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overview

The 2019 Regular Session finished with the Governor and presiding officers of the House and Senate accomplishing their respective legislative priorities. Historic investments were made to address Florida's environmental and water quality challenges, transportation infrastructure improvements, health care innovation and deregulation, increased funding for education, and funding to help communities devastated by Hurricane Michael. The legislature also passed a \$121M tax cut package. The Session was extended by one day to take a final vote on the state's \$91.1B spending plan for next year.

With the strong support of Martin County's delegation, Senator Gayle Harrell, Speaker pro tempore MaryLynn Magar, and Representative Toby Overdorf, the county experienced multiple appropriations and policy wins this legislative session.

The General Appropriations Act includes several items of interest to the County:

- Over \$400M for Everglades Restoration
- \$50M targeted for water quality improvements
 - \$25M to address septic to sewer/wastewater treatment projects
- \$40M for alternative water supply
- \$25M to combat blue green algae and red tide
- \$50M for Beach Management Funding Assistance
- \$5.5M for Florida Coastal Resilient Coastline Initiative
- \$33M for Florida Forever
- \$700,000 earmarked for Palm Beach County Loxahatchee Preserve Initiative
 - \$270,000 targeted for the Martin County Culpepper Ranch Phase II Berm Project
- \$125,000 for Old Martin County Courthouse Restoration Grant Funding

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appropriations

- [SB 2500 — Appropriations](#)

SB 2500, the General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, provides for a total budget of \$91.1 billion.

- [SB 2502 — Implementing the 2019-2020 General Appropriations Act](#)

Martin County Specific - Appropriation 1657A: Local Government Water Projects

\$700,000 – Loxahatchee River Preserve Initiative

- **\$270,000** will be going to the LRPI's top ranked project, Martin County's Culpepper Ranch Phase II Berm

Appropriation 1662: Water Quality cost-share - **\$25 million** – While there is no specific proviso language following this appropriation, throughout the Session and in the Governor's proposed budget, this line item was to be used for local government **cost share septic to sewer** or stormwater projects to improve water quality. From discussions with DEP, the Chief Science Officer will likely have a strong role in prioritizing the expenditure of these funds. ***Martin County is actively pursuing this match.***

Martin County Specific - Appropriation 3174: \$125,000 Special Category Historical Preservation Grant Restoration of Old Martin County Court House.

Appropriation 1755: Florida Resilient Coastline Initiative - **\$2,600,000** in recurring and **\$2,917,567** in nonrecurring funds to assist local governments with storm resiliency, sea level rise planning, coastal resilience projects, and coral reef health.

Appropriation 1606A: Florida Forever - **\$33 million** – This money will be used for acquisition of fee simple land or conservation easements.

Appropriation 1640: Water Quality Restoration Strategies **\$32 million** – This is the annual recurring commitment from the legislature to fund the Everglades water quality projects in settlement of the USA lawsuit. Completion of these projects is a pre-requisite for any effort to move additional water south from Lake Okeechobee.

Appropriation 1640: Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) **\$253.3 million+/-**: The appropriation includes the \$64 million of recurring funds appropriated from SB 10, as well as a little over \$43.8 million for the EAA Reservoir and CEPP related projects. The appropriation also includes \$145.5 million for other CERP projects, the majority of which will be used for construction of the C-43 Reservoir (likely \$145 mil.) The distribution for these funds will be in accordance with Chapter 375.041 F.S., which provides the South Florida Water Management District discretion on how the money will be spent. With the District executing a \$550 + million construction contract for the C-43 Reservoir however, the priority will be on money going to the C-43 reservoir to maintain contractual obligations.



Appropriation 1642A: Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Lake Okeechobee Watershed Restoration Project Implementation **\$50 million**. This money is specifically allocated for construction and operation of additional Aquifer Storage and Recovery wells north of Lake Okeechobee. With an estimate of \$5 million per well, it is anticipated that this will cover approximately 10 wells.

Appropriation 1636: "Dispersed Water Storage" **\$5 million** – This is a recurring appropriation, which is being used to fund the operation of all the initial Dispersed Water Management projects. These projects have both water quality and water storage benefits. All these projects are in either the Caloosahatchee or Lake Okeechobee watersheds.

Appropriation 1641: "Northern Everglades" **\$32.8 + million**: This includes funding for dispersed water management projects.

Appropriation 2004: "Everglades Restoration" – **\$6.1 million (+)** - This money comes from Alligator Alley Toll Revenue and is for ongoing mitigation for I-75. The money is restricted to expenditures in the southern part of the Everglades ecosystem. Historically, a large portion of this money has been used to complete projects that send water south into the Everglades.

Other Appropriations of Interest

Appropriation 1633: Blue Green Algae Task Force - **\$10.8 million** – This money will be used for the establishment of the Blue Green Algae Task Force, water quality monitoring, the creation of a public informational web portal, and administrative costs.

