



2019 Pre-Session Legislative Preview

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Florida Legislative Composition



**Senate President
Bill Galvano**
23 Republicans
17 Democrats



Speaker of the House Jose Oliva
73 Republicans
48 Democrats
*2 Upcoming Special Elections
HD 97 vacant until June 18, 2019



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New Members

- House – 42 new legislators
 - 8 with local government experience

- Senate – 8 new legislators
 - 1 with local government experience



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2019 House Committees to Watch

- State Affairs Committee
 - Agriculture and Natural Resources Subcommittee
 - Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
 - Oversight, Transparency and Public Management Subcommittee
 - Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee
- Commerce Committee
 - Business and Professions Subcommittee
 - Energy and Utilities Subcommittee
 - Insurance and Banking Subcommittee
 - Workforce Development and Tourism Subcommittee
- Public Integrity and Ethics Committee
- Ways and Means Committee



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2019 Senate Committees to Watch

- Agriculture
- Commerce and Tourism
- Community Affairs
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Ethics and Elections
- Finance and Tax
- Governmental Oversight and Accountability
- Infrastructure and Security



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Legislation by the Numbers

As of February 27, 2019

- 2,934 of bills have been filed so far
- The League is actively tracking 447



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Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works

Priority & Other Issues




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FLC Priority – Preemption of Local Regulations (Oppose)

CS/HB 3 (Grant)

- Prohibits enforcement of any local regulation of business unless “expressly authorized by general law” or unless the regulation meets requirements of the bill.
 - “Regulation” defined broadly -- includes *any* action, including actions applied only to business and actions applied uniformly to all persons
- Prohibits “new” regulations affecting business after July 2019 unless:
 - Government has made public findings of necessity and least restrictive means
 - Government has performed and posted detailed “Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs” 14-days prior to voting on the regulation
 - The regulation has a 2-year sunset date
 - The regulation passes by 2/3 vote of entire membership of governing body (except zoning, nuisance, alcohol/tobacco, and regs that increase building costs by less than \$750)



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FLC Priority – Preemption of Local Regulations (Oppose)

HB 3 (Grant) Continued

- Existing regulations are “sunset” on July 2021 and may be reenacted only by meeting new requirements (findings, 2/3 vote, SERC, sunset)
- Existing regulations may not be enforced against business unless they meet the new requirements of the bill (findings, 2/3 vote, SERC, sunset)
- Preempts regulation of occupations and professions to the state



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FLC Priority – Attorney Fees and Costs (Oppose)

SB 1140 (Hutson) and SB 829 (Sabatini)

- Would provide mandatory award of attorney fees and costs, and damages against a local government in a preemption challenge to a local government ordinance
- The bills expressly waive sovereign immunity
- No awards if ordinance is repealed or withdrawn within 21 days of receiving written claim the ordinance is preempted or within 21 days of receiving a motion seeking fees and costs.
- “Growth management”- related ordinances are exempt from the bill
- The bills are remedial in nature and apply retroactively to all cases pending or commenced on or after July 1, 2019.



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FLC Priority – State Shared Revenues (Oppose)

SB 594 (Hutson)

Creates procedures and penalties against local governments alleged to be taking actions that impact commerce and that violate state law or the state constitution.

- Legislator may request AG to investigate local gov't action
- If AG finds violation likely occurred, AG initiates circuit court action
- If circuit court finds violation, local government has 30 days to remedy the violation or appeal the order
- If the local government does not appeal or remedy the violation, the circuit court must issue order directing the Dept of Revenue to withhold state-shared revenues (except revenues obligated to pay debt service) until the local government complies



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FLC Priority -- Water Funding

Governor's Budget Recommendations

- \$150M Targeted Water Quality Improvements (GR)
 - \$100M for matching grants – septic conversions & upgrades, ww improvements, sw system upgrades
 - \$50M for projects to accelerate TMDL nutrient reduction goals
- \$50M Springs Restoration
 - may include some money for locals to meet septic & nutrient reduction requirements
- \$40M Alternative Water Supply grant program (GR)
- \$25M Blue-Green Algae and Red Tide (Research, Innovative Solutions, WQ Enhancements)
- \$100M Florida Forever program
- \$50M Beach Projects
- \$6M Florida Resilient Coastline Program



