The Briefing for Monday, September 21, 2026

The Last Briefing was Friday, September18, 2026

What's the weather outlook?

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

College Football Scores and Schedules

https://www.espn.com/college-football/schedule

Florida Teams at Play

#4 Ole Miss at #21 Florida
Central Michigan at #6 Miami
Central Arkansas at FSU
Alabama A&M at FAMU
Long Island University at FIU
FAU at UL Monroe
TCU at UCF
USF at Bowling Green

Relatively Quiet in Tallahassee

Focus on Amendment 3!

- Less than half of the appraised parcels in Florida will receive the increased exemption proposed by Amendment 3.
- Meaning more than half of the state appraised parcels will not benefit from the proposed increased exemption.

Overview of Florida Homestead Parcels

- Total real property parcels statewide equal approximately **11 million**. [1]
- Homesteaded properties represent roughly **47%** of all real property parcels across Florida's 67 counties.

- Non-homestead parcels make up the remaining **53%**, which include commercial buildings, vacant land, industrial sites, and rental or secondary homes. [1]

As more folks understand Amendment 3 – the less they like it!

The measure needs 60% to pass. A St Pete Polls on Amendment 3 survey conducted Sept. 15-17 for Florida Politics found 45% support, 30% opposed, and 25% undecided. The survey of 913 likely voters has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points. The state's Revenue Estimating Conference projects the amendment would cut local non-school property tax revenue by $4.95 billion in fiscal year 2027-28 and $8.78 billion the year after, reaching $11.86 billion a year once fully phased in. The amendment does not include replacement funding.

Here are some ads recently released -

Amendment 3 'Math'

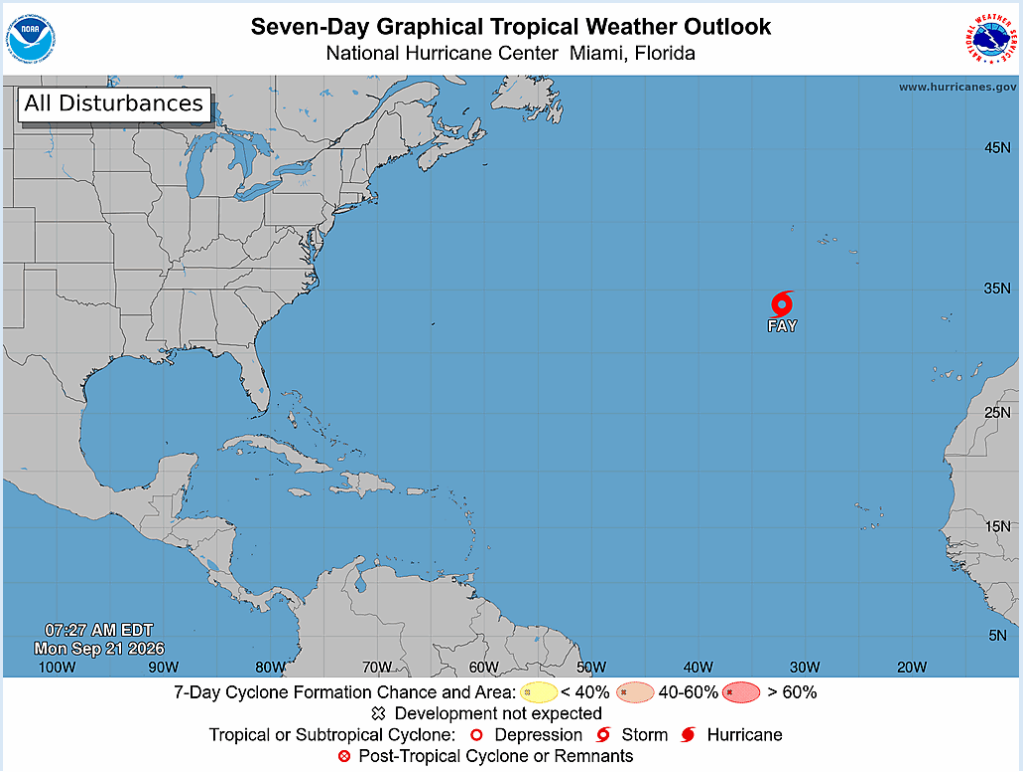
The political committee opposing Amendment 3 released a 30-second ad Monday arguing the homestead exemption increase would mean fewer deputies, ambulances, and fire trucks.

Amendment 3 is the Wrong Way. It is Too Good to be True - and Now You Know it is

The **Florida Sheriffs Association** released its own ad last week featuring Pinellas County Sheriff **Bob Gualtieri**, Polk County Sheriff **Grady Judd**, Clay County Sheriff **Michelle Cook**, and other Sheriffs, who call Amendment 3 "the wrong way" to cut taxes.