Appropriation 1639: Grants to local governments for innovative technologies to find short term solutions for harmful algae blooms **\$10 million**. It is anticipated that these monies will be administered by the Blue Green Algae Task Force and the Chief Science Officer.

TOTAL EVERGLADES FUNDING

While there are many appropriations that the governor and legislature may consider "everglades related", the following are an aggregate of the main line items.

Line #	Program	Amount
1640	Restoration Strategies	\$32,000,000
1640 & 1642A	Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (eligible for the federal cost share)	\$303,324,918
2004	Alligator Alley Mitigation (may be eligible or partially eligible for the federal cost share)	\$4,000,000
1641	Northern Everglades	\$32,876,213



ADDITONAL BUDGET ITEMS:

- a \$242-per-student increase in school funding
- **\$50 million for Visit Florida**
 - House and Senate budget negotiators agreed to put \$50 million toward Visit Florida, extending it until June 30, 2020.
- \$220 million to help areas of the Panhandle hit last year by Hurricane Michael
- \$45 million to add or build toll roads
- \$40 million to retain the Job Growth Grant Fund
- \$10.2 billion in funding for health care and other social service programs

EXECUTIVE VETOES

On June 21, 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law the 2019-2020 budget with vetoes totaling \$131,281,341. **No** projects pertinent to Martin County were included on the veto list.

- [2019 Budget Veto List](#)
- [SB 2500 Signing Letter](#)
- [Post-Veto Budget Details Letter](#)



policy

The Florida Legislature officially adjourned on May 4th at 2:03 pm. Of the 3,571 bills filed this session, only 196 passed.

Banking & Insurance

• [CS/CS/SB 1024 — Blockchain Technology](#)

The bill establishes the Florida Blockchain Task Force comprised of government and private sector representatives to study the ways in which the state, county and municipal governments can benefit from transitioning to a blockchain-based system for recordkeeping, security, and service delivery.

• [CS/CS/CS/HB 1393 — Department of Financial Services](#)

The bill modifies several areas regulated by the Department of Financial Services (DFS). The bill allows the Division of Treasury to maintain warrants paid rather than turning them over to the Division of Auditing and Accounting and extends the retention period from 5 to 10 years.

Children, Families, and Elder Affairs

• [CS/CS/HB 369 — Substance Abuse Services](#)

The bill promotes the use of peer specialists in behavioral health care and revises requirements for recovery residences (also known as “sober homes”). The bill also modifies requirements for licensed substance abuse service providers offering treatment to individuals living in recovery residences.

• [CS/CS/SB 1418 — Mental Health](#)

The bill implements two recommendations of a Department of Children and Families (DCF) task force on Baker Act cases involving minors.

Commerce and Tourism

• [CS/HB 563 — Unemployment Compensation](#)

The bill provides that an individual may not be disqualified from receiving reemployment assistance benefits if he or she voluntarily leaves work as a direct result of circumstances related to domestic violence.

Community Affairs

• [CS/HB 9 — Community Redevelopment Agencies](#)

CS/HB 9 increases accountability and transparency for CRAs.

• [CS/SB 82 — Vegetable Gardens](#)

CS/SB 82 prohibits a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state from regulating vegetable gardens on residential properties.



- [CS/HB 127 — Permit Fees](#)

A local government entity may provide a schedule of reasonable inspection fees to defer the costs of inspection and enforcement of the Florida Building Code.

- [CS/HB 207 — Impact Fees](#)

This bill prohibits local governments from requiring the payment of impact fees prior to issuing a property's building permit. The bill also codifies the 'dual rational nexus test' for impact fees, as articulated in case law. This test requires an impact fee to have a reasonable connection, or rational nexus, between 1) the proposed new development and the need and the impact of additional capital facilities, and 2) the expenditure of funds and the benefits accruing to the proposed new development.

- [CS/CS/HB 437 — Community Development Districts](#)

CS/CS/HB 437 authorizes CDDs of less than 2,500 acres and solely in one county or municipality to include a list of parcels in the CDD's establishment petition to the county that the CDD expects to add within the next 10 years. A parcel may only be included with the consent of the landowner. The bill provides a process for expanding the boundaries of the CDD to include these additional parcels. The bill also provides that the expansion of CDD boundaries to include these parcels does not alter the time for transition from a landowner board to a board composed of qualified electors under s. 190.006, F.S., and states that the parcels may be added even if the resulting CDD is greater than 2,500 acres.

- [CS/CS/HB 447 — Construction](#)

The legislation establishes several processes and related procedures for property owners and local governments to close open and expired building permits

- [CS/HB 521 — Wetland Mitigation](#)

CS/HB 521 authorizes a local government to allow permittee-responsible mitigation consisting of the restoration or enhancement of lands purchased and owned by a local government for conservation purposes if state and federal mitigation credits are not available. Such mitigation must conform to the permitting requirements for mitigation banks.