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FLC Priority -- Water Funding (Support)

SB 628 (Albritton)

- Revises current requirements for Office of Economic & Demographic Research (EDR) annual Assessment of Water Resources
- Requires EDR to consult with DEP to develop assessment and clarifies factors used in the assessment
- Requires EDR to identify a comprehensive list of funding options needed to meet funding gaps identified in the assessment



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Utility & Natural Resource Issues – Wastewater (Support)

SB 1022 (Albritton) & **HB 973** (Payne) – Onsite Sewage Treatment & Disposal Systems

- Transfer administration of the OSTDS program from DOH to DEP
- OSTDS Technical Advisory Committee to help develop rules to make nutrient removal systems more cost-effective

HB 85 (Robinson, Caruso) & **SB 214** (Gruters) – Onsite Sewage Treatment & Disposal Systems

- Require certified contractors to inspect OSTDS every 5 years pursuant to inspection program administered by DOH; program to be phased in over 10-year period per rules developed by DOH
- Inspection and pump out costs are responsibility of system owner
- Sellers of property must provide disclosure to purchasers of existence of OSTDS on property



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Utility & Natural Resource Issues -- Wastewater

SB 1278 (Mayfield) – Biosolids (**Support**)

- Implements findings of DEP’s Biosolids Technical Advisory Committee
- Directs DEP rulemaking on biosolid land application rates to address N and P impairment or nearby waters; site-specific land application criteria; monitoring requirement

HB 405 (Grall) – Biosolids Upper St. Johns Basin (**Watch**)

- Prohibits disposal of biosolids within watershed unless applicant can demonstrate will not add to nutrient loadings
- Requires DOH to require entities disposing septage within watershed to submit agricultural use plans that limit applications based on nutrient loadings consistent with adopted BMAP
- Requires BMAP for the watershed to include certain assessments, recommendations and implementation schedules



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Utility & Natural Resource Issues – Wastewater (Support)

SB 286 (Albritton) & **HB 105** (Jacobs) – Domestic WW Collection System Assessment & Maintenance

- Voluntary program for WW utilities to obtain “Blue Star” certification from DEP obtain meeting established criteria that demonstrate utility is meeting management and investment practices to protect public health, the environment, and ensure sustainable performance
- WW receives incentives for certification such as longer permit duration, lower penalties for overflows, presumption of compliance with certain water quality requirements



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Utility & Natural Resource Issues – Wastewater (Watch)

HB 141 (Fine) and **SB 216** (Gruters) – Water Quality Improvements

- Require WW facilities to notify customers within 24 hours of discovering an unlawful discharge
- Require WW facilities to pay DEP a civil penalty of \$1 per gallon of sewage unlawfully discharged or to expend \$2 per gallon discharged to upgrade or remediate the problems giving rise to the discharge
- Would appropriate \$50M from the LATF for projects to benefit Indian River Lagoon



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Utility & Natural Resource Issues – Recycling (Watch)

SB 816 (Perry) & **HB 771** (Overdorf) – Environmental Regulation

- Addresses contracts for collection, transport and processing of residential recycling materials
- Provide that collector or facility is not required to take “contaminated material” as that term is defined in the contract with the local government
- Local government recycling contracts with vendors must define “contaminated recyclable material” in a manner that is appropriate for the local community and include provisions to address contamination in residential recycling



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Utility & Natural Resource Issues – Fracking (Support)

SB 314 (Montford), **SB 146** (Stewart), & **HB 239** (Fitzenhagen) –
Advanced Well Stimulation Treatment

- Prohibit all forms of treatment commonly understood to constitute “fracking” (advance well stimulation, high-pressure well stimulation, and matrix acidization)

HB 7029 (Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee) –
Fracking

- Prohibits high-pressure well stimulation but does not prohibit lower pressure stimulation techniques or matrix acidization



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Land Use and Economic Development

Priority & Other Issues



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Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) (Oppose)

Background:

Local governments create CRAs to respond to local needs and concerns to address slum and blight.

There are 222 active community redevelopment agencies (CRAs) in Florida.

