

Special Session 2026F Property Tax Reform

The Briefing for Sunday, May 31, 2026

The Last Briefing was Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Note – All previous Briefings can be accessed at www.smallcountycoalition.org or www.ssdcc.org

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What's the weather outlook?

10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL – The Weather Channel

NBA Championship Series

San Antonio Spurs will meet the New York Knicks

The Best of 7 Series will begin Wednesday, June 3

*The Florida Legislature will convene in Special Session 2026F beginning
Legislative Schedule*

All deliberations will be available to view on. [THE FLORIDA CHANNEL](#)

Monday

1:00pm – Senate Convenes – 4th Floor

1:30pm – House Convenes – 4th Floor

3:00-6:00pm – Senate Appropriations will consider SJR 2F and SB 4F – 110 Senate

3:45pm-6:45pm – House State Affairs – 17H

7:00pm House Rules Committee – 404H

Proposed Legislation

Text of Proposed Constitutional Amendment - SJR 2F

Staff Analysis for SJR 2F

Text of Proposed Implementing Bill - SB 4F

Staff Analysis of Proposed Implementing Bill - SB 4F

Impact on Education Funding

It is estimated the potential impact on Education will be \$5,831,384,153 or more!

Estimated Impact on Funding in the FEFP - \$4,193,983,902

Estimated impact on the 1.5 Capital Outlay millage - \$1,637,400,251

No replacement revenue sources have been identified

Impact of Property Tax on Counties

The estimated impact on counties is \$3.56 billion in 27-28 and \$6.32 billion in 28-29.

County-by-County Impact Numbers

MY VIEW

For at least the past two years and longer property tax reform has been discussed with proposals being considered – some adopted by the House but until last Wednesday evening a specific proposal was not available to consider. However, for at least the past year – we have heard assurances that education would be protected and the small counties would be taken care of – at least in the short term.

The proposal before you doesn't do that.

- Education funding is significantly impacted as well – funding for services provided by cities, counties, and special districts are in the cross-hairs.
- The proposal states that county and city ad valorem shall be used only for: public safety, education and public schools; infrastructure, stormwater control; natural resource projects; or obligations for retirement benefits.

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The proposal raises significant concerns-

- The fiscal impact is uncertain.
- The implementation plan lacks clarity
- Key decisions are being deferred to a future Governor and future legislature that will take office after the General Election.

There is an alternative - The [Florida Constitution](#) requires the Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission to convene every 20 years. It is scheduled to convene in 2027.^[1]

The commission is charged with examining:

- the state budgetary process;
- state revenue needs and expenditure processes;
- the appropriateness and efficiency of the state's tax structure;
- the state's revenue-raising capabilities; and
- the state's constitutional limitations on taxation and expenditures.

REPORTS AND DATA ON ADVALORUM TAXES

Florida Policy Institute Research Shows Impact of Property Tax cut on Local Governments

[Link to Florida Policy Institute Report](#)

[Report on Millage Rates and Taxes Levied](#)

[Data Sets on County Tax Roll Components](#)

[Florida Association of Counties Property Tax Report](#)

House and Senate Approve State Budget for FY 27-28

[Link to General Appropriations ACT - HB 5001 - FY 27-28](#)

[Link to Implementing Bill - HB 5003 - for FY 27-28](#)

[Florida Education Finance Program \(FEFP\)](#)

[County By County Allocations FY 26-27 \(HB 5001E\)](#)

Headlines Around The State

NBC 6: Florida sees drop in first quarter tourism

NBC 6: Calculator to determine home property tax savings now available, DeSantis says

FlaPol: Clay and Nassau fire fighters back Aaron Bean in re-election bid

FlaPol: Byron Donalds proposes personalized roadmaps for Florida students

FlaPol: Paul Renner launches 'rural values' tour

WLRN: Mail-in ballot requests lag ahead of August's Florida primary

WLRN: Federal, local law enforcement boost security for the World Cup. ICE role remains unclear

Herald Tribune: Can scientists predict Vibrio vulnificus in Florida waters?