- [HB 861 — Local Government Financial Reporting](#)

HB 861 specifies time periods for which budget documents must appear on county and municipal websites and requires annual reporting of final budget and economic status information to the Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR).

- [CS/HB 1159 — Private Property Rights](#)

CS/HB 1159 prohibits a local government from requiring a notice, application, approval, permit, fee, or mitigation for the pruning, trimming, or removal of a tree on residential property if the tree presents a danger to persons or property, as documented by a certified arborist or licensed landscape architect.

- [HB 6017 — Small-scale Comprehensive Plan Amendments](#)

HB 6017 repeals the 120-acre cumulative annual limit on small-scale development amendments that may be approved by a local government.



- [CS/CS/HB 7103 — Community Development and Housing](#)

CS/CS/HB 7103 amends various provisions of current law pertaining to community planning, land development regulations, affordable housing, and condominium fire safety requirements.

Criminal Justice

- [CS/CS/SB 96 — Police, Fire, and Search and Rescue Dogs and Police Horses](#)

The bill expands the definitions of police canine and SAR canine to include a canine that is owned, or the service of which is employed, by a correctional agency.

- [SB 186 — Public Records/Victim of Mass Violence](#)

The bill creates a new public records exemption which provides that a photograph or video or audio recording that depicts or records the killing of a victim of mass violence is confidential and exempt from public disclosure

- [CS/CS/CS/SB 248 — Public Records/Civilian Personnel Employed by a Law Enforcement Agency](#)

The bill (Chapter 2019-12, L.O.F.) amends s. 119.071(4)(d), F.S., which contains several public records exemptions for home addresses and various other information identifying specified agency personnel and officials and their families. The bill expands these public records exemptions by defining the term “home addresses,” a previously undefined term, as the dwelling location at which an individual resides and includes the physical address, mailing address, street address, parcel identification number, plot identification number, legal property description, neighborhood name and lot number, GPS coordinates, and any other descriptive property information that may reveal the home address.

- [CS/HB 7057 — Corrections](#)

The bill amends various statutes to address security and staffing concerns found within critical infrastructure facilities.

- [CS/HB 7107 — Controlled Substances](#)

The bill amends s. 893.03, F.S., Florida’s controlled substance schedules, to reschedule the following substance from Schedule I to Schedule V: a drug product in finished dosage formulation which has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and which contains cannabidiol (CBD) derived from cannabis and no more than 0.1 percent tetrahydrocannabinols.

- [CS/HB 7125 — Administration of Justice](#)

The bill makes several changes to various provisions related to Florida’s criminal justice system, courts, and public safety.



Education

- [CS/CS/SB 7030 — Implementation of Legislative Recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission](#)

The bill addresses the school safety and security recommendations of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission and strengthens accountability and compliance oversight authority.

- [CS/SB 7070 — K-12 Education](#)

The bill establishes and modifies K-12 education programs to support students and families, public schools, and teachers. The bill expands educational choice and opportunity for low-income families, supports public schools by expanding student support services and reducing regulations, and benefits teachers by removing teacher certification barriers and providing incentive awards.

Environment and Natural Resources (EN)

- [CS/CS/HB 95 — C-51 Reservoir Project](#)

The bill authorizes the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to acquire any portion of the C-51 reservoir project not already committed to utilities for alternative water supply purposes.

- [SB 320 — Residential Conservation Programs](#)

The bill authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to organize, staff, equip, and operate residential conservation programs to provide education and training about fish and wildlife conservation to the public, commission employees, and volunteers.

- [CS/HB 325 — Coastal Management](#)

The bill amends the criteria the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must consider when determining annual funding priorities for beach management projects. Under the bill, DEP is required to implement a new scoring system consisting of equally weighted criteria divided into four tiers to determine annual project funding priorities.

- [CS/CS/HB 771 — Environmental Regulation \(VETOED\)](#)

The bill requires local governments to address the contamination of recyclable material in contracts for the collection, transportation, and processing of residential recyclable material. The bill applies to contracts between a local government and a residential recycling collector or recovered materials processing facility that are executed or renewed after October 1, 2019.

- [SB 1552 — Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative](#)

The bill establishes the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative as a partnership between the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and Mote Marine Laboratory. The purpose of the initiative is to develop technologies and approaches needed to address the control and mitigation of red tide and its impacts.

- [CS/CS/CS/SB 1666 — Vessels](#)

The bill revises provisions relating to vessels.



- [SR 1820 — Moratorium on Drilling in the Gulf of Mexico](#)

The State of Florida must maintain a united front in supporting an extension of the current moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico east of the Military Mission Line.

