



State Legislative Update

February 4, 2022



WEEK 4

MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES UPDATE

REDISTRICTING

Newly Drawn Legislative District Plans Approved, Await Court Scrutiny

New redistricting maps are on their way to the Supreme Court. The full Senate unanimously approved a 40-district state Senate map and 120-district House map on Thursday. Supporters of the new map proposals said the maps are more mathematically compact and split fewer cities than the maps drawn a decade ago. Those in opposition argued there aren't enough minority districts, saying the map should have better reflected the increase in minority populations around the state. The next step is for the attorney general to present the maps to the Supreme Court, which would then have 30 days to review them. [CS/SJR 100 / Florida Politics](#)

IN THIS EDITION

- Key Legislative Updates
 - Redistricting
 - Funding Requests
 - Water Quality
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FUNDING REQUESTS

Septic to Sewer:

- \$2 million for Seven J's Industrial Park Force Main Project
- \$8 million for Coral Gardens Vacuum Sewer Project
- **Progress:**
 - Budget request filed by Senator Harrell, awaiting Senate budget development

Martin County REACH Center:

- \$1 million for Building 17 REACH Center at the Martin County Airport to provide workforce training and economic development
- **Progress:**
 - HB 2977 (Overdorf) Passed favorably by Infrastructure and Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee
 - Now in Appropriations Committee waiting for inclusion in General Appropriations Bill

Cypress Creek Floodplain Restoration Project:

- \$750,000 to restore the historic floodplain of Cypress Creek, one of the main tributaries to the Loxahatchee River
- **Progress:**
 - HB 2079 Appropriations Committee
 - Included at \$375,000

WATER QUALITY

SB 0832

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force by Stewart

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force: Requiring owners of certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems to have the systems periodically inspected, beginning on a specified date; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to administer the inspection program; requiring new or revised basin management action plans to include a list that identifies and prioritizes certain spatially focused projects, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations.

Actions

01/27/2022

SENATE Now in Appropriations

Identical

HB 0561

Implementation of the Recommendations of the Blue-Green Algae Task Force (Goff-Marcil)

11/19/2021 HOUSE Now in Environment, Agriculture & Flooding Subcommittee

TOURISM

SB 0512

Vacation Rentals by Burgess

Vacation Rentals: Requiring advertising platforms to collect and remit taxes for certain transactions; revising the regulated activities of public lodging establishments and public food service establishments preempted to the state to include licensing; expanding the authority of local laws, ordinances, or regulations to include requiring vacation rentals to register with local vacation rental registration programs; authorizing local governments to adopt vacation rental registration programs and impose fines for failure to register; requiring advertising platforms to require that persons placing advertisements for vacation rentals include certain information in the advertisements and attest to certain information, etc. Effective Date: except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Community Affairs

Actions

02/02/2022

Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/04/22, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

Compare

<u>SB 0286</u>	Vacation Rentals (Garcia)
	10/18/2021 SENATE Withdrawn prior to introduction
Similar	
<u>HB 0325</u>	Vacation Rentals (Fischer)
	02/01/2022 HOUSE now in Ways & Means committee

HOME RULE

[SB 0620](#) **Local Government** by Hutson

Local Government: Authorizing certain businesses to claim business damages from a county or municipality if the county or municipality enacts or amends certain ordinances or charter provisions; authorizing businesses to recover costs and fees in a specified manner and if certain requirements are met; requiring courts to consider certain factors and follow specified guidance when assessing costs; specifying requirements for the courts in determining and awarding attorney fees; requiring attorneys and businesses to submit certain documentation relating to attorney fees, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

01/27/2022	HOUSE In Messages
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Similar

<u>HB 0569</u>	Local Business Protection Act (McClure)
	02/03/2022 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

[SB 0280](#) **Local Ordinances** by Hutson

Local Ordinances: Authorizing courts to assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; requiring a board of county commissioners to prepare a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance; requiring a governing body of a municipality to prepare a business impact estimate before the enactment of a proposed ordinance, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2022

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Rules

Actions

01/27/2022	House in Messages
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Similar

<u>HB 0403</u>	Local Ordinances (Giallombardo)
	12/01/2021 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice & Property Rights Subcommittee

HB 0001**Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce** by Tomkow

Additional Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Specified Critical Public Services Workforce: Proposing amendment to State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to grant an additional homestead property tax exemption on \$50,000 of the assessed value of homestead property owned by classroom teachers, law enforcement officers, correctional officers, firefighters, child welfare services professionals, active duty members of the United States Armed Forces, and members of the Florida National Guard.

Current Committee of Reference: House Local Administration & Veteran Affairs Subcommittee

Actions

02/03/2022 HOUSE on Committee agenda – Local Administration & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 02/07/22, 130pm, 404H

Compare**[SB 1748](#)**

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions For Classroom Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Child Welfare Professionals, And Servicemembers (Brodeur)

01/26/2022 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

Similar**[SB 1746](#)**

Homestead Property Tax Exemption (Brodeur)

01/26/2022 SENATE Now in Finance and Tax

Linked**[HB 1563](#)**

Homestead Property Tax Exemptions for Classroom Teachers, Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Child Welfare Professionals, and Servicemembers (Tomkow)

02/03/2022 HOUSE On Committee agenda – Local Administration & Veterans Affairs subcommittee, 02/07/22, 1:30pm, 404 H