



## ***The Briefing for Wednesday – April 5 - 2023***

Day 30 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 30 Days til Sine Die!

*The last Briefing was Saturday – April 1 - 2023*

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### ***Alert***

**Senate Proposed Term Limit Bill [SB 1110](#)**

**Will Be Heard in Senate Community Affairs**

**At 8:30 am in 401 S**

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### ***What are the problems with this proposal –***

- The bill does not consider the local voters viewpoint. It should be a local option. It is members of the Florida Legislature telling the public in your community what is good for them!
- It will diminish the authority of the County Commission and shift influence to other areas – Constitutionals and Staff.
- Term limits do not guarantee better ideas – but they do guarantee a loss of expertise that the public may wish to continue.
- Term limits exist now – terms are limited to four years with an option to continue if approved by the voters for an additional four years.
- It will increase the hardship in smaller communities to field candidates if existing local officials are removed after 8 years.

- Local citizens should have the right to choose the individual in their community to serve if they meet qualifications.
- The bill is a restriction of public choice.

### Legislative Calendars

**Check the House and Senate Calendars for items on the agenda next week.**

[Senate Calendar for Wednesday - 4-5-23](#)

[House Calendar for Wednesday - April 5 - 2023](#)

### Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

[Link the Florida House of Representatives](#)

[The Florida Channel](#)

### Headlines Around The State

*Politico: DeSantis wants state investigation into Disney power play*

*My News 13: DeSantis accuses Disney of usurping new governing board's power*

*My News 13: Disney CEO Bob Iger calls DeSantis' actions 'anti-Florida,' announces \$17B Disney World investment*

*Bradenton Herald: Defiant Disney CEO has a lot to say, accusing DeSantis of punishing free speech*

*AP: Disney-DeSantis war of words heats up at annual meeting*

*FlaPol: Is Disney content too woke? CEO Bob Iger addresses criticism*

*The Capitolist: Passidomo not yet convinced "resign to run" changes are needed to aid DeSantis*

*WLRN: Citizens Insurance: Double-digit rate hikes could have been even higher*

*Times: DeSantis administration forbids Chinese drones despite police outcry*

*NBC Miami: Ruling Finds Florida Health Plans No Longer Have to Cover All Preventive Care for Free. Here's What to Know.*

*NBC Miami: Ian is Costliest Hurricane in Florida History, Caused \$112B in Damage in US: NOAA*

*FlaPol: Florida gas prices rise 10 cents, likely to increase more on OPEC+ production cuts*

*Herald: Seaweed mass expands, reaches record tonnage. Messy Florida beaches inevitable*

*WLRN: Seagrass is dying by Tampa and Sarasota as red tide worsens*

*News-Press: Good things about a massive sargassum bloom with a bad reputation*

*Today: Applications for Brevard Public Schools superintendent have closed. What's the next step?*

*PNJ: Federal Judge Roger Vinson, 'a legend, loved and admired by all,' dies at age 83*

*NBC Miami: FL Democrats Fried, Book Arrested in Tallahassee During Abortion Ban Protest*

*Politico: Florida Senate approves 6-week abortion ban as two Republicans vote 'no'*

*NBC Miami: Florida Senate Passes DeSantis-Backed 6-Week Abortion Ban, Bill Now Goes to House*

*WLRN: Amid outcry, Florida Senate passes 6-week abortion limit*

*FlaPol: Senate passes \$113.6B budget*

*Politico: DeSantis signs Florida gun bill as activists demand more*

*My News 13: DeSantis' signature makes Florida 26th state to approve permitless carry legislation*

*Sentinel: DeSantis signs permitless gun carry law at low-key ceremony*

*Bradenton Herald: DeSantis signs permitless carry into law despite criticism from both sides of gun debate*

*Herald: Florida just approved a new gun carry law. What to know about what's allowed — and not*

*Times: Florida concealed carry goes permitless, and gun instructors hope for the best*

*Politico: Florida Republicans poised to make more changes to election laws*

*WUSF: Florida Senate proposes elections law changes*

*FlaPol: Florida Senate Republicans file sweeping bill revamping election laws, easing campaign finance reporting*

*FlaPol: Ban on gender-affirming care teed up to pass in Senate*

*WLRN: As universal school choice nears in Florida, some say more people of color should take advantage*

*FlaPol: Senate, House budgets allocate millions to Florida Keys, disagree on projects, amounts*