Ethics and Elections

- [CS/CS/HB 5 — Ballot Measures](#)

The bill creates additional requirements and procedures relating to the constitutional amendment initiative process and paid petition signature gatherers.

- [CS/HB 7021 — Financial Disclosure](#)

The bill revises the administration of the submission of information relating to the disclosures of financial interests and statements of financial interests.

- [CS/HB 7023 — Public Records/Financial Disclosure](#)

The bill exempts from public inspection and copying secure login credentials held by the Commission on Ethics for allowing access to the electronic filing system for financial disclosures created in CS/HB 7021, this bill's companion. The bill also exempts from public inspection and copying any information entered in the electronic filing system for purposes of financial disclosure until a disclosure of financial interests or statement of financial interests is submitted by the filer to the Commission on Ethics, or in the case of a candidate, filed with a qualifying officer.

- [CS/SB 7066 — Election Administration](#)

The bill makes substantive changes to the Florida Election Code and implements Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution, which was approved by the voters of Florida on November 6, 2018, restoring the voting rights of certain convicted felons.

Finance and Tax

- [CS/HB 7123 — Taxation](#)

CS/HB 7123 contains provisions for tax relief and changes to tax policy.

Governmental Oversight and Accountability

- [CS/CS/SB 426 — Firefighters](#)

The bill (Chapter 2019-21, L.O.F.) makes firefighters who are diagnosed with certain cancers eligible to receive certain disability or death benefits. Specifically, in lieu of pursuing workers' compensation coverage, a firefighter is entitled to cancer treatment and a one-time cash payout of \$25,000, upon the firefighter's initial diagnosis of cancer.

- [SB 7016 — State-administered Retirement Systems](#)

The bill (Chapter 2019-8, L.O.F.) establishes the contribution rates paid by employers participating in the Florida Retirement System (FRS) beginning July 1, 2019. These rates are intended to fund the full normal cost and the amortization of the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the FRS.



- [CS/SB 7098 — Death Benefits](#)

The bill implements Amendment 7 to the State Constitution, which was approved by the voters in November 2018 to require the payment of death benefits to the survivors of certain first responders, Florida National Guard members, and members of the United States Armed Forces.

Health Policy

- [CS/HB 411 — Nonemergency Medical Transportation Services](#)

The bill amends s. 316.87, F.S., to authorize a transportation network company, subject to compliance with state and federal Medicaid requirements, to provide nonemergency medical transportation services to a Medicaid recipient.

Infrastructure and Security

- [CS/CS/HB 87 — Registration and Titling of Vehicles and Vessels](#)

The bill authorizes a natural person who owns a heavy truck that weighs between 5,001 and 7,999 pounds to renew his or her registration during his or her birth month rather than exclusively in December, as currently required by law.

- [CS/HB 107 — Wireless Communications While Driving](#)

The bill changes current enforcement of the ban on texting while driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense, which will allow a law enforcement officer to stop a vehicle solely for texting while driving.

- [CS/HB 311 — Autonomous Vehicles](#)

The bill revises various provisions of law relating to autonomous vehicles. The bill deems an automated driving system to be the operator of an autonomous vehicle while operating in autonomous mode, regardless of whether a person is physically present in the vehicle.

- [CS/HB 341 — Motor Vehicles and Railroad Trains](#)

The bill clarifies the duties of law enforcement with respect to the collection of information required for crash reports in the event of a motor vehicle crash involving a railroad train.

- [CS/CS/CSHB 385 — Transportation](#)

The bill contains various transportation-related issues, most relating to the newly created Greater Miami Expressway Agency, as well as various miscellaneous provisions.

- [CS/CS/HB 453 — Micromobility Devices](#)

The bill establishes a regulatory framework for authorizing the operation of micromobility devices and motorized scooters.

- [CS/CS/CS/HB 905 — Department of Transportation](#)

The bill addresses various issues relating to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).



- [CS/SB 7068 — Transportation](#)

The bill creates the Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) Program within the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), with the purpose of revitalizing rural communities, encouraging job creation, and providing regional connectivity, while leveraging technology, enhancing quality of life and public safety, and protecting the environment and natural resources. The program is designed to advance construction of regional corridors that will accommodate multiple modes of transportation and multiple types of infrastructure.

Innovation, Industry, and Technology

- [CS/CS/HB 327 — Pub. Meetings/Pub. Records/Local Government Utilities](#)

The bill creates a public meeting exemption for that portion of a meeting held by a local government utility.

- [CS/CS/HB 441 — E911 Systems](#)

The bill contains three requirements relating to 911 services and provides legislative findings that each serves an important state interest in protecting the public safety. First, the bill requires each county to develop a countywide plan to implement text-to-911 services and to implement the plan by January 1, 2022. Second, the bill requires the Technology Program within the Department of Management Services to develop a plan by February 1, 2020, to upgrade 911 public safety answering points (PSAP) within the state to allow the transfer of an emergency call from one local, multijurisdictional, or regional E911 system to another local, multijurisdictional, or regional E911 system in the state.