HB 9 (LaMarca):

- Requires any new CRA created after October 1, 2019, be created by a county-wide referendum held during a primary election or general election.
- Phases out all CRAs by 20139 unless reauthorized by a 2/3 vote.

SB 1054 (Lee):

- Caps administrative CRA spending at 18%
- County wide referendum is not required to create a new CRA (vs. HB 9).
- Prohibits use of Tax Increment (TIFF) expenditures on festivals, street parties, grants to promote tourism or socially beneficial programs.
- Phases out all CRAs by 2039 unless reauthorized by a majority vote.



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Impact Fees (Watch)

SB 144 (Bean) and HB 207 (Donalds):

- Prohibit local governments from collecting impact fees before a building permit is issued for the related property.
- Require the use of the dual rational nexus test: the funds from the impact fee and the benefits from the new construction should be reasonably connected to the need for additional capital and should be connected to the increased impact cause by the new construction.
- Prohibit the use of impact fee revenues to pay existing debt or for prior approved projects unless there is a rational nexus with the increased impact generated by the new construction.
- Exempt water and sewer connection fees.



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Vegetable Gardens (Oppose)

SB 82 (Bradley) and **HB 145** (Fetterhoff):

- Preempt local regulation of vegetable gardens on residential property.
- Allow for local ordinances to regulate water use during droughts, fertilizer use, or invasive species control.
- The bills were filed in response to a recent appellate court decision that upheld the local regulation of vegetable gardens on residential property.
- The bills would not apply to homeowners association regulations or deed-restricted communities.



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Growth Management/ Private Property (Oppose)

HB 291 (McClain) and **SB 428** (Perry)

- Require local governments to adopt a new mandatory element in their comprehensive plans addressing the protection of private property.



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Monuments and Memorials (Oppose)

HB 97 (Hill) and SB 288 (Baxley):

- Preempt the ability of local governments to remove, alter, rename or otherwise disturb a memorial or monument on public property placed in memory of a veteran or war.
- This preemption includes the removal of Civil War memorials made to honor or commemorate the war, soldiers or government officials that aided the war effort.



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Sovereign Immunity (Oppose)

SB 1072 (Rader):

- Proposes increasing the tort waiver of immunity caps from \$200,000/\$300,000 per person to \$300,000/\$500,000 per incident or occurrence.




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Municipal Administration

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Short-Term Rentals (STR) (Oppose)

SB 824 (Diaz) and HB 987 (Grant)

- Preempt to the state the regulation of vacation rentals.
- Any ordinances (noise, parking, trash, etc), must apply to all residential properties, regardless of how the property is being used.
- Local governments cannot prohibit rentals (not just STRs), impose occupancy limits on rental properties, or require inspections or licensing of rentals (specific to STRs).
- Creates a process where city must prove by clear and convincing evidence that their ordinance or regulation complies with this section.
- **Removes the grandfather clause**
- Requires applicants for STR license to provide name, address, phone number, and email to Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). DBPR must make this available to the public on their website.



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Short-Term Rentals (STR) (Support)

SB 812 (Simmons)

- Requires STR registration to be displayed in the establishment and the registration number to be included in any listing or advertisement
- Defines “commercial vacation rental” – five or more units under common ownership
- Defines “hosting platform”
- Clarifies that rental units, in whole or in part, and advertised for rental periods for less than 30 days, are classified as STRs
- Requires DBPR to inspect commercial vacation rentals at least biannually
- Non-commercial STRs must be made available for inspection upon request
- Local governments must treat all residential properties the same, regardless of use...but there’s an exception...
- In single family residences where the owner is not occupying a portion of the property where the rental activity is taking place (home sharing), local governments can adopt specific regulations to the rental



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Short-Term Rentals (STR) (Support)

