



Welcome
September
Please be good

The Briefing for Friday – September 1, 2023

The last Briefing was Thursday – August 31 – 2023

How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>

College Football 2023

<https://www.espn.com/college-football/schedule>

Assets Moving – Damage Assessment and Assets Shared

Governor DeSantis [originally requested](#) the Major Disaster Declaration for 25 counties and additional counties may be approved in the coming days after the completion of ongoing damage assessments.

[Here's a link to the original request for Major Assistance](#)

The request has been approved for seven counties allowing for the reimbursement of debris removal and authorizing individual assistance storm. The following counties have been approved - Citrus, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee, and Taylor.

The Division of Emergency Management is working to secure approval for additional counties and expects approval imminently.

Power outage is a major issue as well as debris removal and access to fuel. Literally, thousands of linemen are being deployed throughout the region.

Counties not impacted have been sharing assets by sending staff and equipment to those counties impacted. If you have assets to be shared communicate the availability of those resources to your sister counties – if you know they can accept the resource – Otherwise, communicate the availability of resources through the EM network to the state DEM office. We will continue monitoring progress and maintain communication without getting in the way. Keep up the efforts – and lean on your colleagues – we are here if just to listen.

Tracking Power Outages

Check out this website that tracks power outages by provider -
Poweroutage.us is an entity that helps track power outages across the nation in real time.
Information is organized by utility providers. Data is updated site wide approximately every ten minutes.

Here's the link for Florida's data -

[tps://poweroutage.us/area/state/florida](https://poweroutage.us/area/state/florida)

Find out about poweroutage.us at - [About](#) page.

Current customers Tracked: 11,139,202

Current Customers Out: 92,172

Information sites

<https://www.floridadisaster.org/>



- **Executive Orders**
 - [Governor Desantis Issues EO-23-171](#) (8/26/2023)
 - [FLHSMV Issues EO 082623](#) (8/26/2023)
 - [EO-23-171 Amendment to EO 23-171](#) (8/28/2023)
 - [Executive Order 23-175 Amendment to EO 23-171](#) (8/29/2023)
- **State Assistance Information Line**
 - [☞ State Assistance Information Line: 1-800-342-3557](#)
- **Traffic**
 - [Florida 511](#) - Get up-to-the-minute, real-time traffic conditions and incident information for the State of Florida with Florida 511.
 - [Florida Highway Patrol](#) - Florida Highway Patrol Live Traffic Crash and Road Condition Report. Reports are updated every five minutes. Incidents located within city limits also may not show on the map since it is not common practice for FHP to work incidents inside city limits.
 - [Florida Traffic](#) - Traffic incidents and conditions from Florida 511 and Florida Highway Patrol brought to you by Florida State Emergency Response Team Geographic Information Systems.

County Commissioner Term Limits Proposal Filed in the House

Constitutional Proposal to Establish Term Limits Filed by House Member
Proposal will be considered during upcoming legislative session.

It must pass the legislature and then garner 60% of the votes on a statewide ballot.

Florida House of Representatives member Michelle Salzman (R) has introduced a bill proposing to limit county commissioners' tenures. County commissioners are currently enabled by Florida law to compete for re-election indefinitely.

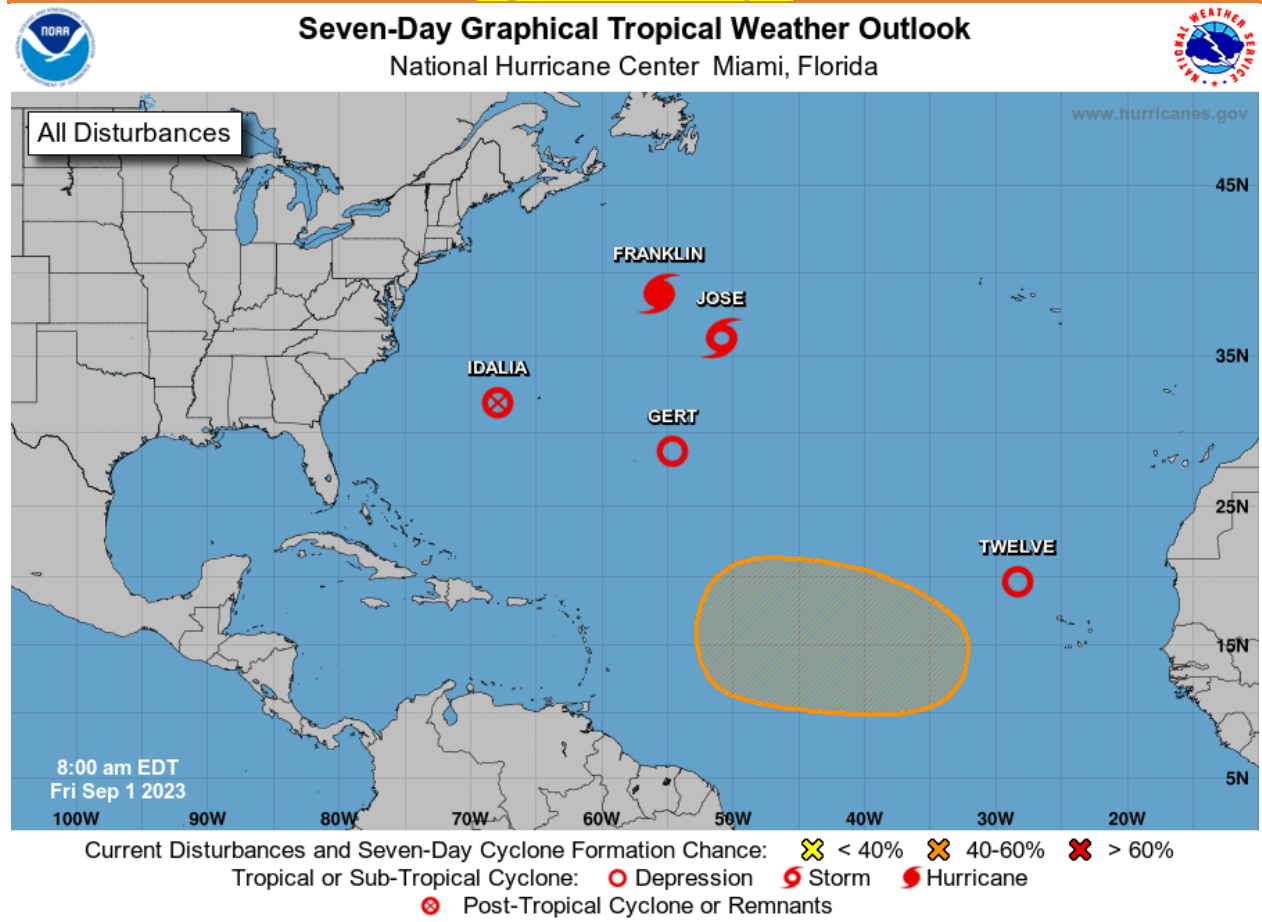
If approved by the legislature the proposal would appear on Floridians' ballots during the next elections allowing voters statewide to decide whether to impose term limits on county commissioners in every county.