- [CS/HB 591 — Pub. Rec./Public Utility Held Customer Information and Data](#)

The bill exempts from public disclosure and inspection requirements customer meter-derived data and billing information in increments of less than one billing cycle held by a utility owned or operated by a unit of local government.

- [HB 763 — Registered Contractor Licensing](#)

The bill extends until November 1, 2021, the deadline for eligible electrical contractors, electrical specialty contractors, and alarm system contractors who are registered with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) and who are authorized to work in local jurisdictions, to apply for a certificate of competency from DBPR.

- [CS/CS/CS/SB 796 — Public Utility Storm Protection Plans](#)

The bill requires each public utility to file, pursuant to Florida Public Service Commission (commission) rule, a transmission and distribution storm protection plan that covers the immediate 10-year planning period. Each plan must explain the systematic approach the utility will follow to achieve the objectives of reducing restoration costs and outage times associated with extreme weather events and enhancing reliability.

- [CS/CS/HB 827 — Engineering](#)

The bill amends s. 337.14, F.S., to prohibit an entity from performing both design services and construction engineering and inspection services for a project wholly or partially funded by the Department of Transportation and administered by a local governmental entity.



- [CS/CS/CS/SB 1000 — Communications Services](#)

The bill makes extensive changes to the statute governing the use of public rights-of-way by providers of communications services, including the Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act relating to small and micro wireless facilities enacted two years ago.

- [CS/SB 7012 — Vaping](#)

The bill (Chapter 2019-14, L.O.F.) implements Amendment 9 to the Florida Constitution, which was approved by the voters of Florida on November 6, 2018, to ban the use of vapor-generating electronic devices, such as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), in enclosed indoor workplaces.

Judiciary

- [CS/CS/HB 91 — Judicial Process](#)

A notice of lis pendens is a notice recorded in the official records of a county warning that the outcome of litigation involving a parcel of real property may affect the interests of future purchasers or encumbrancers, such as those who may enforce a lien against the property. This bill clarifies that a notice of lis pendens precludes the enforcement of liens or other interests against a foreclosed property until the instrument transferring title to the property is recorded. This change is a response to a recent appellate court opinion that could be read to make a purchaser of property at a foreclosure sale responsible for liens recorded on the property after the sale but before the new title is recorded.

- [CS/CS/CS/ SB 168 — Federal Immigration Enforcement](#)

The bill creates a new chapter of Florida Statutes entitled “Federal Immigration Enforcement.” The bill seeks to ensure that state and local entities and law enforcement agencies cooperate with federal government officials to enforce, and not obstruct, immigration laws.

- [CS/CS/HB 337 — Courts](#)

The bill gradually raises the county courts’ maximum jurisdictional amount for civil cases demanding money.

- [CS/CS/HB 409 — Electronic Legal Documents](#)

The bill authorizes and provides oversight for the use of Remote Online Notarizations (RON) by Florida notaries public.

- [CS/HB 487 — Carrying of Firearms by Tactical Medical Professionals](#)

This bill expressly authorizes a “tactical medical professional” (TMP) who has a concealed weapons and firearms license to carry firearms, weapons, and ammunition when he or she is actively operating in direct support of a tactical law enforcement operation.

- [CS/CS/CS/HB 829 — Attorney Fees and Costs](#)

The bill authorizes an award of attorney fees and costs in challenges to proposed or adopted local government ordinances on subjects that are expressly preempted by the State Constitution or state law. Express preemption means that a particular topic or field is reserved in writing exclusively to the Legislature to regulate.



- [CS/CS/HB 1247 — Construction Bonds](#)

The bill defines the effect of incorrect or incomplete information in a notice of nonpayment for public and private construction contracts.

- [CS/HB 7081 — State Court System Administration](#)

The bill amends several statutes relating to the administration of the state court system. The bill addresses foreign language court interpreters and mediators, parenting coordination, judicial retirements, and electronic records and fingerprinting.

Military and Veterans Affairs and Space

- [SB 212 — Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children](#)

SB 212 reenacts provisions of law establishing and implementing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and provides for future legislative review and repeal of the Compact on July 1, 2022.

- [CS/CS/SB 620 — Military-friendly Initiatives](#)

This bill provides a number of benefits to servicemembers and their families and additional protections and benefits for military organizations, land uses, and interests.

