



### **What's UP You Ask? GAS PRICES!**

**Hey – I've got an idea. Ask the Legislature to expand the Special Session agenda to include giving a tax break on gas starting July 1 – instead of October 1. Folks need relief now! If you think this is a good idea send a note to Governor DeSantis at [GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com)**

## ***The Briefing – Saturday – May 21 – 2022***

### **The last Briefing was Friday – May 20 – 2022**

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. For Questions Email – [Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

### **Important Information and Resource Links**

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)

### **The Quick**

#### **Property Insurance Special Session Begins to Come Into Focus**

The House and Senate have released outlines of bills for the up coming special session.

- [Senate Memorandum - Property Insurance Legislation for Special Session 2022 D](#) 05/20/22
- [House Memorandum - Property Insurance Proposal Highlights for Special Session 2022 D](#) 05/20/22
- [House Property Insurance Legislation Highlights](#) 05/20/22

Here's what the outline say –

- Roof-damage – Proposed legislation will allow insurers to require deductibles for roof damage, it will prevent Insurers from refusing to write or renew policies if roofs are less than 15 years old.
- Litigation – Proposed legislation will put additional restrictions on what are known as “contingency fee multipliers” that can substantially increase fees paid to attorneys who represent policyholders in insurance disputes, according to the outlines.

- Reinsurance - the legislation will authorize \$2 billion to expand insurer access to the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, a state program that provides relatively cheap reinsurance.
- Reduced Rates - The House outline said insurers who take part would have to reduce rates for policyholders to reflect the savings.

Many insurers need to have reinsurance contracts by June 1 and are struggling to find the critical backup coverage. Industry officials say global reinsurers have increased prices and limited the amount of coverage they are selling in the Florida market.

### ***Headlines from around the State***

*AP: Florida lawmakers to meet for session on property insurance*

*FlaPol: Property insurance legislation starts to come into focus ahead of Special Session*

*FlaPol: House, Senate property insurance bills propose sweeping changes, including a reinsurance fund*

*Herald: As cost of condo insurance soars, legislators remain silent*

*WUSF: Florida's home and condo property insurance market 'is collapsing — a mess beyond proportions'*

*FlaPol: Despite end of disinformation board, Ron DeSantis says Joe Biden still wants to crush 'dissent'*

*WLRN: State disputes 'racist motivations' in immigration law*

*Politico: Florida wants to avoid critical race theory and 'social justice' in social studies texts*

*WaPo: Florida asks publishers to revise more books to avoid 'indoctrination'*

*WaPo: This Florida teacher married a woman. Now she's not a teacher anymore.*

*AP: Racist photo leads to punishment for Florida students*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida faces a big summer of travel and tourism. The 'people had to come', DeSantis says*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis receives bill clearing \$5M for boy rendered quadriplegic by hospital error*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints two to North Broward Hospital District Board*

*Herald: Mayor launches Tinder 'except for housing' to match investors with low-cost projects*

*AP: Dubai developer to buy Florida condo collapse site for \$120M*

*Herald: Surfside condo collapse site to be sold for \$120 million to Dubai developer, no other bids*

*Times: Shopping for space, health systems make over shopping malls*

*News 4 Jax: Quench the Violence rallies through Downtown Jacksonville against gun violence*

*Times-Union: Deemed a child rapist for 36 years, a Jacksonville man is absolved in a case of mistaken identity*

*Daily News: LGBTQ+ event for teens Saturday at Naples church drawing worldwide attention*

*Axios: Manatee and Pasco counties at higher risk of wildfires*

*AP: Florida appeals court reinstates DeSantis congressional map*

*The Hill: Why Texas, Florida won't get more House seats from census miscount*

*Democrat: How might a governor protect woman's right to choose? Crist has a plan*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist pledges order banning state action on abortions*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist turning up 'happy warrior' pitch*

*FlaPol: Florida Democratic Party files ethics complaint on Marco Rubio's Twitter use*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott makes case for Joe Biden's resignation to New Hampshire audience*

*FlaPol: Grover Norquist endorses Wilton Simpson for Agriculture Commissioner*

*FlaPol: Jacksonville bill could pay for city employee travel for abortions*

*WUSF: Black pastors want Welch to reconsider Kriseman's choice to redevelop the Tropicana Field site*

