



Heads Up!!!!

*A lot happening in the next two days!
Term limits, Bears, Rural Hospitals, Increases in
Homestead Exemptions, Designation of Jimmy Buffett
Highway!*



The Briefing for January 22, 2024

The last Briefing was January 21, 2024

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County Commission Term Limits UP Wednesday

H Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee -102 H 1:30PM-3:30PM

HB 0057 *County Commissioner Term Limits: Establishes term limits
for county commissioners. Effective Date: July 1, 2024*

Email the Committee this morning!

Don't Mandate Term Limits for Local Officials - Let The People Vote!

Don't restrict the choices of your local voters!

Cut and paste the list into an email and ask the committee to oppose the legislation!

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Major Bills Up Tuesday and Wednesday

Tuesday Jan 23, 2024

H Education & Employment Committee 17 H 10:00AM-12:00PM

- HB 1403 School Choice Tomkow

H State Affairs Committee 212 K 10:00AM-12:00PM

- **HB 7017** Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value Ways & Means Committee - Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to require an annual adjustment for inflation to the value of current or future homestead exemptions that apply solely to levies other than school district levies & for which every person who has legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another person legally or naturally dependent upon the owner is eligible.
- **HB 7019** Exemption of Homesteads Ways & Means Committee **THERE WILL BE AN AMENDMENT ADDED TO THIS BILL TO PROVIDE AN OFFSET FOR FISCALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES** Exemption of Homesteads: Contingent on results of certain elections; increases additional exemption for certain homesteads or requires value of certain homesteads exemptions be adjusted annually based on specific calculation or increases additional exemption for certain homestead & requires value of certain homestead exemptions be adjusted annually based on specific calculation. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

S Commerce and Tourism 110 S 1:00PM-3:00PM

- SB 1748 Tourist Development Tax Brodeur - Tourist Development Tax; Prohibiting a plan for tourist development from allocating more than a certain percentage of the tax revenue to an individual project unless the governing board of the county approves such use by supermajority vote, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

S Health Policy 412 K 1:00PM-3:00PM

- SB 0644 Rural Hospitals Simon - Rural Hospitals; Specifying eligibility requirements for licensure of rural emergency hospitals; authorizing rural emergency hospitals to enter into any contracts required for certain federal reimbursement; requiring that individual health insurance policies, group health insurance policies, and health maintenance contracts, respectively, issued in this state on or after a specified date provide coverage for services performed in rural emergency hospitals under certain conditions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

H SESSION 3:00PM-6:00PM

- HB 0001 Social Media Use for Minors Sirois
- HB 1377 Pub. Rec./Investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs Sirois
- HB 0003 Online Access to Materials Harmful to Minors Tramont
- HB 1491 Pub. Rec./Investigations by the Department of Legal Affairs Tramont

SEducation Pre-K - 12 412 K 3:30PM-5:30PM

- SB 1016 Patriotic Organizations Wright
- SB 1344 Computer Science Education Calatayud - Computer Science Education;

Wednesday Jan 24, 2024

H Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee 212 K 8:00AM-10:30AM

- HB 1071 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Alvarez –

H PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee 17 H 9:00AM-10:30AM

- HB 0553 Career-themed Courses Dunkley

H Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee 102 H 1:30PM-3:30PM

- HB 0057 County Commissioner Term Limits Salzman County Commissioner Term Limits: Establishes term limits for county commissioners. Effective Date: July 1, 2024
- HB 0103 Pub. Rec./County and City Attorneys Arrington Pub. Rec./County and City Attorneys: Provides exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying & location information of current county attorneys, assistant county attorneys, deputy county attorneys, city attorneys, assistant city attorneys, & deputy city attorneys & names & personal identifying & location information of spouses & children of such attorneys; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

S Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Ecoc Development 110 S 2:00PM-3:45PM

- SB 0084 Transportation Facility Designations/Jimmy Buffett Highway Book Transportation Facility Designations/Jimmy Buffett Highway; Providing an honorary designation of a certain transportation facility in specified counties; directing the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers by a specified date, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

S Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Env, and General Government 110 S 4:00PM-5:45PM