WUSF: In Florida, an agricultural town in need of an economic boost eyes hyperscale data centers

Times: How a new documentary captured Florida's competitive python hunt

WUSF: Florida lawmakers pass \$114.5 billion budget, including millions for teacher pay increases

Democrat: Two months late, Florida lawmakers OK \$114.5 billion state budget

Sentinel: Tax the rich, DeSantis suggests to counties worried about his property tax plan

Times: What does DeSantis property tax exemption say? Even experts aren't sure

Herald: DeSantis wants state to spend millions promoting campaign to cut property taxes

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Miami-Dade, Palm Beach should be more aggressive in slashing homestead taxes

Democrat: Florida lawmakers take pause on school voucher overhaul

Democrat: Florida tax cuts cover guns, gear, school supplies and slots

WUSF: Florida Forever land-buying program gets no state money next year

Post: Florida drought, wildfires could worsen potential hurricane impacts

CBS Miami: As Florida debates property tax relief, a local official analyzed the potential impact on South Florida

Sun-Sentinel: Property tax cuts: Broward homeowners would save thousands while cities lose millions

FlaPol: 'She delivers results': Jared Moskowitz endorses Lauren Book for SD 30

Floridian: Everglades Trust Praises Legislature for Allocating Over \$600M to Glades Restoration in Budget

FlaPol: Democrats pile into Northeast Florida House races

Times: Florida property tax cut could cost Tampa Bay schools millions, leaders say

Capitolist: Florida lawmakers to debate property tax phaseout at special session

FlaPol: Florida Clerks of Courts relieved by measure allowing them to retain more funding

TCPalm: Large-scale developments have new zoning rules in this Florida city

NBC 6: Teachers' unions fight for survival as new Florida law targets them

Florida Phoenix: Teachers union on property tax plan: 'The stakes for public education are enormous'

FlaPol: Don Gaetz wants state investigation into Panhandle crop-dusting incidents this month

Florida Phoenix: Jared Moskowitz will now run in Florida's 25th Congressional District

Florida Phoenix: Democratic state Sen. Shevin Jones won't run for re-election in District 34

TCPalm: Florida residents sue Florida Power & Light over Indiantown project

Post: Why Google wants to release 32 million weird mosquitoes in Florida

PNJ: East Milton residents blame FPL helicopter herbicides for rash of animal deaths

Upcoming Meetings for School Officials

June 10 – 12, 2026 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL

[View the Tentative Agenda](#)

Small District Officials will meet Thursday morning.

On Thursday Morning – June 11th – the FSBA Small District Council will meet to conduct Annual Business. The Small School District Council Consortium will also meet after the FSBA SDC concludes its business. The meeting is scheduled in Audubon D/E/F

Upcoming Meetings for County Commissioners

On June 23-26, the Florida Association of Counties will convene its 2026 Annual Conference in Orlando. [Tentative Agenda for FAC Annual Conference](#)

Small County Coalition to Meet at FAC Annual Conference

The Small County Coalition will convene on Wednesday morning for its Annual meeting. The Small County Coalition meeting is not listed on the FAC agenda but will be held 7:00am-8:30am on Wednesday.

ON THE DOCKET

MONDAY, JUNE 1

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- SENATE - Monday, 1 p.m. - Senate floor session starting the special session. Location: Senate chambers.
- SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - Monday, 3 p.m. - Panel will consider the property tax cut ballot measure. Location: 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol
- HOUSE - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - House floor session starting the special session. Location: House chambers.
- HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - Panel will consider the property tax cut ballot measure. Location: 17 House Office Building, the Capitol

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- TOWER CRANES - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Building Commission's Hurricane Research Advisory Committee will consider research projects on the “best practices for hurricane season utilization of tower crane and hoisting equipment” and an “assessment of windborne debris risk.” Location: Visit: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/239853084684965?p=DyN2YncxxykdLwWZO2> Meeting ID: 239 853 084 684 965 Passcode: hr782JU7
- STATE INVESTMENTS - Monday, 11 a.m. - The State Board of Administration is meeting. Location: The Hermitage Centre, Hermitage Room, 1801 Hermitage Boulevard, Tallahassee.
- BROWARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Monday, 11:30 a.m. - The Broward College Board of Trustees is meeting. Location: Tigertail Lake Recreational Center, 580 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

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- SENATE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - Senate will hold a floor sitting. Location: Senate chambers
- HOUSE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - House will hold a floor sitting. Location: House chambers

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- SELECT FLORIDA - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Select Florida Board of Directors is meeting. Location: Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 NE 2nd Ave, Room 2106, Miami.
- PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission is meeting. Location: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- ST. JOHNS RIVER BMAP - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is holding an online meeting on the Lower St. Johns River Main Stem Basin Management Action Plan. Location: Visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2189061035766950751>
- COWNOSE RAYS - Tuesday, 6 p.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is holding an online workshop on new regulations for harvesting cownose rays in state waters. Location: Visit: myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/rulemaking/workshops/?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=campaign
- LUKEHART EXECUTION SLATED - Tuesday, 6 p.m. - Florida Death Row inmate Andrew Richard Lukehart is scheduled to be executed for the 1996 death of five-month-old Gabrielle Hanshaw in Duval County. Location: Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

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- SENATE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - Senate will hold a floor session until sine die. Location: Senate chambers
- HOUSE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - House will hold a floor session until sine die. Location: House chambers.