*Times: Clearwater favors Ruth Eckerd Hall to manage its waterfront amphitheater*

*Times: Tampa Police Department tweaks pursuit policy after fatal chase*

*Herald: South Florida DEA agents charged in scheme to peddle info about drug investigations*

*Ledger: Haines City Mayor: City is out of compliance with Sunshine Law*

*Times: Assistant Tampa police Chief Ruben Delgado to retire, take private sector job*

*Herald: He repeatedly called 911 about President Biden, cops say. Now, a Florida man is charged*

*WLRN: South Florida is on the front lines of climate change. Now MDCPS plans to hire a sustainability officer*

*PNJ: Could the Pensacola Confederate monument come back? Federal ruling may make it possible.*

*PNJ: Pensacola community creates petition seeking public access on NAS base*

*Today: Brevard Charter Review Commission considers two new school proposals*

*News Herald: More boots on the ground: Parker officials mull eliminating paid fire chief position*

*Times: Betty Reed, longtime Tampa legislator and community advocate, dies at 81*

### ***Upcoming Meeting of State Associations***

June 8-10 -	<a href="#">FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference</a> – Tampa
June 9 -	Small District Breakfast – Annual Joint Business Meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the SSDCC
<a href="#">June 28 - July 1</a> –	<a href="#">FAC Annual Conference - Small County Coalition Annual Meeting - Orlando</a>
June 29th -	The Small County Coalition will meet for breakfast on Wed.

### ***Five Day Tropical Outlook***

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



## Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

### *On the Docket*

#### MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022

##### Legislature:

- **SENATE LAUNCHES SPECIAL SESSION:** The Florida Senate will begin a special session that Gov. Ron DeSantis called to address problems in the state's property-insurance system. (Monday, 9 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)
- **INSURANCE ISSUES HEARD:** The Senate Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider legislation to address problems in the state's property-insurance system. (Monday, 10: 30 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **SPECIAL ORDER SET:** The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. (Monday, 15 minutes after the Appropriations Committee meeting, 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

##### Also:

- **PINELLAS ELECTIONS CASE HEARD:** Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper will hear arguments in a constitutional challenge to part of a new state law that would make changes in the election of Pinellas County commissioners. Cooper will consider Pinellas County's request for a preliminary injunction to block the changes, along with motions by the state to dismiss the case. Pinellas County attorneys filed the lawsuit April 29 to challenge a section of a broad elections law that they contend would improperly apply only to Pinellas County and would require elections this year for two county-commission seats that otherwise would not come up for election until

2024. The lawsuit alleges, in part, that the challenged part of the measure is what is known as an unconstitutional “special law” because it would effectively apply only to Pinellas County. (Monday, 9 a.m., Leon County Courthouse, 301 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.)

- POLK STATE TRUSTEES: The Polk State College Board of Trustees will hold a budget workshop, followed by a regular meeting. (Monday, workshop at 3 p.m., meeting at 4 p.m., Polk State College, Lakeland Campus, 3425 Winter Lake Road, Lakeland.)

### **TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022**

#### **Legislature:**

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION: The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)
- HOUSE CONVENES: The House is scheduled to convene in a special session to address problems in the state’s property insurance system. (Tuesday, 1 p.m., House chamber, the Capitol.)
- APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE: The House Appropriations Committee is scheduled to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Tuesday, 1: 30 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- RULES COMMITTEE: The House Rules Committee will meet. (Tuesday, 7 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

#### **Also:**

- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD: The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.)
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES: The Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 9: 30 a.m., Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 53438125)
- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES: The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 11 a.m., Florida Polytechnic University, 4700 Research Way, Lakeland.)
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD: The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will hold a budget workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. (Tuesday, workshop at noon, meeting at 1 p.m., The College of the Florida Keys, Key West Campus, 5901 College Road, Key West. <https://meet.goto.com/850326517>. Call-in number: 1-872-240-3212. Code: 850326517)
- BROWARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 1 p.m., Broward College, Willis Holcombe Downtown Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.)
- SUICIDE PREVENTION: The Florida First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/suicideprevention>)
- CYBERSECURITY: The Florida Cybersecurity Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Duval County. (Tuesday, 2: 30 p.m., University of North Florida, 12000 Alumni Dr., Jacksonville.)
- MANATEE-SARASOTA TRUSTEES: The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. (Tuesday, 5: 30 p.m., State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, Library & Learning Center, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.)

