



**60 Day Session Ends
Legislature Extended
Through June 6
Next Meeting
Week of May 12th
16 Bills to be
considered!**



The Initial After Session Briefing Sunday – May 5 - 2025

The Briefing includes Reports on Bills that Passed/Died

The Last Briefing End of Session Friday - May 2, 2025 .

The Regular Session ended Friday evening as the Senate and House adjourned the 60 day session
The final act of the Session was the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 1631 extending the 2025 legislative session until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025. The Legislative Session adjourned without approving a Budget for the 25-26 Fiscal Year. The extension will authorize the legislature to consider the General Appropriations Act, Implementing bills, and Conforming Bills. All other measures that did not pass the 2025 Session are indefinitely postponed and withdrawn from consideration of the respective house as of 12:00 a.m., Saturday, May 3, 2025. The Legislature will not meet at all this coming week and will return to Tallahassee the Week of May 12th for Conference committee meetings.

HB 1631 - Extension of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature

[Bills To Be Considered in Extended Session - 2025 .docx](#)

- Budget Proposals for FY25-26 including FEFP.
- The Rural Renaissance Proposal addressing in Education, Fiscally Constrained Funding, Health Care programs, Transportation enhancements, and, Economic Development initiatives.
- The Tax Package that includes among certain issues – the repeal of Live Local Property Tax Exemption Opt Out
- FEFP Formula along with Changes – reduction of FTE program weights.

[Senate Proposal for 25-26 FEFP](#)

[House Proposal for the 25-26 FEFP](#)

HERE ARE SOME RESULTS FROM THE SESSION

Disposition of Major Issues

- 😊 Repeal of School Start Time Mandate – Passed
- Rural Renaissance did not pass but will be taken up in Extended Session
- 😞 Term Limits – Did Not Pass

- 😊 Sovereign Immunity Changes – Did Not Pass
- 😊 Statutes Repealing Regional Planning Councils – Did Not Pass
- 😊 Tourist Development Council changes and Fund Shift – Did Not Pass
- 😞 Solar Facilities Legislation– Did Not Pass
- 😊 Closing out the Community Redevelopment Agencies– Did Not Pass
- 😊 – Local Governments protected from paying to move ISP lines in Right of Way

Bill Reports on Bills that Passed and Bills that died in Messages

Bill numbers in the reports are linked to additional information.

- 252 - [Bills That Passed the Senate and the House - 2025 - ENROLLED.docx](#)
- 24 - [Bills That Passed Related to Education - 2025 .docx](#)
- 169 - [Bills That Passed Related to General Government - 2025.docx](#)
- 84 - [Bills That Passed Related to Business and Economy - 2025 .docx](#)
- 20 - [Bills That Passed Related to Environment and Climate that passed - 2025 .docx](#)
- 68 - [Bills that Died in Messages - 2025.docx](#)
- 16 - [Bills To Be Considered in Extended Session - 2025 .docx](#)

**Mark Your Calendars –
See you there!**

IMPORTANT MEETINGS COMING UP IN JUNE

- June 11 – 13- FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - [Annual Meeting Agenda for the FSBA](#)
- June 12 – **FSBA Small District Council/Small School District Council Consortium Joint Annual Business/Breakfast Meeting -**
- June 24-27– **Florida Association of Counties Annual Meeting – Orlando Hilton -** [Information on the FAC Annual Meeting](#)
- June 25 – **Small County Coalition Annual Business/Breakfast meeting**

Headlines Around The State

AP: A legislative session like no other: Key issues that didn't go in Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis' favor

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis pillories 'bizarre' Democratic 'pilgrimage' to El Salvador

Sun-Sentinel: David Jolly entices Florida Democrats with dream of winning 2026 governor's race

The Hill: Miami mayor Francis Suarez not ruling out bid to replace DeSantis

FlaPol: Laura Loomer talks Florida Capitol, 2026 Governor's race, Donald Trump and more

FlaPol: Byron Donalds cautious on property tax cuts

Times: After Tampa mom deported to Cuba, Castor urges federal action

Sun-Sentinel: Marco Rubio, secretary of everything? He's now the head of many government bodies

AP: With Waltz out, Rubio takes on two key roles after shifting to embrace Trump's ideals

NBC: Trump may get a new national security adviser — or he might just keep Marco Rubio

Herald: DeSantis said every sheriff has a Hope Florida expert. That's news to some sheriffs

Herald: How a Florida driver reacts to seeing a border patrol car could get them pulled over, feds say

CNN: Laura Loomer has Donald Trump's ear. What she wants is a White House press credential

FlaPol: Legislature OKs Nick DiCeglie's massive hurricane preparation, response package

FlaPol: Legislature passes bill to ease public-to-charter school conversions, ban student cellphone use

