



**Week Two  
Coming Up!**



## *The Briefing for January 13, 2024*

*The last Briefing was January 9, 2024  
How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>*

***If your coming to Tallahassee Next Week – Bring Warm Clothes***

*Tue 16 - AM Light Rain – High 57 – Low 24°  
Wed 17 - Mostly Sunny – High 47°- Low 24°  
Gloves, Scarfs, Overcoats; and Hats!*

### **House Committee Moves Sovereign Immunity**

The House Civil Justice Subcommittee approved HB 569 Thursday dealing with Sovereign Immunity. The proposal increased Sovereign Immunity caps for individual incidents from \$200K to \$400K and for multiple victim incidents from \$300K to \$600K. There is also an annual CPI escalator on the caps in the legislation. There is a large working group of interests that are working to limit changes to the bill. The Senate Bill 472 is projected to be heard in Week 3.

### **Senate Ethics and Elections Committee To Consider County Commission Term Limits Tuesday**

#### **Senate Bill 438 Term Limits**

[2024 - County Commissioner Term Limits .docx](#)

**On Senate Ethics and Elections Agenda - 8:30am Tuesday!**

**SB 438: Term Limits -by [Ingoglia](#)**

**Term Limits; Establishing term limits for county commissioners; prohibiting specified persons from seeking certain offices until after a specified timeframe, etc.**

**Bill Text: [Web Page](#) | [PDF](#)**

**Call or email the members of the committee**

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**Subject: Oppose SB438 – Term Limits for County Commissioners**

**SB 438 restricts Freedom, Choice, and Liberty!**

- 1. Term limits take power away from voters!**
- 2. Severely Decreases the capacity for good policy!**
- 3. Limits incentive for official to gain expertise!**
- 4. Automatically removes effective elected officials!**

5. *Do little to eliminate potential for corruption!*

### ***Legislative Briefings Planned Next Week***

*Here are some of the materials for next weeks meetings*

***Small County Coalition Legislative Reception***

***Tuesday - January 16<sup>th</sup> - 5:15pm-7:15pm***

***Venue -American Institute of Architects Florida Headquarters - 104 E. Jefferson St., Briefing Materials***

[Agenda - Legislative Briefing - Small County Coalition - 2024 .docx](#)

[Coalition Legislative Priorities - Briefing 2024.docx](#)

[Key Local Government Bills Being Tracked.docx](#)

[Governor's Proposed Budget for 24-25.docx](#)

***Small School District Council Consortium Special Legislative Briefing***

***Wednesday – January 17 - 10:00am-11:45am***

***Venue - The Hayward House - 228.Adams Street***

***Briefing Materials***

[SSDCC Legislative Briefing 2024 .docx](#)

[SSDCC 2024 Legislative Priorities - Adopted - Final Revised - November 2023 .docx](#)

[Education Briefing Document -Revised .docx](#)

### ***Tools to follow the Legislature***

***Links to House and Senate Home Pages***

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

***Link to watch Legislative Committees***

<https://thefloridachannel.org/>

### ***Legislative Calendar***

[Senate Calendar through Wednesday - January 18](#)

[House Calendar through Tuesday - Jan 16](#)

### ***Links to Monitor the Legislative Session***

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

[Link to the Florida House of Representatives](#)

[The Florida Channel](#)

### ***Headlines from Around the State***

[Politico: Security guard tackles protester during DeSantis Iowa stop](#)

[FlaPol: Hecklers interrupt Ron DeSantis event in Iowa](#)

[NYTimes: Did Ron DeSantis Shake His Wife’s Hand?](#)

[The Hill: DeSantis offering tickets to the New Hampshire GOP debate](#)

[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rips ‘fake news’ ... on ‘the right’](#)

*FlaPol: Blue-collar male deaths drive Ron DeSantis' revived commitment to Social Security status quo*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says no need for Congress to OK strike on Houthi 'stateless actors'*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis likens Iowa chill to Florida hurricanes, says people don't worry about Cat 3 or below*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis 'couldn't live' without meat, says ESG would bring a 'food crisis'*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis holds up Richard Corcoran as example of political rival turned ally*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rips Donald Trump presidential immunity claim*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis continues carping about once-fawning Fox News*

*Times: Pinellas conservatives aim to flip school board in 2024 election*

*FlaPol: Laura Hine, targeted by Ron DeSantis, will seek re-election to Pinellas School Board*

*FlaPol: Chris Nocco to seek fourth term as Pasco County Sheriff*

*FlaPol: Chris Scherer nearly doubles Cookie Kennedy in cash raised for Pinellas County Commission race*

*FlaPol: House advances demand on porn websites to use better age verification to restrict access*

*FlaPol: Social media ban for minors moves forward in the House*

*FlaPol: Florida TaxWatch spotlights 'alarming shortage' of physicians, offers solutions*

*WUSF: Florida hunger relief advocates flag insufficient WIC funding in federal spending plan*

*FlaPol: Anna Paulina Luna among Republicans blocking Mike Johnson budget deal*

*FlaPol: Tampa Bay area Sheriffs back Adam Ross for Pinellas Tax Collector*

*WaPo: Florida law led school district to pull 1,600 books — including dictionaries*

*FlaPol: Personnel note: UF names Dan Dillon VP for Marketing and Senior Adviser*

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