

Abstract

The institutional framework that regulates the budgeting process in Mexico was ignored during several decades by both, social scientist and politicians. This abandonment responds to the monopolization of the President's party in Congress, as well as a very disciplined parliamentary fraction and its loyalty to the Executives agenda. The substantial changes in the composition of Congress, which concluded with the first government without majority in 1997, evidenced the deficiencies in the normative framework that regulates the budgeting negotiation and approval in Mexico and its urgent need for reform. This article will analyze some of the fundamental variables that determine the possibility of reaching cooperation and agreement in budget affairs between the Legislative and Executive powers.