FlaPol: Senate and House agree to language in Lucy's Law to crack down on dangerous boaters

FlaPol: At Darryl Rouson's insistence, Senate passes mental health bill despite House snub

FlaPol: Wake up: Nick DiCeglie, Lindsay Cross measure targeting wake in flooded streets clears Legislature in omnibus bill

FlaPol: Lawmakers abandon plan for New College to take over USF's Sarasota campus and The Ringling museum

FlaPol: And just like that: Gov. DeSantis signs bill targeting citizen-led ballot initiatives into law

FlaPol: School utilization bill stalls in the final hours of session

FlaPol: Democrats voice outrage as Legislature passes bill on citizen-led amendments

FlaPol: Senate and House split over measure advocating mental health treatment for detainees

Politico: Florida lawmakers had a bitter, raucous session — and they'll run it back soon

News-Press: A 'strange' session: Budget stalemate dooms bills

AP: Florida lawmakers go into overtime without passing a budget. Here's a look by the numbers

FlaPol: Legislature extends Session to June 6, limits bills to be considered

AP: DeSantis signs law creating new hurdles for Florida's citizens initiative process

Politico: Florida's GOP Legislature cracks down on ballot measures after near-misses on pot, abortion

News4JAX: Florida lawmakers vote to turn off elementary, middle school students' cell phones during school day

Times: Pasco-Hernando State College president resigns amid state DOGE inquiry

Florida Phoenix: Lawmakers pass restrictions on state employees politicking, cut off funds for agency heads travel

WLRN: DeSantis appointee to Broward School Board is sworn in: 'There's work ahead'

FlaPol: Florida GOP wants local governments to stick to rollback rates for property taxes

FlaPol: Rural Renaissance among bills to be considered in extended Legislative Session

FlaPol: At first House talk on property tax relief, not all ideas win praise

On The Docket

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

- EXPORT SALES SOUGHT - SelectFlorida will start a five-day export-sales mission to Costa Rica and Guatemala.
- WETLANDS PERMITTING - Monday, 9:30 a.m. - A three-judge panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia will hear arguments in a battle about whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2020 improperly shifted permitting authority to Florida

for projects that affect wetlands. Florida and the EPA are seeking to overturn a district judge's ruling that sided with conservation groups. - U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, 333 Constitution Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.

- PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH DISCUSSED - Monday, 5:30 p.m. - The North Florida College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting to discuss a timeline for its search for a new president. - North Florida College, board room, 325 N.W. Turner Davis Dr., Madison.

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

- TECH LAW - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hear arguments in the state's attempt to scuttle a challenge to a 2021 law that placed restrictions on social-media platforms. The industry groups NetChoice and the Computer & Communications Industry Association challenged the constitutionality of the law in 2021, after Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Republican-controlled Legislature approved it. - Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- SOLDIER HONORED - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - Senate Majority Leader Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, and Rep. Will Robinson, R-Bradenton, will hold a ceremony about the designation of part of U.S. 19 in Manatee County as "Army Specialist Nicholas Panipinto Memorial Highway." Panipinto died during a 2019 training incident in South Korea. - U.S. 19 and Palm View Road/61st St. East, Palmetto.
- VIRTUAL SCHOOL - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR-9hroocmIumUXCg>
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. - Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- REFUGEE PANEL - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tampa-bay-refugee-task-force-meeting>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

- SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including a dispute about suppressing evidence because of what is known as a "knock-and-announce" violation by police. - Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- UNEMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. - Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- ENGINEERS BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Florida Board of Professional Engineers will meet. - Information at <https://fbpe.org/meetings-info/agendas-minutes-meetings/agenda-and-minutes-2025/>
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- OPIOID USE - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/statewide-council-opioid-abatement>

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

- JUVENILE SENTENCING - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including whether it was constitutional to impose two life sentences on Corey B. Johnson, who was convicted of committing murder and attempted murder when he was a juvenile. - Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- VOTER SIGNATURE ISSUE DEBATED - Thursday, 9 a.m. - A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a lawsuit by advocacy groups challenging a Florida requirement for “wet” signatures on voter-registration forms. The challenge involves a state requirement that paper voter-registration applications include what is known as a “wet” signature — a handwritten signature in ink. - Frank M. Johnson, Jr. United States Courthouse, 1 Church St., Montgomery, Ala.
- COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR DEAF - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Coordinating Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will meet. - University of North Florida, Tom & Betty Petway Hall, 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet in Miami. - Stephen P. Clark Center, commission chamber, 111 N.W. First St., Miami. <https://www.youtube.com/miamidadetv>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 3 p.m. - The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. - Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - Fort Lauderdale Marriott North, 6650 North Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale.
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