- SB 1638 Funding for Environmental Resource Management Hutson
- SB 0632 Taking of Bears Simon - Taking of Bears; Citing this act as the “Self Defense Act”; providing for the taking of bears without certain permits or authorizations under specified conditions; prohibiting certain possession, sale, and disposal of such bears; requiring the disposal of such bears by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2024

S Appropriations Committee on Education 412 K 4:00PM-5:45PM

- SB 0460 Career and Technical Education Simon -

Legislative Calendars

Calendar for the House of Representatives

Calendar for The Florida Senate

This Week In Tallahassee -

Rural County Days

Wednesday, January 24th – Legislative Networking Reception - DoubleTree Hotel - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. -

To Register for the reception call (850) 487-1870 or email red@iog.fsu.edu

Thursday, January 25th – Rural Counties Networking Event in the Florida State Capitol Courtyard from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. – Includes County booth displays, Legislator and State Agencies' staff networking with a fish-fry in the Capitol Courtyard. This event is open to the public.

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/>

Headlines from Around the State

Politico: How DeSantis collapsed in the glare of a presidential campaign

NBC Miami: 'A total failure to launch': Why Ron DeSantis was doomed from the start

NBC News: Inside the final hours of Ron DeSantis' ill-fated campaign

Post: After more than a year of savaging DeSantis, Trump 'honored' to be endorsed by governor

NBC Miami: Trump celebrates DeSantis' decision to drop out, ending a bitter feud that defined the 2024 campaign

The Hill: Trump congratulates DeSantis on 'great campaign' after endorsement

NYTimes: Trump Thanks DeSantis for Endorsement, Calling Him 'Gracious'

The Hill: Trump declares 'DeSanctimonious' nickname 'officially retired'

NYTimes: Haley on DeSantis's Withdrawal: 'May the Best Woman Win'

Bradenton Herald: DeSantis offered to 'Make America Florida.' Voters in Iowa and N.H. shrugged

My News 13: With DeSantis out of the race, Trump aims to run up the score on Haley in New Hampshire

The Hill: Gaetz says he would 'welcome' DeSantis back into Trump's orbit

NBC Miami: How local leaders are reacting to Ron DeSantis dropping out of the presidential race

Herald: DeSantis ends bid using a Winston Churchill quote. But did the British leader say it?

Times: 5 weird moments from Ron DeSantis presidential campaign

FlaPol: Aaron Bean endorses Donald Trump: 'He will provide the energy'

FlaPol: Donald Trump endorses Joe Gruters for GOP National Committeeman

WUSF: More searching planned at MacDill Air Force Base after 121 potential Black grave sites were found

Sentinel: Homestead ideal site for new state prison and inmate hospital, state consultants say

Ledger: 'I do not think it was legitimate:' New Polk GOP leader backs 2020 election-fraud claims

Politico: 'We don't have a clear path to victory': DeSantis exits presidential race

News4Jax: Ron DeSantis ends his struggling presidential bid before New Hampshire and endorses Donald Trump

Democrat: With campaign over, Gov. Ron DeSantis could reassert hard-right pull on Florida policy
Sun-Sentinel: Leading DeSantis supporters in Florida quickly shift to Trump as governor ends presidential bid
Times: DeSantis campaign in numbers: 117 days traveling, 0 wins and more
FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo follows Ron DeSantis lead and endorses Donald Trump
FlaPol: Paul Renner endorses Donald Trump after Ron DeSantis ends campaign
FlaPol: Daniel Perez endorses Donald Trump after Ron DeSantis suspends campaign
FlaPol: Florida 'election police force' report looks to paint positive picture of crackdown on voter fraud
WUSF: Chancellor Ray Rodrigues could get a contract extension and raise
My News 13: Proposed bill would restore mangroves to help fight coastal erosion
FlaPol: Back to the future? Senate panel poised to consider caps on medical malpractice lawsuits
FlaPol: Nonprofit promotes mobile app for instant feedback on Florida legislative issues
Democrat: Beating the heat behind bars: The effort to add air conditioning to Florida prisons
NBC Miami: Why are we paying more for car insurance in Florida?
WUSF: Releasing balloons could become illegal under new Florida bill. Here's why
Herald: They studied, passed the exam but were denied nursing licenses. Is Florida at fault?

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