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- SUPREME COURT ORAL ARGUMENTS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in back-to-back cases, State of Florida v. Deangelo Robinson and Ruez Palea Dealdorrett Hicks v. State of Florida. Location: supremecourt.flcourts.gov/case-information/Oral-Arguments/Videos-of-Oral-Argument-Broadcasts (Also, the arguments will be shown on The Florida Channel.)
- KAMOUTSAS INTERVIEW - Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Polk State College Board of Trustees are to interview Education Commissioner Anastasios 'Stasi' Kamoutsas to be president. Location: Polk State College Center for Public Safety, Room CPS 267, 1251 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven.
- BELL VISIT - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - Dr. Stuart Bell, the lone finalist to be the University of Florida's next president is to meet with students, faculty and staff ahead of a June 10 interview by the schools Board of Trustees. Location: Emerson Hall, 1938 W University Ave, Gainesville.
- HOUSING BONDS - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corporation will hear a series of potential future issuance of tax-exempt bonds or notes involving: Gallery at Lummus Parc, a 257-unit multifamily residential rental development in Miami-Dade County, \$80 million; Clara Landings, an 84-unit multifamily residential rental development in Naples, \$17.6 million; Sovereign at Harbor West, a 32-unit multifamily residential rental development in Charlotte County, \$4.45 million; and Sovereign at Parkside East, a 32-unit multifamily residential rental development in Charlotte County, \$3.9 million. Location: Florida Housing Finance Corporation, 227 North Bronough Street, Suite 5000, Tallahassee.
- FSCJ TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees is holding a board orientation session and a discussion of the college's accreditation process. Location: FSCJ Administrative Offices, Room 403A, 501 West State Street, Jacksonville.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- GAMING CONTROL - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission is meeting. Location: Joseph P. Cresse Hearing Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.

- NORTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Northeast Florida Regional Council is meeting. Location: 40 East Adams Street, Jacksonville.
- LAKE GEORGE STATE FOREST - Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Florida Forest Service is holding a meeting on the management of Lake George State Forest. Location: 5458 N Highway 17, DeLeon Springs.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- ELECTION FRAUD COMPLAINTS - Thursday, 3 p.m. - The Division of Elections is looking at updates to Rule 2.025 and Form DS-DE 34 involving election fraud complaints. Location: Heritage Hall, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S Bronough Street, Room 112, Tallahassee.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

- COMMISSION ON ETHICS - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics is meeting. Location: First District Court of Appeal, First Floor Meeting Room, 2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee.
- CABINET AIDES - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Cabinet aides for Gov. Ron DeSantis, Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingolia, Attorney General James Uthmeier and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson meet ahead of the June 9 Cabinet meeting. Location: Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, the Capitol.

Here are key dates for 26-27

May 12 – 29 -	Special Session on Budget
June 9-12	FSBA Summer Meeting – Tampa
June 11 –	Small District Breakfast – SSDCC Annual Meeting
June 23-26 –	FAC Annual Conference – Orlando
June 24 -	Small County Coalition Summer Meeting
August 18 –	Primary Elections
Sept 16-17 –	FAC Policy Conference – Jacksonville
Nov 3 –	General Election
Nov. 17-19-	Rural Summit – Ocala – Sponsored by FREDa
Dec 2-4 –	Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference
Dec 2 -	Small County Coalition Breakfast –
Dec 2-4 –	FSBA Legislative Conference – Tampa
Dec 3 -	Small District Breakfast – SSDCC Legislative Meeting
Dec - Feb. -	Legislative Committee Meetings
March 2 -	Legislature convenes
March 16 -	Small County Coalition – Legislative Reception
March 17 -	Small School District Council Consortium
March 17-18-	Rural Days 2027 – Tentative
March 17-18 –	FSBA Days in the Legislature
March 17 -	Florida Association Counties – Legislative Day
April 30 -	Legislative Session 60 Days – Sine Die!

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