Local Bills

- [HB 1175: Martin County; Village of Indiantown](#)

This bill revises certain corporate boundaries; provides that, for purposes of complying with s. 218.23(1), Florida Statutes, millages levied within municipal service taxing units may be used for an indefinite period of time.



bills that failed

HB 3 - Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing by Representative M. Grant and others

Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing: Preempts licensing of occupations to state; provides exceptions; prohibits local governments from imposing additional licensing requirements or modifying licensing; specifies that certain local licensing that does not meet specified criteria does not apply & may not be enforced; specifies that certain specialty contractors are not required to register with Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits local governments from requiring certain specialty contractors to obtain license; specifies job scopes for which local government may not require license; authorizes counties & municipalities to issue certain journeyman licenses. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in Community Affairs

HB 15 - Local Government Fiscal Transparency by Representative Burton

Local Government Fiscal Transparency: Revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post property tax information & history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings & meetings before increases of local government tax levies; specifies noticing & advertising requirements; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses under specified conditions; provides method for local governments to post certain required information. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in Community Affairs

SB 178 - Florida Tourism Marketing by Senator Gruters

Florida Tourism Marketing; Revising the scheduled repeal of the Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation direct-support organization, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Messages

HB 267 - Budgets of County Constitutional Officers by Representative Sabatini and others

Budgets of County Constitutional Officers: Provides criteria for submission of tentative & final budgets by county constitutional officers; requires tentative budget of county constitutional officer to be posted on county's website; provides criteria for submission of tentative & final budgets by property appraiser & tax collector; requires tentative & final budgets to be posted on website of property appraiser or tax collector. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in State Affairs

HB 291 - Growth Management by Representative Clemons, Representative McClain and others

Growth Management: Requires comprehensive plan to include property rights element; provides statement of rights local government may use; requires local government to adopt property rights element by specified date; provides local government's property rights element may not conflict with statutorily provided statement rights; requires comprehensive plans to recognize terms of existing development orders; requires local land development regulations to provide for existing development orders. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in Community Affairs



SB 324 - Limitations on Homestead Assessments by Senator Brandes

Limitations on Homestead Assessments; Revising the timeframe during which the accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from a prior homestead to a new homestead; revising the timeframe during which an owner of homestead property significantly damaged or destroyed by a named tropical storm or hurricane must establish a new homestead to make a certain election, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 326 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2020 or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Died in Appropriations

SB 326 - Homestead Property Tax Assessments/Increased Portability Period by Senator Brandes

Homestead Property Tax Assessments/Increased Portability Period; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to increase the period of time during which the accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from a prior homestead to a new homestead and to provide an effective date, etc.

Died in Appropriations

SB 344 - Homestead Property Assessments/Prohibition on Increases by Senator Diaz

Homestead Property Assessments/Prohibition on Increases; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property, for school district levy purposes, if the legal or equitable title to the property is held by a person who is 65 years of age or older and if he or she has held such title and maintained permanent residence on the property for at least 25 years, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Died in Finance and Tax

SB 428 - Growth Management by Senator Perry

Growth Management; Requiring a local government's comprehensive plan to include a property rights element; providing a statement of rights that a local government may use; requiring each local government to adopt a property rights element by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Died in Judiciary

SB 432 - Employment Conditions by Senator Gruters

Employment Conditions; Prohibiting a political subdivision from establishing, mandating, or otherwise requiring an employer to offer conditions of employment not otherwise required by state or federal law; specifying that certain requirements related to minimum wage and other conditions of employment are expressly preempted to the state, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Died in Community Affairs

SB 494 - Firefighters' Bill of Rights by Senator Hooper

Firefighters' Bill of Rights; Requiring that witnesses be interviewed and certain information be provided to a firefighter subjected to interrogation before the interrogation is conducted; prohibiting a firefighter from being threatened with certain disciplinary action during the course of an interrogation;



requiring that a firefighter be notified and provided certain information before certain disciplinary actions are taken, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Messages

SB 562 - Homestead Exemptions by Senator Diaz

Homestead Exemptions; Providing an additional homestead exemption from school district levies for certain persons age 65 or older; authorizing persons entitled to and receiving a certain homestead exemption to apply for and receive the additional exemption; requiring a property appraiser who makes a certain determination to serve upon the owner a notice of intent to record a tax lien against the property, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 344 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the general election held in November 2020
Died in Finance and Tax

HB 639 - Security in Trial Court Facilities by Representative Perez

Security in Trial Court Facilities: Requires each sheriff to coordinate with specified entities to develop comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities; specifies that sheriffs & chief judges retain certain authority; specifies that sheriffs & their deputies, employees, & contractors are officers of court under specified circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in Judiciary

SB 696 - Budgets of County Constitutional Officers by Senator Hutson

Budgets of County Constitutional Officers; Including property appraisers to the list of county constitutional officers who must submit a tentative budget to the board of county commissioners; requiring the tentative budget of a county constitutional officer to be separately identified from the tentative budget of the county when posted to the county's website, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Community Affairs