SB 812 (Simmons) Continued

- STR owners must give the city a copy of their state license and the owner’s emergency contact information. Cities can’t charge for this information.
- Grandfathered cities can amend their ordinances if it’s the changes are “less restrictive”
- DBPR can refuse to issue or renew, or suspend or revoke, the license of any public lodging establishment that is the subject of a final order from a local government directing the establishment to cease operations due to a violation of a local ordinance.
- Requires any advertisements to list the license number and the ad must also include the physical address of the property.
- Several new requirements on hosting platforms including a prohibition on facilitating a rental if the property has not been licensed by DBPR
- Requires the hosting platform to maintain rental records of every property advertised on the platform and requires DBPR to audit at least annually – penalties for noncompliance or failed audits



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Short-Term Rentals (STR) (Support)

SB 1196 (Mayfield) and **HB 1129** (LaMarca)

- Defines “hosting platform” and provides for more accountability of the platforms
- Requires Department of Business and Professional Regulation to collect information relating to the bookings of each short-term rental and share this information with cities upon request
- Expands definition of transient public lodging establishment to include “group of units in a dwelling”
- Requires license to be displayed inside the STR and license number must be included in all advertising
- Prohibits platform from facilitating a booking transaction unless the operator has consented to the disclosure of the required information
- Hosting platform must remove noncompliant ads within three business days of DBPR’s notification
- Requires DBPR to revoke, refuse to issue, or renew a short-term rental license when the subject property violates the terms of an applicable lease or property restriction OR the agency determines that the operation of a short-term rental violates a local law, ordinance, or regulation.



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Medical Marijuana (Watch)

HB 7015 (Rodrigues) and **SB 182** (Brandes)

- Response to lawsuits relating to implementation of Amendment 2 (2016)
- Expands use of medical marijuana to include smokeable forms (prerolled cigarettes)
- Clarifies that medical marijuana cannot be smoked in enclosed indoor workplace
- Creates new process for patient to be approved for smokeable marijuana
- Prohibits physicians from authorizing smokeable marijuana for patients under 18 (HB 7015)
- SB 182 allows for smokeable marijuana for patients under 18 if diagnosed with terminal condition and a second physician approves
- Creates “Consortium for Medical Marijuana Clinical Outcomes Research” and provides funding for research
- The bills do not change how cities can regulate medical marijuana facilities



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Recovery Residences (Support)

SB 102 (Book) and **HB 103** (Jacobs)

- Amends current law to require the mandatory certification of recovery residences by April 1, 2020
- 1st degree misdemeanor to operate a recovery residence without certification

SB 900 (Harrell), **SB 528** (Rouson), and **HB 369** (Caruso)

- Based on recommendations of Sober Home Task Force
- Keeps voluntary certification process intact
- Expands definition of “recovery residence” to close loop hole in current law
- Requires level 2 background screening of “peer specialists”
- Clarifies that the referral of patients from a licensed service provider to a recovery residence is acceptable if certain conditions are met
- Addresses conflicting opinions of building officials by clarifying that single-family and two-family dwellings that are being used as recovery residences are to be considered as single-family or two-family dwellings under the Florida Building Code



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School Safety (Watch)

SB 7030 (Education Committee)

- Based on recommendations from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission
- Provides school districts with greater spending flexibility to improve school safety by authorizing the transfer of additional categorical funds within the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) towards school safety expenditures; also amends the safe schools allocation formula
- Expands the personnel who may serve as a school district’s school safety specialist to include certain law enforcement officers employed by the sheriff’s office.
- Expands school district options for participation in Guardian Program.



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Smoking on Public Beaches (Support)

SB 218 (Gruters)

- Prohibits the smoking of tobacco on public beaches and authorizes law enforcement to issue a citation



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Public Meetings (Oppose)

SB 518 (Rader) and **HB 265** (Newton)

- Adds numerous requirements to the existing public meeting statutes; also applies to state agency boards
- Does not apply to legislature
- Requires publication of agenda and supporting materials at least three days before the meeting occurs
- Mandates that each member of the public be given at least three minutes to speak on each agenda item
- Requires the board or commission to respond, either publicly at the meeting or through written correspondence, to any and all questions made by a member of the public.



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Finance, Taxation & Personnel
Priorities & Other Issues



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Communications Services Tax
(Oppose-Mandate)

HB 693 (Fischer) and **SB 1000** (Hutson)

- Reduce the CST tax rate levied on sales of communications services
- Revise the authority for municipalities and counties to impose permit fees on providers of communications services that use rights-of-way.



