***There are 4 days until the August 18th Primary Election!***
***There are 81 days until the November 3rd General Election!***

# *The Briefing for Friday, August 14, 2026*

***The Last Briefing was Tuesday, August 11, 2026***

***What's the weather outlook?***

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

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***Are you ready for some Football?***

Here's the complete **2026 NCAAF** season **schedule**.

***https://www.cbssports.com/college-football/schedule/***

## *A.G. rewrites of Amendment 3 Ballot Language for Court Review*

Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier has submitted for judicial review a rewritten version of the title and ballot summary for Amendment 3. Circuit Judge David Frank in Leon County ordered the AG's office to rewrite the property tax amendment's ballot language after ruling the original title, Save our Homes from Excessive Property Taxes," was "akin to a political slogan" in violation of state law. The new title submitted for Court review reads,

***"Increased Homestead exemption; Lower Cap on Increases in Non Homestead Property Assessment."***

The proposed rewrite of the ballot summary attempts to state clearly the following:

- the measure would increase the homestead exemption for all non-school taxes to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028 and adjust for inflation thereafter.
- the measure reduces the annual cap on assessment increases for non-homestead properties from 10% to 5%.
- the Legislature will write a law laying out a "uniform procedure" for counties and municipalities (and special districts, subject to referendum approval) to follow that would "increase the homestead exemption to the full assessed property value."
- that counties and cities would be required to use property taxes solely for public safety, education and schools, infrastructure, natural resources, bond debt service, retirement benefits for employees, and operations and administration.

If passed, Amendment 3 would constitute one of the most significant changes to property taxes in the state in more than a generation. Its projected financial impact could reach up to $12 billion annually beginning in 2031

**Election Night Request**

Next Tuesdays Primary will determine many of the open seats for county commissioners and school board members.

***Special Request –***

***As election results come into your Supervisor of Elections – please text or email me the results in your local races. I will be updating the lists where the primary determines who will serve the next four years.***

Text – 850-508-5492

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The following lists contain sitting elected officials along with a list of the positions that are to be determined.

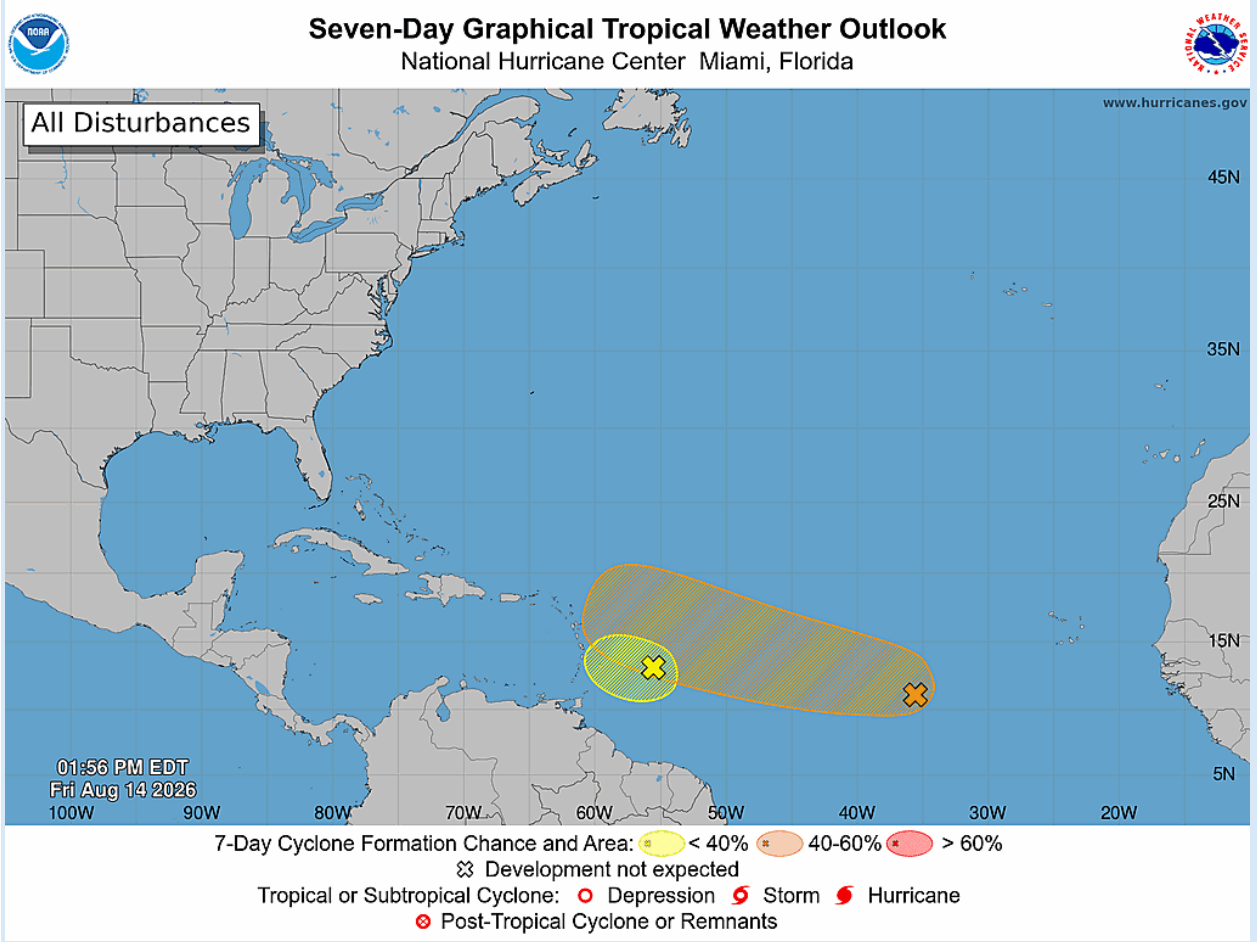
***Small County Commissioners comparing 24-26 and 26-28.docx***

***Small School District Board members – 24-26 compared to 26-28.docx***

Note – if anyone notices an error please send me an email.