If passed, [joint resolution 19](#) would bar commissioners who have, or will by the end of their term have, served eight years from applying for re-election. The proposal counts current service as part of the eight years – in other words – it would be retroactive to 2020.

Legislative proposals are one avenue the Florida Constitution entertains for proposing amendments. First, they must be proposed by individual legislators for a vote within the legislature. Second, if approved, legislative proposals are ultimately submitted to Florida residents for a vote. Finally, if voters approve of the proposal by a 60% majority, the amendment is adopted.

Tropical Outlook

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



Headline Around The State

The Messenger: Hurricane Ron: DeSantis Outshines Trump in Media Spotlight Amid Idalia

Politico: DeSantis gets praise — and warnings — for his hurricane response

AP: Hurricane, shooting test DeSantis leadership as he trades the campaign trail for crisis management

Sun-Sentinel: 'Really heartbreaking': DeSantis surveys Hurricane Idalia damage in hard-hit Big Bend area

Herald: Faced with hurricane, Trump, DeSantis respond in dramatically different ways

Politico: DeSantis voted against Sandy aid a decade ago. Now his state needs the help.

Herald: Biden says he'll travel to Florida Saturday to view Hurricane Idalia's aftermath

Politico: Biden will visit Florida over the weekend to survey Hurricane Idalia damage

FlaPol: Power outages in Florida fall to 103,000 accounts on second night after Hurricane Idalia

FlaPol: Duke Energy expects to wrap most restoration efforts this weekend

Herald: Floridians were told to evacuate for Idalia. They did, and death toll is zero so far

FlaPol: Feds to offer individual, community aid to 7 counties in wake of Hurricane Idalia

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis sees 'silver lining' for insurance market in track Idalia took

Herald: As Idalia hits, tensions grow over White House pairing FEMA funding to Ukraine aid

FlaPol: Ron and Casey DeSantis have different stories about oak tree that fell on (or near) the Governors Mansion

FlaPol: Donald Trump rips Ron DeSantis on electricity, insurance rates

FlaPol: Ju'Coby Pittman bashes Ron DeSantis, 'right-wing politicians' after racist Jax shooting

NBC: Pro-Ron DeSantis super PAC ends door-knocking in Nevada and Super Tuesday states

Floridian: Steube Blasts Biden's Demands for Ukraine Money in Disaster Relief Supplementals

City & State FL: A long recovery starts for rural Florida county hit by Idalia

NYTimes: After the Storm, a Cherished Local Fishing Industry Feels More Fragile

Democrat: Once in a blue moon: How a rare lunar event sent post-landfall surge into Wakulla County

Ocala Star-Banner: 'Gone in a flash': Steinhatchee residents cope after Idalia devastates Big Bend towns

NBC: Hurricane Idalia rebuilding may be hampered by Florida immigration law, workers say

Times: 'Everything was floating': A day after Idalia, Tampa Bay dries out

Sun-Sentinel: 'We're resilient': Perry picks up the pieces after Hurricane Idalia

FlaPol: DCF allowing early access to September SNAP benefits due to Hurricane Idalia

FlaPol: No plans to halt Medicaid unwinding in Hurricane Idalia-affected counties

FlaPol: Hurricane Idalia 'worse than Hermine' for Crystal River, coastal Citrus County

FlaPol: 'It's a mess': Citrus County's coastal towns begin Idalia mop-up

Semafor: Trump pleads not guilty to Georgia charges, won't attend arraignment

TCPalm: Indian River School Board members getting death threats after Monday's meeting over books

On the Docket Around the State

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

- NURSING BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- OPTICIAN ISSUES EYED - Friday, 2 p.m. The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. Location: Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 216691181

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

- ‘TOOL TIME’ TAX HOLIDAY STARTS - The state will start what it calls the “tool time” tax holiday that will allow shoppers to avoid paying sales taxes on a variety of items such as hand tools, ladders, shovels, tool belts and work boots. The tax holiday will end Sept. 8.

About the Briefing!

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