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Local Business Tax (Oppose-Mandate)

SB 868 (Hutson)

- Caps the local business tax that can be charged at \$25



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Firefighter Cancer Benefits (Oppose-Mandate)

SB 426 (Flores) and **HB 857** (Wilhite) entitle firefighters that receive a diagnosis of certain cancers additional benefits at no cost to the firefighter.

- Coverage under a group health or self-insurance policy;
- Provides cash payout of \$25,000;
- Disability retirement benefits-including death benefits;
- Firefighters who die as a result of cancer or cancer treatment are considered to have died in the line of duty, for purposes of statutorily required death benefits.
- To qualify for these benefits, the firefighter must be employed by the employer for at least five continuous years; may not have used tobacco products in the preceding five years; and, may not have been employed in any other position that is proven to create a higher risk for any cancer in the preceding years.
- Division of State Fire Marshal is directed to adopt rules to establish employer best practices for preventing or reducing the incidence of cancer among firefighters. (Hughes)



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Local Tax Referenda (Oppose-Mandate)

HB 5 (DiCeglie) requires two-thirds vote of the county governing board to authorize discretionary sales surtax to be on the ballot.

- Requires a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held at a state general election.
- Requires referenda to be approved by two-thirds of voters for passage.

SB 336 (Brandes) requires a referendum to adopt or amend a local discretionary sales surtax must be held at a state general election.



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Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations

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Transportation Funding

- We support legislation that provides for a more equitable transportation funding formula and additional dedicated revenue options for municipal transportation infrastructure and transit project.
- Governor DeSantis, in his budget proposal, is recommending \$10 billion for the transportation work program which includes highway construction and expansion, seaport and airport improvements, bridge maintenance and transit programs.
- Senate President Bill Galvano’s priority is to enhance infrastructure in the rural areas of Florida. Recommending the construction of three new corridors, from Polk County to Collier County, extension of the Suncoast Parkway to Georgia, and a northern turnpike connector.



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Micro-Mobility Devices (Oppose)

SB 542 (Brandes) and HB 453 (Toledo) Micro-mobility Devices

- Prevent local governments from denying a license to a scooter vendor if they meet the following qualifications:
 - Proof of commercial general liability insurance coverage
 - Employment of a staff person within the jurisdiction of the municipality
- Authorize scooters to ride on roads (bike lanes)
- Require local governments to regulate the operation of micro-mobility devices the same as bicycles
- Preempts all other regulation of micro-mobility devices to the state



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Affordable Housing (Support)

SB 70 (Mayfield) and **HB 1103** (Silvers) Sadowski Trust Fund

- Prohibit the Legislature from raiding the affordable housing fund.



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Building Codes & Construction Issues (Oppose)

SB 246 (Hooper) and **HB 101** (Andrade) – Public Construction (Retainage)

- Reduces the amount of retainage that a local governmental entity may withhold from progress payment for any construction services contract
 - Currently 10% when the project is 50% complete
 - 5% when the other 50% is complete

SB 1036 (Gruters) and **HB 715** (Robinson) – Florida Building Code Enforcement

- Limit the amount of revenue a local government may carry into the next fiscal year from enforcing the Florida Building Code
- Require local governments to use any excess funds for specified purposes.



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Issue Briefs (2019)

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The Florida League of Cities is the champion of home rule in Florida. Florida's constitution empowers citizens with the right of local self-government, or home rule. Cities are the embodiment of this right. Cities are formed by citizens and are governed by citizens. They administer the local affairs of the community for the special benefit of the city's residents. The form of government and level of services a city provides are fundamental expressions of home rule. Home rule is why no two cities are alike. Florida's city residents take pride in this diversity and responsibility. Strong home rule powers ensure that government stays close to the people it serves. Intrusion on home rule from the state or federal government undermines the constitutional right of local citizens to govern themselves.

