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The Briefing for October 2, 2024

The Last Briefing was September 25, 2024

Hurricane Resources

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

Hurricane Helene may go down as one of the most significant natural disasters in our country's memory. Throughout the Southeast – towns, cities, roads, homes, and businesses have been washed away or compromised. Recovery for the Big Bend Counties previously hit by Debbie and Idalia will be long-term. The State Division of Emergency management is conducting multiple calls with Local EM offices. They are also working with local Sheriffs protecting communities and other constitutionals – like Supervisors of Election to plan for upcoming elections.

The Florida Association of Counties has set up a special Disaster Resource webpage -

<https://www.fl-counties.com/services/hurricane-preparedness-resources/>

The Small County Coalition has inquired about extending agency grant applications deadlines to allow impacted communities more time to submit funding requests like State Aid to Libraries and other grant programs. Senator Corey Simon is working with me to request additional time for impacted areas to apply for these important funding programs.

Personal Note –

As many of you know – my family evacuated to western North Carolina to avoid Hurricane Helene. Bad Choice! The bridge to our location washed out and we were stranded. On Day 3 after the storm went through, we were extracted by the National Guard and all family members including 3 dogs and a cat are safe back in Tallahassee. We are fortunate and humbled by the concerns expressed.

We are saddened by the impact and devastation that has occurred in our local communities. We appreciate the efforts of Emergency Operations personnel, volunteers, First Responders, and the National Guard. They are heroes. Our prayers and support go out to those who were impacted

Please coordinate requests for assistance through your local EM Offices. However, call, email or text if we can help in any way - cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com or 850-508-5492.

Calculations for Elected Constitutional and School District Officials for FY 24-25

[Elected Officials Salaries for 2024-25](#)

- The State Office of Economic and Demographic Research has released the calculations for Elected County Constitutional officers and school district officials for FY 24-25. The link for this fiscal year calculations is provided.
- The certified factors for FY 2024-25 are: 1) Annual Factor, 1.0301; and 2) Cumulative Annual Factor, 4.1336. Using these certified factors, EDR calculated salaries of elected county constitutional officers and school district officials, pursuant to the statutory formula found in Chapter 145, F.S.
- Annual increases or decreases in elected officials' salaries are based on annual changes in countywide population and the certified Annual and Cumulative Annual Factors. Consequently, the amount of annual salary increase or decrease (if any) in any given year varies by county and officer.
- Pursuant to s. 145.021(1), F.S., the term "population" means the latest annual determination of population of local governments produced by EDR and provided to the Governor's Office in accordance with s. 186.901, F.S. Consequently, the official April 1, 2023 countywide population estimates were used to calculate the FY 2024-25 salaries because these estimates reflect the latest annual determination of population of local governments produced in accordance with s. 186.901, F.S.
- This report is also posted on the EDR's website via the following link.
<http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/local-government/reports/index.cfm#elected-salaries>

34 Bills Took Effect This Week – October 1

34 bills from the 2024 regular legislative session went into effect Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

[Link to bills that went into effect on Tuesday - October 1 - 2024](#)

Local Governments should review the above list carefully - several bills will have a significant impact on your communities – including by not limited to the following:

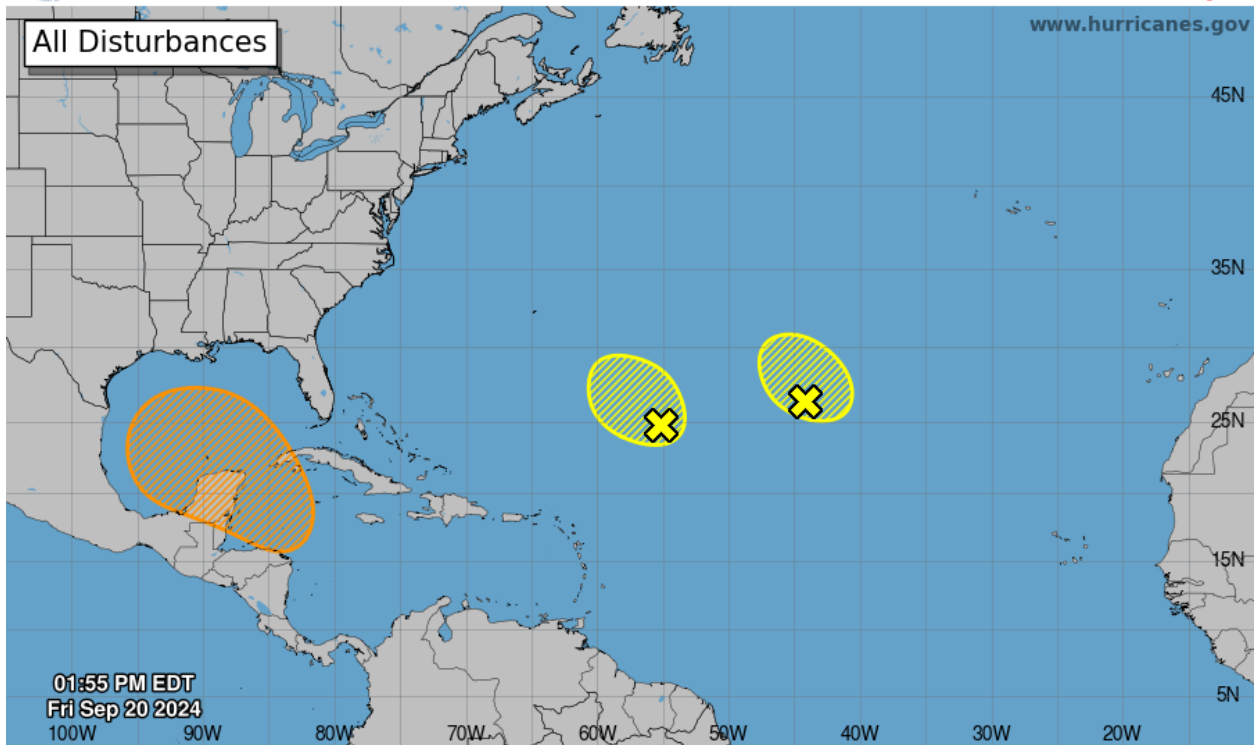
- **HB 1365 Unauthorized Public Camping and Public Sleeping:** Prohibits counties & municipalities from authorizing or otherwise allowing public camping or sleeping on public property without certification of designated public property by DCF; authorizes counties to designate public property for such uses for specified time period; requires counties to establish specified standards & procedures relating to such property; authorizes DCF to inspect such property & to issue notice; provides exception during specified emergencies. Effective Date: October 1, 2024
- **SB 1628 Local Government Actions** Requiring that certain bond referenda called by a county, district, or municipality be held at a general election; revising applicability provisions for the enactment or adoption of county and municipal ordinances, respectively, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2024
- **HB 0479 Alternative Mobility Funding Systems and Impact Fees:** Authorizes local governments to adopt alternative mobility plan & fee system; provides requirements for application of adopted alternative system; prohibits alternative system from imposing responsibility for funding existing transportation deficiency upon new development; prohibits local governments that do not issue building permits from charging for transportation impacts associated with development; requires local governments that issue building permits to collect for extrajurisdictional impacts; prohibits local governments from assessing multiple charges for same transportation impact; revises requirements for calculation of impact fees by local governments & special districts. Effective Date: October 1, 2024