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022**

#### **Legislature:**

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION: The House is scheduled to hold a floor session to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., House chamber, the Capitol.)

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION: The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)

**Also:**

- BISCAYNE BAY RESTORATION: Florida International University will host the “Biscayne Bay Marine Health Summit” about restoration and protection of Biscayne Bay. Participants are expected to include U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. (Wednesday, 7: 30 a.m., Florida International University, Kovens Conference Center, 3000 N.E. 51st St., North Miami.)
- PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY: The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold a “Florida Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit.” (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- PAROLE PANEL: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED: The Florida Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9: 30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 38535195)
- UNF TRUSTEES DISCUSS BUDGET: The University of North Florida Board of Trustees is scheduled to hold a budget workshop. (Wednesday, noon. <https://unf.zoom.us/j/94040665312>)
- TOURISM MARKETING: The Visit Florida Marketing Council will discuss a fiscal year 2022-2023 tourism marketing plan. (Wednesday, 1 p.m. <https://visitflorida.zoom.us/j/89097269714>. Call-in number: 1-646 876 9923. Code: 89097269714)
- REFUGEE ISSUES ON AGENDA: The Southwest Florida Refugee Task Force will meet. (Wednesday, 1 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 1 p.m., South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.)
- DEEPWATER HORIZON MONEY: The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors, which helps administer settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet in Bay County. (Wednesday, 1: 30 p.m. Central time, Florida State University, Panama City Campus, Holley Academic Center, 4750 Collegiate Dr., Panama City.)
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 3 p.m., College of Central Florida, Ocala Campus, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.)
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m. Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa.)
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE TRUSTEES: The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 5 p.m., Lake-Sumter State College, Kelly Convocation Center, 9501 U.S. 441, Leesburg.)

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022**

**Legislature:**

- **HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION:** The House is scheduled to hold a floor session to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Thursday, 10 a.m., House chamber, the Capitol.)
- **SENATE COULD HOLD FLOOR SESSION:** The Senate has set aside time to hold a floor session, if needed, to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)

**Also:**

- **FSDB TRUSTEES:** The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8: 30 a.m., Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall Center for Learning and Development, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.)
- **UCF TRUSTEES:** The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., University of Central Florida, Live Oak Event Center, Orlando.)
- **VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9: 30 a.m., Valencia College, Lake Nona Campus, 12350 Narcoossee Road, Orlando. <https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/98992368831?pwd=MUPxAm1SZ2JqZWRqbWd6dVU5SVJNZz09#success>)
- **TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:** The Florida Transportation Commission will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 715528254)
- **APALACHEE PLANNING COUNCIL:** The Apalachee Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Holiday Inn & Suites Tallahassee Conference Center, 2725 Graves Road, Tallahassee.)
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS:** The Florida Supreme Court will release weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- **‘CAT FUND’:** The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. (Thursday, 1: 30 p.m., Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 973664296)
- **NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL:** The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 7 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/732247525>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 732247525)

**FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022**

**Legislature:**

- **HOUSE SCHEDULES FLOOR SESSION:** The House could hold a floor session to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Friday, 10 a.m., House chamber, the Capitol.)
- **SENATE COULD HOLD FLOOR SESSION:** The Senate has set aside time to hold a floor session, if needed, to consider legislation to address problems in the state’s property-insurance system. (Friday, 10 a.m., Senate chamber, the Capitol.)

**Also:**

- **SUPREME COURT APPLICATIONS DUE:** Candidates to succeed retiring Florida Supreme Court Justice Alan Lawson face a Friday deadline for submitting applications to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission.

**SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022**

- **HURRICANE TAX ‘HOLIDAY’ STARTS:** The state will begin a sales-tax “holiday” that will allow Floridians to stock up on hurricane supplies without paying sales taxes. The holiday, which will last through June 10, is held in conjunction with the June 1 start of the hurricane season.