The Florida League of Cities opposes unfunded mandates from any level of government. An unfunded mandate is when one government forces another level of government to take some action that spends or reduces revenue, without providing any resources to offset the impact. Unfunded mandates are the antithesis of government transparency. Mandates conceal the connection between the taxes city residents pay and the services they receive. Unfunded mandates cause local city leaders to be held accountable for decisions made by others who live far away and who are not accountable for the fiscal impact on local taxpayers. The Florida Constitution prohibits unfunded mandates from state government except under certain conditions. This provision was added to the constitution in 1990 after Floridians became fed up with being forced to pay for state programs with local tax dollars. Yet in spite of the clear preference of Florida's residents, unfunded mandates have continued with increasing frequency.


The following issue briefs provide background information and status on the League's legislative priorities plus other key issues of concern. (Click on the icon to access the issue brief.)




Community Redevelopment Agencies




Communications Services Tax Protection



Short-Term Rentals



Transportation Funding



Water Supply & Water Quality

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You are the key to the League's advocacy success. No one better can tell the story of how decisions in Tallahassee truly impact your citizens back home. Let us know which issues you care about the most and stand ready to assist the FLC Advocacy Team with during the 2019 legislative session.

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Legislative Bill Summaries

The following content is current as of Friday, December 15, 2017. It will be updated again in the new year and weekly once session commences. If you have any questions on a specific bill, please contact the lobbyist tracking the bill. This is indicated by the last name in parenthesis following each bill summary. Links to the House and Senate are located at the bottom of the page.

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BUILDING CODES/CONSTRUCTION

Florida Building Commission (Oppose - Preemption)
 HB 289 (McClain) revises the membership of the Florida Building Commission from 27 members to 11. This bill also deletes the ability of the Florida League of Cities (FLC) and the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) to recommend a list of candidates for consideration to the commission. Under current law, FLC and FAC have a joint representative on the FBC. (Branch) ...

Public Financing of Construction Projects (Oppose)
 SB 542 (Rodriguez, J.) requires contractors to conduct a Sea-Level Impact Projection (SLIP) study on state-funded buildings within the coastal building zone. Coastal building zone is not defined in the bill. State-funded buildings

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The screenshot shows an email newsletter from the Florida League of Cities. The header includes the league's logo and the title "ON TAP AT THE CAP". The date is "October 21, 2017" and the subject is "Interim Committees - 2018 Session".

"Trying to reason with hurricane season."

Jimmy Buffet's metaphorical tune about blithe indulgence, a looming hurricane, and the catharsis that follows is a fitting motif for the first interim legislative committee week. The usual expectations about an election year legislative session were largely derailed when Hurricane Irma hit the state in early September. It forced the legislature to cancel its first round of meetings, and disaster preparation, response and recovery will be recurring themes throughout the 2018 session. This week, legislators heard Irma-related updates on state budget impacts, utility infrastructure, the agriculture industry, the state emergency management system, the insurance industry, and health care facilities. While hurricane recovery captured most of the focus this week, we also started to see movement on several other key issues.

What follows are brief updates on select issues discussed during the first committee week as well as those we anticipate hearing in the near future. We hope you enjoy this and future editions of On Tap at the Cap delivered directly to your inbox. For a deeper dive on the issues and comprehensive list of filed bills with municipal impact, please check out the League's [Legislative Bill Summaries](#). This searchable resource summarizes all the bills we are tracking, by issue area, and will be updated regularly through the end of the 2018 session.

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TAKE ACTION NOW

March 7, 2018

Keep Local Elections Local - Oppose CS/SB 1262 & HB 7037

CS/SB 1262 (Senate Ethics & Elections / Hutson), which preempts municipal election dates, will be considered tomorrow, Thursday (March 8) by the full Senate.

CS/CSB 1262 would force ALL cities to choose to hold municipal elections on either the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, or on the third Tuesday in March.

The bill would dictate the timing of runoff elections, too. November election cities would have to hold their initial election the last week of August and the runoff election 10 weeks later. March election cities would have to hold their initial election the last week of January and runoff election 7 weeks later.

CS/SB 1262 would override existing city charters and ordinances.

Please call your Senators and urge them to Vote NO on CS/SB 1262 or HB 7037, the House companion bill!

Talking Points:

- Decisions about the form and function of municipal government -- including the date and timing of elections -- are inherently and fundamentally local in nature. The bills would take this choice away

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