



The Briefing for Feb12, 2024

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Legislative Calendars

Monday Feb 12

Day 35 of 60! 25 to go!

[Senate Calendar](#)

[House Calendar](#)

Wednesday is Double Whammy Day for Term Limits

Proposals are up at the same time in both the House and Senate Committees

SB 438 - Term Limits up in Senate Rules Committee - 9:00am-in 412 Knott Building

HB 57- Term Limits up in House- State Affairs - Wednesday in 212 Knott Building

People coming to testify can submit speaking cards in both committees – the committee rooms are 1 floor apart.

Here's what's wrong with this proposal

This proposal is an assault on voters rights in your county. Voters in each county should be given the opportunity to vote to determine whether term limits should be implemented. It is wrong for the Florida Legislature to mandate through statutes that local county commissioners have term limits. This should be left to every county to determine.

The Senate Bill

The Senate Bill creates 8 year term limits in counties that do not currently have term limits. For the Charter Counties that currently have term limits – the bill requires a referendum asking if the existing term limit should be reduced to eight years. There is no provision for counties without term limits to vote to determine whether they should be implemented.

This is the last committee stop in the Senate before it goes to the floor.

The House companion HB 57 has two more committee meetings before it goes to the House Floor.

The House Bill

The House bill sets term limits at 12 years but it is anticipated that this will change to 8 as the bills moves through the process.

Senate puts House Social Media Bill on Committee Agenda

The Senate Fiscal Policy is slated Thursday to take up (HB 1), the House proposal that seeks to prevent children under age 16 from using social media. If the bill clears the Fiscal Policy Committee, it could go to the full Senate. The bill would prevent minors under 16 from creating social-media accounts and would require social-media platforms to terminate existing accounts that are “reasonably known” by the platforms to be held by such minors. The proposal, in part, also would require platforms to use independent organizations to conduct age verifications when new accounts are created and would require denial of accounts for people who do not verify their ages. The House overwhelmingly passed the bill Jan. 24, and the Senate Judiciary Committee last week approved a Senate version (SB 1788). The Fiscal Policy Committee is scheduled to take up the House version. Renner and other supporters of the bill describe social media as harmful to children’s mental health, but they have faced questions about the constitutionality of the proposal.

Prohibited Applications on Government Devices List

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Florida Digital Service

Prohibited Applications

The Department of Management Services, through the Florida Digital Service, has determined the following applications meet the criteria for prohibited applications established in section 112.22(1)(f), Florida Statutes. For waiver requests, please see Rule 60GG-2.008, Florida Administrative Code. If you have questions, please reach out to our team via email Policy@digital.fl.gov.

QQ
TikTok
WeChat
VKontakte
Kaspersky

The Department of Management Services and the Florida Digital Service notice the publication of the Prohibited Application list pursuant to section 112.22, F.S., Use of Applications from Foreign Countries of Concern Prohibited, which is posted on the Department and FL[DS] websites at https://www.dms.myflorida.com/prohibited_applications_list. Contact the Florida Digital Service with any questions by emailing Policy@digital.fl.gov.

Background

Share this with your network/hardware people. This comes from last year’s bills that prohibited certain applications from government owned devices. The Department of Management Services has published a list of prohibited applications today, other than just TikTok.

You can find the list here: https://dms-media.ccplatform.net/content/download/163205/file/Prohibited%20Applications%20List_Final.pdf

The notice that was published to take you that website is here: https://www.flrules.org/Gateway/View_notice.asp?id=28045821

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/>

On the Docket

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

— Legislature:

