpot.

GovSpot is the government information portal of the Web. The free site offers a high-utility collection of top government and civic resources along with insightful, non-partisan editorial in one user-friendly spot.

<http://www.govspot.com/>