*FlaPol: Senate amends revamp of high school athletic governing group, heads back to the House*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida lawmakers want to change how public health emergencies are handled*

*The Capitolist: Lawmakers move closer to allowing Medicaid beneficiaries to bypass step therapy*

*FlaPol: Senate budget bill moves cybersecurity operations to different agency*

*FlaPol: Fecal coliform testing bill glides through initial committee*

*FlaPol: Bikers ride to Tallahassee in support of motorcycle safety bill*

*News4Jax: Deegan calls new mayoral attack ad ‘racially insensitive’; Davis doubles down on claim she wants to defund JSO*

*WUSF: Sarasota County School Board poised to vote on Hillsdale College-linked consultant contract*

*Herald Tribune: Sarasota School Board critics oppose Hillsdale College-tied consultant contracts*

*Democrat: Leon Schools superintendent: Tallahassee Classical may be in violation of charter contract*

## ***On the Docket Week Five***

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023**

### **Legislature:**

- INSURER ACCOUNTABILITY - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SPB 7052) about “insurer accountability.” - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 1096), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would increase potential civil liability for people who damage or remove historical monuments and memorials. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- NEW COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will hold a confirmation hearing for seven members of the New College of Florida Board of Trustees. The board has drawn widespread attention this year after Gov. Ron DeSantis appointed conservative members to try to revamp the liberal-arts school. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS- Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will take up a bill (SB 696), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would prevent renewing or renegotiating contracts of top local officials within eight months of general elections. The bill would apply to county administrators, county attorneys, municipal chief executive officers, municipal attorneys, school superintendents and school-board district attorneys. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- ALIMONY OVERHAUL - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 1416), filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that would overhaul the state’s alimony laws, including doing away with what is known as “permanent” alimony. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a list of bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

### **Also:**

- ‘SUITS FOR SESSION’ - Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Volunteer Florida and co-sponsor TECO will hold the annual “Suits for Session” event, with people at the Capitol able to donate new and “gently used” professional clothes and accessories. - Second floor of the Capitol.
- JUSTICES HEAR GOLF COURSE TAX CASE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in four cases, including a dispute about whether a golf course owned by the city of Gulf Breeze should be subject to property taxes. The city went to the Supreme Court in June after the 1st District Court of Appeal sided with Santa Rosa County Property Appraiser Greg Brown and said the course should

not have received a tax exemption because of a contract between the city and a private management company. - Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.

- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet in Lake County. - Minneola City Hall, 800 U.S. 27, Minneola. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. - 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter  
prings. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89585400521?pwd=VFFINlp4QWNyZXpBajhVTGFRdFN4dz09>, eeting ID: 89585400521, Passcode: 410113. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

- DUKE COST DECISION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in three cases, including a dispute about a decision by state regulators that called for Duke Energy Florida customers to pay \$7.2 million related to an outage at a power plant. The state Office of Public Counsel, which represents consumers, is challenging the Florida Public Service Commission's approval of the costs. The case involves an outage at Duke's Crystal River Unit 4 power plant that forced the utility to buy what is known as replacement power, according to court documents. Duke sought to collect \$14.4 million from customers to cover the replacement-power costs, but the Office of Public Counsel and representatives of business customers objected, arguing that Duke had mishandled the situation. The Public Service Commission decided that Duke should be responsible for half of the costs, with the other half paid by customers. - Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
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- SOUTHWEST PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - South Florida Water Management District, 2301 McGregor Blvd., Ft. Myers. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/91588729954?pwd=OVERTVNQVVpRZjQrY1Jab1dpMDBPUT09#success>. Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099. Meeting ID: 91588729954. Code: 082520
- GAMBLING ISSUES- Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. - Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- INSURANCE RATE HIKES- Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing on property-insurance rate increases by American Strategic Insurance Corp. and ASI Preferred Insurance Corp. - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1640815925847707736>. Call-in number: 1-866-901-6455. Code: 195858506
- DEP HOLDS OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District office will hold an open house. - Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District office, 13051 North. Telecom Parkway, Suite 101, Temple Terrace.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- CYPRESS INSURANCE RATES - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing on a proposal by Cypress Property & Casualty Insurance Co. to raise property-insurance rates. - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1165366207276453978>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2071. Code 377013845

#### **FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023**

- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OSTEOPATHIC BOARD - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet. - <https://meet.goto.com/594019581>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 594019581

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