**Tropical Outlook**

**https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/**




## *Headlines Around The State*

*TCPalm: Florida police officers on admin leave after campaign sign incidents*

*Floridian: DeSantis Unveils Statue of Andrew Jackson for 'America 250'*

*News-Press: Offices warn not to 'over vote' in Florida Republican governor primary*

*Florida Phoenix: Jay Collins says GOP voters need to rally around him to stop Byron Donalds*

*TCPalm: Florida Sierra Club launches public toolkit to fight data centers*

*Capitolist: Four Florida Farms, Ranches Protected Through State Conservation Program*

*Capitolist: Florida voting scorecards produce different results*

*Democrat: Florida A&M scores high in first-ever Forbes HBCU ranking*

*WLRN: Byron Donalds says he'll remove local officials who indulge in 'sanctuary' policies*

*FlaPol: Byron Donalds says it takes at least $80M to win Governor's race*

*FlaPol: Byron Donalds says data center critics want to 'turn back the clock to 1972'*

*FlaPol: Paul Renner doubles down on making constitutional amendments harder to pass*

*WUSF: Why are there more than 3,100 teachers positions still vacant across Florida?*

*WUSF: Some Florida homeschool parents are denied state funding. But why?*

*PNJ: Santa Rosa's new Native American curriculum is first in Florida*

*WLRN: Byron Donalds says he won't back down on 'cultural differences' with David Jolly*

*Today: Florida AG Uthmeier embraces ultimate culture warrior role | Exclusive*

*WUSF: DeSantis touts $188 million from federal grant to help expand healthcare in Florida's rural areas*

*FlaPol: 'No one's fault but his own': Lawyers say Fabián Basabe lost fair trial, doesn't deserve do-over*

*Democrat: 10 facts about Flock cameras in Florida and why they're controversial*

*News-Press: Six Florida counties make top 10 list as most vulnerable to hurricanes*

## *On The Docket This Week*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 14**

- LEAGUE OF CITIES - Friday, 8 a.m. - The Florida League of Cities Annual Conference continues its annual conference with a keynote presentation from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Doris Kearns Goodwin and a discussion on the property tax Amendment 3 on the November ballot from former state Senator Jeff Brandes, the president and CEO of the Florida Policy Project. National League of Cities President Kevin Kramer, a Louisville, Kentucky councilmember, is to address the general session on Saturday. Location: The Diplomat Beach Resort, Great Hall 1-2, 3555 S. Ocean Drive, Hollywood.
- GENERAL REVENUE - Friday, 9 a.m. - State economists sitting as the Revenue Estimating Conference will meet to come up with a consensus estimate for how much the state can expect to collect in general revenue this year and next, trying to make different forecasts line up. Location: 301 Senate Office Building, The Capitol.
- LICENSE REINSTATEMENT - Friday, 10 a.m. - Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is holding a workshop on a proposed rule change regarding the review process for a person petitioning the department after their license has been cancelled, suspended, disqualified, or revoked. Location: Neil Kirkman Bldg, Rm B-203, 2900 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee.
- FINANCE REPORTS - Friday - State candidates and political committees face a deadline for filing reports showing finance activity between July 25 and July 31. Location: Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee.

**Here are key dates for 26-27**
**2026 Events**

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| August 18 – | Primary Elections |
| Sept 16-17 – | FAC Policy Conference – Jacksonville |

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| Nov 3 – | General Election |
| Nov. 17-19- | Rural Summit – Ocala – Sponsored by FREDA |
| Nov. 30 – Dec. 3 | Legislative Committee Meetings |
| 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– SSDCC Legislative Meeting in Tampa |

**2027 Events**

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| January 4 – 7 | Legislative Committee Meetings |
| January 11 – 14 | Legislative Committee Meetings |
| February 1 – 4 | Legislative Committee Meetings |
| February 8 – 11 | Legislative Committee Meetings |
| February 15 – 18 | Legislative Committee Meetings |
| March 2 - | Legislature convenes |
| March 16 - | Small County Coalition/Small School District Joint Legislative Reception |
| March 17 - | Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing |
| March 17 - | Florida Association Counties – Legislative Day |
| March 17-18- | Rural Days 2027 – Tentative |
| April 30 - | Legislative Session 60 Days – Sine Die! |
| June 9 – 11 | FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Kissimmee, FL |
| June 10 - | Small School District Council Consortium – Annual Meeting |
| June 22-25 | FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Hilton Orlando |
| June 22 - | Small County Coalition Annual Meeting Breakfast – Orlando |
| Nov. 30 – Dec. 3 | FSBA/FADSS 82nd Annual Joint Conference, Kissimmee, FL |

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