HB 847 - Preemption of Conditions of Employment by Representative Rommel

Preemption of Conditions of Employment: Preempts to state the right to regulate conditions of employment by an employer; voids existing ordinance, regulation, or policy that is preempted by act. Effective Date: upon becoming a law
Died in Commerce

HB 973 - Water Quality Improvements by Representative Ingoglia and others

Water Quality Improvements: Transfers Onsite Sewage Program in DOH to DEP; directs WMDs to submit consolidated annual reports to OEDR; provides criteria for calculating certain lot size; removes provisions relating to DOH technical review & advisory panel & research & review advisory committee; directs DEP to determine that hardship exists for certain OSTDS onsite variance requests; allows use of specified systems; creates OSTDS & biosolids technical advisory committees; directs county health departments to coordinate with DEP to administer evaluation programs; requires basin management action plans to include treatment & remediation plans; directs DEP to submit cost estimates to OEDR; establishes clean water grant program; provides notice requirements for unlawful discharges of certain



sewage; provides for management of biosolids, land application permits, & water quality monitoring; requires DEP to submit reports to Governor & Legislature. Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Died on Calendar

HB 1139 - Inspections and Permits by Representative Plakon

Inspections and Permits: Requires county or municipality that imposes inspection fees to establish expedited inspection process that provides priority processing for such inspections; authorizes county or municipality to charge additional fee up to specified amount for expedited inspection process; requires such local governments to establish expedited permitting process that provides priority processing for such permits; authorizes local government to charge additional fee for expedited inspection process; provides that local government must require applicant to pay only specified percentage of fees due upon receipt of application; provides for reduction of outstanding fees due; provides for refund of fees; specifies that certain procedures apply to building permit applications for any nonresidential buildings. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in State Affairs

HB 1169 - Displacement of Private Waste Companies by Representative McClure and others

Displacement of Private Waste Companies: Requires local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to displaced private waste companies at end of specified notice period; removes provision relating to authorization of local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to private waste companies as alternative to delaying displacement for specified period; removes provisions authorizing local governments & private waste companies to negotiate such compensation & notice. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in Community Affairs

HB 1235 - Legal Notices by Representative Fine

Legal Notices: Provides for Internet website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices only if certain requirements are met; requires governmental agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices. Effective Date: July 1, 2020
Died in Judiciary

HB 1237 - Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels by Representative McClain and others

Towing and Immobilizing Vehicles and Vessels: Authorizes local governments to enact rates to tow vessels on private property & remove & store vessels; prohibits counties or municipalities from enacting ordinances imposing costs or penalties on owners, persons in control, or lienholders of vehicles or vessels or that require wrecker operators or towing businesses to accept specified form of payment; authorizes persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover fees or charges; removes requirement regarding notices & signs concerning towing or removal of vehicles & vessels & liability for attorney fees; prohibits counties or municipalities from authorizing attorney fees in connection with towing activities & preempts to state regulation of such fees. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in Community Affairs



HB 1273 - Legislative Preemption by Representative Goff-Marcil and others

Legislative Preemption: Proposes s. 22 of Art. III of State Constitution to require supermajority of each house to approve general law preempting subject of legislation to state. Effective Date: Not Specified
Died in Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs

SB 1278 - Biosolids Management by Mayfield

Biosolids Management; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, subject to appropriation, to establish a real-time water quality monitoring program; defining the term “biosolids”; prohibiting the land application of biosolids on certain sites, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Messages

HB 1299 - Governmental Powers by Representative Roach

Governmental Powers; Prohibits municipality from purchasing specified real properties, attempting to annex specified areas, & levying or collecting specified taxes on certain products & devices; revises circumstances under which state of emergency declaration tolls & extends remaining period for certain permits & authorizations; prohibits local governmental entity from imposing additional requirements for maximum fuel supply or safe temperature & cooling requirements related to comprehensive emergency management plan of nursing homes & assisted living facilities; preempts regulation of single-use plastic straw & over-the-counter proprietary drugs & cosmetics to state; preempts establishment of requirements for alternate generated power sources to state & EOG; preempts establishment of minimum age for sale, purchase, or delivery & regulation of marketing of tobacco products, nicotine products, & nicotine dispensing devices to state. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Commerce and Tourism

HB 1383 - Private Property Rights Protection by Representative J. Grant

Private Property Rights Protection: Revises notice of claim requirements for property owners; revises procedures for determination of compensation; creates presumption that certain settlements of claims apply to all similarly situated residential properties within political subdivision under certain circumstances; authorizes property owners to bring claims against governmental entities in certain circumstances; provides that property owners are not required to submit formal development applications or proceed through formal application processes to bring claims in specified circumstances; authorizes property owners to bring actions to declare prohibited exactions invalid; requires DOT to afford right of first refusal to previous property owner before disposing of property in certain circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died on Calendar

