



***Senate votes to strip Disney of power to self govern its Florida empire  
House will consider final passage this morning!***

## ***The Briefing – Thursday – 4-21-22***

**The last Briefing was *Tuesday – 4-19-22***

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates.

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### ***Special Session Considers more than just Congressional Map***

The Florida Legislature acting in Special Session are in the process of addressing three issues.

1. Congressional Redistricting – HB 1C and SB 2C
2. Special Districts – HB 3C and SB 4C - dissolves 6 special districts, - if not reauthorized by Summer of 2023. Areas impacted include districts in Bradford, Hamilton, Franklin/Eastpoint, and one covering Disney World.
3. Social Media Platforms – HB 5C and SB 6C – removes exemption for theme parks.

Both the House and Senate have approved initial versions of the bills and they await final action which will occur tomorrow. The House will take up the Senate bills and pass them.

### **Special Session 2022C Bills Under Consideration**

Ordered by Bill Number

#### **SB 2C - Establishing the Congressional Districts of the State by Rodrigues (R)**

Establishing the Congressional Districts of the State; Adopting the United States Decennial Census of 2020 as the official census of the state for use in redistricting the state's congressional districts; redistricting the state's congressional districts in accordance with the United States Decennial Census of 2020 (plan P000C0109); providing for the inclusion of unlisted territory in contiguous districts in accordance with figures from the United States Decennial Census of 2020; specifying that certain

electronic maps serve as the official maps of the congressional districts of the state; requiring such maps to be made available to the public by the Office of Economic and Demographic Research within a specified timeframe; requiring actions challenging the state's congressional districts to be brought in a specific venue; specifying limitations for actions challenging the state's congressional districts, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$1,000,000 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect upon the expiration of the terms of the representatives to the United States House of Representatives serving on the date that this act becomes a law

04/20/2022 HOUSE Received from Messages; Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0001C; Placed on Third Reading, 04/21/22

**SB 4C - Independent Special Districts** by Bradley - Independent Special Districts; Dissolving certain independent special districts; authorizing the reestablishment of certain independent special districts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022 Under the proposal, Disney or any of the other five special districts established prior to 1968 will have to request the Legislature for an updated agreement.

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**SB 6C - Social Media Platforms** by Bradley - Social Media Platforms; Revising the definition of the term "social media platform", etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law repeals a carve out tucked into a law passed last year that exempted Disney and other theme parks from a law cracking down on tech companies. The law is currently being challenged in federal court.

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HOUSE FLOOR SESSION: The House has scheduled a floor session to consider a congressional redistricting plan and other bills. (Thursday, 10 a.m., House chamber, the Capitol.)

The Senate has scheduled time to hold a floor session, if needed. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)

***Upcoming Meeting of State Associations***

June 8-10 - FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference – Tampa  
June 9 - Small District Breakfast – Annual Joint Business Meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the SSDCC

June 28 - July 1 - [FAC Annual Conference - Small County Coalition Annual Meeting - Orlando](#)  
The Small County Coalition will meet for breakfast on Wed. – June 29<sup>th</sup>

***Headlines from Around the State***

***Bradenton Herald: Senate passes DeSantis congressional redistricting map, ignoring claims it was bullied***

***Politico: Florida Senate approves new congressional map that cements GOP gains***

***My News 13: Florida Senate gives approval to DeSantis' congressional redistricting map 24-15***

*FlaPol: Enthusiasm grows for a different Florida map, one passed by Senators in January*

*FlaPol: Behind the lines: Redistricting legislation carries more than maps*

*Politico: Florida releases guidance clashing with HHS advice on transgender kids*

*News4Jax: Florida health department releases guidance on 'treating gender dysphoria' in transgender youths*

*Sentinel: Florida says not to treat transgender, nonbinary youth by their preferred gender*

*FlaPol: Ashley Moody blasts Jen Psaki 'histrionics' over Florida 'parental rights' law*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis demands Joe Biden acknowledge mask mandate 'misery'*

*Times: Money flows into Florida congressional races despite uncertain boundaries*