Tropical Outlook



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
 Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

Six Proposed Constitutional Amendments on the General Election Ballot

Title of Amendment	# on the ballot	Sponsor of the Proposal
PARTISAN ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARDS	(1)	The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 31)
RIGHT TO FISH AND HUNT	(2)	The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 1157)
Adult Personal Use of Marijuana	(3)	Smart & Safe Florida
Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion	(4)	Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc.
ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE VALUE OF CERTAIN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS	(5)	The Florida Legislature/House (HJR 7017)
REPEAL OF PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING REQUIREMENT	(6)	The Florida Legislature/Senate (SJR 1114)

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Headlines Around the State

- [*The Floridian: Scott Urges Schumer to Reconvene Senate as Hurricane Helene Death Toll Rises*](#)
- [*FlaPol: Jared Moskowitz calls for Congress to 'act swiftly' on \\$15B proposal for Hurricane Helene relief*](#)
- [*FlaPol: Rick Scott leads 15-lawmaker call for USDA to declare disaster, issue block grants for post-Helene recovery*](#)
- [*FlaPol: South Florida lawmakers propose federal standards for notifying parents of school emergencies*](#)
- [*WUSF: Federal judge backs the EPA in a Florida water quality dispute*](#)
- [*FlaPol: Cory Mills in Carolinas to drop supplies, conduct wellness checks in areas devastated by Helene*](#)
- [*Sun-Sentinel: Ballots in the mail for presidential election. Floridians can begin voting immediately.*](#)
- [*AP: Historic ship could soon become the world's largest artificial reef*](#)
- [*News4Jax: 'It's a matter of life and death': Florida Blue customers relieved after new agreement with Baptist Health*](#)
- [*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis says convicts are helping out with Helene cleanup*](#)
- [*FlaPol: Florida Supervisors of Elections seek looser rules, adjustments after Helene*](#)
- [*CBS Miami: New Florida laws impact homeless population, homeowners with flood damage*](#)
- [*WUSF: New Florida law requires real estate sellers to disclose a property's flood risk*](#)
- [*FlaPol: Clerks and legal managers set up help for residents with protective orders following Hurricane Helene*](#)
- [*News4Jax: Patronis confirms 16 lithium-ion battery fires related to Hurricane Helene storm surge*](#)
- [*Herald Tribune: Manatee County residents 'shellshocked' by return home after Hurricane Helene*](#)
- [*WUSF: 'It's all gone': Hurricane Helene leaves thousands stranded and homeless in Keaton Beach*](#)
- [*Daily News: Naples Republican, real estate broker Lauren Melo seeks to keep her seat in FL House 82*](#)

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25

Activities listed involve local elected county commissioners, school board members and school superintendents.

2024

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| November 5 - | General Election Day |
| November 19 - | Newly Elected local officials take office |
| November 20-22 | Rural Economic Development Summit |

December 3-6 - FSBA/FADSS - Winter Meeting – Tampa
December 4 - Small County Coalition Legislative Meeting - Tampa
December 5 - Small District Meeting – Tampa
December 2-6- Interim Committee Meeting - House of Representatives Only
December 4-6 FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa
December 9-13 Interim Committee Meeting - Senate only

2025

January 13-17- Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
January 21-24 Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 2 - Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
February 3 – 7 Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 10 – 14 Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 17 – 21 Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
March 4 Regular Session Begins
March 18 - Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing/Reception
March 19- FAC Day in the Legislature
March 19 – 20 FSBA 38th Annual Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
March 19 Small School District Legislative Briefing
March 19 -20 Rural Counties Day in the Legislature
May 2 - Regular Session Ends
June 11 – 13 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
June 12 - Small School District Breakfast Meeting
June 24-27 FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
June 25 Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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