HB 1387 - Local Business Tax by Representative Donalds

Local Business Tax: Authorizes county or municipality to continue to levy business tax if resolution or ordinance was adopted by specified date; provides maximum amount of business tax county or municipality may impose; removes notice requirements; deletes county's and municipality's authority to increase its business tax rates or impose additional business taxes; reduces maximum amount of transfer fees county or municipality may impose; removes exemption from apportionment requirements for certain counties and municipalities. Effective Date: July 1, 2019
Died in Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs

HB 1389 - Limitations on Homestead Assessments by Representative J. Grant, Representative Webb



Limitations on Homestead Assessments: Proposes amendments to State Constitution to increase period of time during which accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead. Effective Date: Not Specified

Died in State Affairs

HB 1391 - Limitations on Homestead Assessments by Representative J. Grant

Limitations on Homestead Assessments: Revises timeframe during which accrued benefit from specified limitations on homestead property tax assessments may be transferred from prior homestead to new homestead; revises timeframe during which an owner of homestead property significantly damaged or destroyed by named tropical storm or hurricane must establish new homestead to make certain election. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 1389 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose

Died in State Affairs

SB 1572 - Displacement of Private Waste Companies by Senator Albritton

Displacement of Private Waste Companies; Revising the process for a local government to displace a private waste company in a county or municipality; requiring a local government to announce its intent to adopt an ordinance or a resolution for organized collection service through a resolution of intent; providing requirements for the resolution of intent, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Died in Community Affairs

SB 1676 - Legal Notices by Senator Baxley

Legal Notices; Deleting provisions relating to publication of legal notices in newspapers; defining the term “publicly accessible website”; authorizing government agencies to publish legal notices on their websites; requiring government agencies to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020

Died in Judiciary

SB 1698 - Legislative Preemption by Senator Berman

Legislative Preemption; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to require a supermajority vote of each house of the Legislature to enact a general law preempting a subject of legislation to the state, etc.

Died in Community Affairs

SB 1702 - Ethics Reform by Senator Baxley

Ethics Reform; Prohibiting certain public service announcements by specified governmental entities, persons acting on behalf of such entities, and elected officials; providing applicability; revising applicability of certain provisions relating to conflicting employment and contractual relationships; prohibiting statewide elected officers and legislators from soliciting employment offers or investment advice arising out of official or political activities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019

Died in Ethics and Elections

SB 1708 - Tourist Development Councils by Senator Rouson



Tourist Development Councils; Authorizing certain counties to adopt a resolution that establishes and appoints members of more than one tourist development council upon a certain finding; exempting such counties from organizing their tourist development councils in accordance with specified requirements of membership composition upon the adoption of such resolution, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Rules

SB 1720 - Property Rights by Senator Lee

Property Rights; Providing applicability relating to claims that involve one or more residential properties which are brought as a result of certain regulations or ordinances; authorizing a property owner to waive a jury and request that the court make a determination of compensation; authorizing a property owner to bring an action to declare a prohibited exaction invalid, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Judiciary

SB 1748 - Preemption of Local Regulations by Senator Perry

Preemption of Local Regulations; Prohibiting certain local governments from imposing or adopting certain regulations on businesses and business entities on or after a specified date; specifying that certain regulations expire and may only be readopted or continue to be imposed after meeting specified criteria; specifying that specified specialty contractors are not required to register with the Construction Industry Licensing Board, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Community Affairs

SB 1758 - Water Quality Improvements by Senator Mayfield and others

Water Quality Improvements; Citing this act as the “Clean Waterways Act”; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with the Department of Health, to develop a report to be submitted to the Legislature by a specified date on the impacts of transferring the onsite sewage program of the Department of Health to the Department of Environmental Protection by a type two transfer; revising the requirements for a basin management action plan for an Outstanding Florida Spring; establishing a wastewater grant program within the Department of Environmental Protection, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2019
Died in Appropriations

SB 1792 - Towing of Vehicles and Vessels by Senator Gruters

Towing of Vehicles and Vessels; Specifying that local governments may enact rates to tow or immobilize vessels on private property and to remove and store vessels under specified circumstances; prohibiting counties or municipalities from enacting certain ordinances or rules that impose fees or charges on authorized wrecker operators or towing businesses; prohibiting municipalities or counties from enacting an ordinance or rule requiring an authorized wrecker operator to accept checks as a form of payment; authorizing certain persons to place liens on vehicles or vessels to recover specified fees or charges, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Rules

SB 7064 - Oil Drilling by Agriculture



Oil Drilling; Defining the term “fracking”; requiring specified amounts for bonds for certain operations in the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting fracking in this state; requiring an applicant for certain explorations for and extraction of minerals to post a specified surety bond for projects in the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting the refining of oil within the Everglades Protection Area; prohibiting the use of flowback fluid for crop irrigation in this state, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2019
Died in Environment and Natural Resources