*The Floridian: Elvira Salazar Questions Biden's Foreign Policy*

*AP: Justice Dept. to appeal order voiding travel mask mandate*

*My News 13: Bill would allow algal blooms to be applied to major disaster declarations*

*WLRN: The judge who tossed mask mandate misunderstood public health law, legal experts say*

*The Floridian: Florida police Chiefs Association Endorses Rubio*

*Sentinel: Florida pulls out of CDC survey on students' drinking, drug use and suicidal thoughts*

*Bradenton Herald: How a Bradenton nonprofit that defends democracy abroad is aiding Ukrainian refugees*

*Herald Tribune: Alzheimer's Association to host virtual town hall with Vern Buchanan*

*News4Jax: Florida Senate passes bill to end Disney self-government*

*Democrat: Senate votes to strip Disney of power to self govern its Florida empire*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis dunks on Disney in donor pitch*

*Politico: Why Disney World has a self-governing district — and why DeSantis wants to end it*

*Sentinel: Sponsor of bill to kill Disney tax district has a love-hate history with theme park giant*

*AP: Years of fruitful relations between Disney, Florida at risk*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist questions Ron DeSantis 'free state' motto as GOP targets Disney*

*Herald: Nikki Fried's run for Florida governor is inextricably tied to her marijuana advocacy*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist affirms pledge to legalize recreational marijuana at 4/20 panel*

*FlaPol: Democrats take cautious look ahead to property insurance Special Session*

*TCPalm: DeSantis algae bloom task force criticizes Legislature's inaction*

*WLRN: Republicans' squabble with Disney ensnares two rural North Florida special taxing districts*

*Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis move to punish Disney threatens tiny water district hundreds of miles away in Broward*

*Sentinel: Split Oak toll road gets unanimous approval from Florida agency*

*Yahoo News: School board approves 4 of 11 math textbooks after DeSantis' crackdown on critical race theory*

*Herald: How will state's textbook rejections impact Miami schools? Hint: School boards have last say*

### *On the Docket*

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

##### **Legislature:**

- TENTATIVE TIME FOR FLOOR SESSION: The Senate has scheduled time to hold a floor session, if it is needed, to consider a congressional redistricting plan. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)
- HOUSE FLOOR SESSION: The House has scheduled a floor session to consider a congressional redistricting plan. (Thursday, 10 a.m., House chamber, the Capitol.)

##### **Also:**

- DEFENSE ISSUES: The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-103-via-zoom/>)
- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL: The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council . (Thursday, 9 a.m., Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91588729954?pwd=OVerTVNQVVpRZjQrY1Jab1dpMDBPUT09#success>. Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 91588729954. Code: 082520)
- INSURANCE ISSUES: The Florida Insurance Guaranty Association Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Contact Susan Ferguson at 850-386-9200 for information.)
- GULF COAST COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet in Gulf County. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gulf Coast State College, Gulf/Franklin Campus, 3800 Garrison Ave., Port St. Joe.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022**

##### **Legislature:**

- TENTATIVE TIME FOR FLOOR SESSION: The Senate has scheduled time to hold a floor session, if it is needed, to consider a congressional redistricting plan. (Friday, 10 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)
- HOUSE FLOOR SESSION: The House has scheduled a floor session to consider a congressional redistricting plan. (Friday, 10 a.m., House chamber, the Capitol.)

##### **Also:**

- ETHICS COMMISSION: The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD: The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 363379613)
- STATE COLLEGES: The Florida College System Council of Presidents will meet in Pinellas County. (Friday, 9 a.m., St. Petersburg College, EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 332636803)

## Agency Websites

- Weather – NOAA - <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- Dept. of Health – Weekly Stats on Covid - [Link to Weekly Updates](#)
- DEO Re-employment Claims - [Link to Up to date weekly employment data](#)
- DEP Algae Bloom Weekly Report - <https://floridadep.gov/AlgalBloomWeeklyUpdate>
- DEP Algae Bloom Dashboard - <https://floridadep.gov/AlgalBloom>
- DEO - Office of Broadband - <https://floridajobs.org/community-planning-anddevelopment/broadband/office-of-broadband>
- FDOT – Florida Transportation Plan - <http://floridatransportationplan.com/>