- **CITIZENS COVERAGE CAP CONSIDERED** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 1106), filed by Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, that would allow residents with homes valued at more than \$700,000 to get coverage from the state's Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Under current law, Citizens is barred from selling policies for homes with a "dwelling replacement cost" of \$700,000 or more, except in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, where the limit is \$1 million. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **STRIP CLUBS** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1690), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that would prevent people under age 21 from working in adult-entertainment establishments. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL SECURITY** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 1396), filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that would establish a program to provide money for security upgrades at Jewish day schools and preschools. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **JOBLESS BENEFITS** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1289), filed by Rep. Shane Abbott, R-DeFuniak Springs, that would add conditions that can disqualify people from receiving unemployment benefits. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **PENALTIES EYED IN MIGRANT CRIMES** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1449), filed by Rep. Kiyon Michael, R-Jacksonville, that would increase criminal penalties for immigrants who are arrested for felonies after illegally re-entering the U.S. following deportation for earlier crimes. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **HISTORY OF COMMUNISM** - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1349), filed by Rep. Chuck Brannan, R-Macclenny, and Rep. James Buchanan, R-Osprey, that would require public-school students to receive instruction about the history of communism. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **'MY SAFE FLORIDA HOME' EYED** - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1263), filed by Rep. Chip LaMarca, R-Lighthouse Point, that would make changes to the My Safe Florida Home program, which provides grants to residents for improving homes to better withstand hurricanes. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **SPECIAL ORDER SET** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 330), filed by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would create a behavioral-health teaching hospitals program. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION PROPOSED** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 288), filed by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Homestead, that would allow people to provide information on vehicle-registration applications about diagnoses of disabilities or conditions such as autism, Alzheimer's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder and deafness. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- **TIMESHARE TAX CHANGES EYED** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Finance and Tax Committee will consider a proposal (SB 886), filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that would lead to changes in the valuation of timeshare units for property taxes. The proposal would lead to reduced property-tax revenues for some local governments. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **MEDICAID DATA** - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 783), filed by Rep. Kim Berfield, R-Clearwater, that would establish requirements for analysis and publication of data about Medicaid managed-care plans. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **'BLUE ECONOMY'** - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1311), filed by Rep. Chip LaMarca, R-Lighthouse Point, and Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, that would establish an Office of the Blue Economy to work on ocean-related economic issues. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- **FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES** - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will . Florida Polytechnic University, Applied Research Center, Lakeland. Call-in number: 1-863-225-2351. Code: 952749986
- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will . Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- **DOG BARS CASE HEARD** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - A panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a dispute about whether dogs should be allowed in bars. The Florida Department of Health appealed after Administrative Law Judge Lynne Quimby-Pennock last year ruled the department had not properly revised a rule to prevent Pups Pub Tampa and Pups Pub Orlando from allowing customers to bring pets to the dog-friendly bars. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- **ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will . St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- **FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN TRUSTEES** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will . Florida SouthWestern State College, Lee Campus, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- **MEDICAL EXAMINERS** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The state Medical Examiners Commission will . Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- **COMMUNITIES TRUST BOARD** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Communities Trust Governing Board will . Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- **JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE BOARD** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will . Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- **I-4 PLAN** - Tuesday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about the “Southwest Connect” Interstate 4 master plan, from west of Polk Parkway to west of U.S. 27 in Polk County. www.SWFLInterstates.com/i4-corridor-VPM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

— Legislature:

- **TERM LIMITS TARGETED** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will consider numerous issues, including establishing 8 year term limits for county commissioners. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol. House bill 57 will also be heard in State Affairs in room 212 Knott building
- **'SAFE EXCHANGE' BILL CONSIDERED** - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate will take up numerous issues during a floor session, including a bill (SB 580), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that would allow courts to require that parents who share custody of children use “safe exchange” locations at county sheriff’s offices. Courts, as part of what are known as parenting plans, could order parents to exchange children at the locations. The bill is called the “Cassie Carli” law, after a mother who disappeared after ing with the father of her child in Northwest Florida to make a timeshare exchange. Carli was later found dead in Alabama. The House has passed its version of the bill. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED INGS

- House Education & Employment Committee (9 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Judiciary Committee (9 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Affairs Committee (9 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Appropriations Committee (2 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ways & Means Committee (2 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will . Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Broward College Board of Trustees will . Broward College, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, 3501 S.W. Davie Road, Davie.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will . Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to . Avon Park Community Center, 310 West Main St., Avon Park.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will . Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/orlando-area-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>
- LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports showing compensation from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

— Legislature:

- RECORDS EXEMPTION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session and take up issues including a bill (SB 712), filed by Sen. Bobby Powell, D-West Palm Beach, that would provide a public-records exemption for personal information about county attorneys, city attorneys and their family members. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Thursday, 15 minutes after Senate committee ings. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED INGS

- House Commerce Committee (9 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health & Human Services Committee (9 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Infrastructure Strategies Committee (9 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Appropriations Committee (Noon, 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (Noon, 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules Committee (15 minutes after House floor session, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- UWF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will . <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/86435709201?pwd=Wm5xbzZYdlQ1S1Z4UDB5clRrZ29MQT09>. Code: 368116
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its regular weekly opinions.
- I-4 PLAN - Thursday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a ing about the “Southwest Connect” Interstate 4 master plan, from west of Polk Parkway to west of U.S. 27 in Polk County. Lake Crago Park, 525 Lake Crago Dr., Lakeland.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Legislature:

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 10 a.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.

— Also:

- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves estimating the potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TREASURE COAST PANEL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will .
- Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. <https://meet.goto.com/268592461>. Call-in number: 1-646-749-3122. Code: 268592461

Headlines Around the State

[Herald Tribune: Trump revs up MAGA machine in Florida after defeating DeSantis](#)

[NYTimes: Rubio defends Trump's NATO comments with an old line: 'He doesn't talk like a traditional politician.'](#)

[TCPalm: Former President Donald Trump will be at Fort Pierce courthouse on Monday, local GOP says](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: He endorsed Moskowitz for Congress in 2022. Now he's challenging him for reelection.](#)

[Post: Two Florida universities have more than \\$1 billion in endowments to invest on campus](#)

[Democrat: 2024 Session: 'War on woke' going broke? Culture war proposals stalling this year](#)

[WUSF: Public school advocates say a proposed charter conversion bill could have unintended consequences](#)

[Times-Union: Jacksonville City Council looks to limit mayoral spending power after monument removal](#)

[Times: Florida's outdoor workers want heat safety. Why it's an uphill battle.](#)

[Herald: Brutality, incompetence and a cover-up: Unraveling a deadly attack inside a state hospital](#)

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