Tropical Weather Outlook

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



On The Docket

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- SUWANNEE RIVER MANAGEMENT - Monday, 3 p.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board is holding a workshop followed by a hearing at 5:05 p.m. on the fiscal year 2026-2027 tax rate and budget. - District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak.
- TSC TRUSTEES - Monday, 6 p.m. - The Tallahassee State College Board of Trustees is meeting. - Wakulla Environmental Institute, 170 Preservation Way, Crawfordville.
- PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Monday, 4:30 p.m. - The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees is meeting following committees and a workshop. - Pensacola Campus, 1000 College Blvd, Pensacola.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT - Tuesday, 5:15 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board is holding a hearing on the fiscal year 2026-2027 tax rate and budget. - SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- SBA - 9 a.m. - The State Board of Administration is holding a meeting on its Audit Committee. - Panther Room, Fifth Floor, The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd, Tallahassee.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- CITIZENS PROPERTY - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corporation Board and committees are meeting. - Westin Lake Mary, 2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- UNF TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The University of North Florida Board of Trustees is meeting. - Adam W. Herbert University Center, Jacksonville.
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER - Wednesday, 5:05 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District is holding its final public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tax rate and budget. - Gulf Coast State College, Student Union East Building, Room 10, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City.
- DISTRICT 16 FORUM - Wednesday, 12 p.m. - The League of Women Voters of Manatee County and the League of Women Voters of the St. Petersburg Area is hosting a virtual candidate forum --- independent Mark Davis, Republican Sydney Gruters and Democrat Kelly Kirschner --- for Congressional District 16, which includes all of Manatee, DeSoto and Hardee counties, and parts of Pinellas, Sarasota and Polk counties. - Register: us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Kt0Xl5YiQ-OmDRKqOflE5A#/registration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- EAST CENTRAL PLANNING ROUNDTABLE - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council is to consider the Powering the Future roundtable. - 455 N. Garland Avenue, Suite 414, Orlando.
- UCF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 4 p.m. - The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees is meeting after a series of committee meetings that being at 8:30 a.m. - FAIRWINDS Alumni Center, 12676 Gemini Boulevard N, Orlando.

- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Commission for Independent Education is meeting regarding degree granting institutions. - Mission Inn Resort and Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- FLORIDA HOUSING - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corporation is meeting. - Miami Airport Marriott, 1201 NW 42nd Avenue, Building A, Miami.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Commission for Independent Education is meeting regarding non-degree granting institutions. - Mission Inn Resort and Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.
- CABINET AIDES - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Cabinet aides for Gov. Ron DeSantis, Chief Financial Officer Blaise Ingoglia, Attorney General James Uthmeier and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson meet ahead of the September 29 Cabinet meeting and September 30 Board of Executive Clemency meeting. - Cabinet Meeting Room, Lower Level, the Capitol.
- FINANCE REPORTS - Friday - State candidates and political committees face a deadline for filing reports showing finance activity between Sept. 11 and Sept. 17. - Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee.

Headlines Around The State

Monday - SEP. 21, 2026

Herald: Optimism and tight polls: Can Florida Democrats flip Sunshine State blue in 2026?

Sentinel: How Florida fights to hide insurers' finances

CBS Miami: Florida congressional candidate calls for regulation of AI

FlaPol: Kat Cammack announces major federal funding for several Big Bend area infrastructure projects

Times: Home sales of $10 million and up are breaking records in South Florida

Herald: Florida voters won't see a debate between Jolly and Donalds — or other top races

Daily News: Black voters could shape Byron Donalds' path to Florida governor

FlaPol: Byron Donalds holds firm on data centers as Fox News poll shows voters trust Democrats more on the issue

Times: Jolly and Donalds downplay their economic status in Florida's governor race

DBNJ: Florida candidates for governor, Senate face messaging test

WUSF: Donalds' running mate pitches his property tax proposal during a Tampa stop

Bradenton Herald: Manatee Republicans break from party, endorse Democrats in upcoming election

Times: Nathan-Tomkow rematch: Can the Tampa senator beat the GOP favorite twice?

Axios: Mapped: Florida's next data centers — and the power they'll need

Democrat: Leon Children's Services Council could lose $4M if Amendment 3 passes

WUSF: Why only Flock, and not counties, can remove the controversial cameras

Sentinel: Only a handful of Central Florida cities raising property tax rate this year

WUSF: New world screwworm puts Florida horse and livestock owners on alert

Sunday - SEP. 20, 2026

Daily News: Byron Donalds emphasizes FSU roots for Florida governor bid

WSJ: The Race to Save Florida Orange Industry From Total Collapse

Democrat: Leon commission scraps school zone speeding, Flock cameras

Saturday - SEP. 19, 2026

Floridian: Byron Donalds Agrees to Three Debates Against David Jolly in Governor's Race

News-Press: Jolly: Donalds campaign never approached my campaign about debates

Politico: Florida's governor race heads to Virginia, as Jolly highlights data center debate

TCPalm: Martin County governments increase property taxes slightly

Post: Weiss kicks off West Palm mayor campaign with ex-mayors endorsement

Gainesville Sun: Dems condemn GOP Florida House candidate over Charlottesville rally ties

Florida Phoenix: Bryan Avila avoids comment on claim Trump's gone too far on deportations

Here are key dates for 26-27

2026 Events

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

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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