

To: Florida Recreation and Park Association

From: Allison S. Carvajal

Date: February 27, 2026

Re: Legislative Report – Session Week 7

House Votes to Require Citizenship Verification in Elections

The full House approved a sweeping elections measure Wednesday that would require proof of U.S. citizenship before voter registration is validated, mandate rechecks of existing voter rolls and overhaul how election results are audited. The bill (HB 991), by Fort Myers Republican Rep. Jenna Persons-Mulicka, passed 83-31, with most Democrats in opposition. It requires that citizenship be verified through Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles records before a voter registration application is deemed valid. If citizenship can't be confirmed, applicants would be classified as "unverified voters" and allowed to cast only provisional ballots that would count only if documentation is provided by 5 p.m. on the second day after the election. The proposal also directs the Department of State to review the citizenship status of currently registered voters whose status has not been previously confirmed. Beyond registration changes, the bill narrows acceptable photo identification at polling places, eliminating certain nongovernment-issued IDs such as student and retirement home cards and requires most ballots to be cast on paper. The bill also sets out a five-year statute of limitations for election fraud, expands restrictions on foreign national involvement in elections and requires candidates seeking to run as party members to have been registered with that party for a year before qualifying, while no-party-affiliation candidates must have been unaffiliated for the same period. The candidate qualification provision was also included in a standalone proposal (HB 91) by Tallahassee Democrat Rep. Allison Tant, which unanimously cleared the House floor on Wednesday. Democrats proposed amendments to preserve student IDs as valid identification and ease documentation requirements, but those efforts were rejected. Critics argued the bill could disenfranchise seniors, students and low-income voters and potentially lead to voter roll errors and litigation. Supporters countered that the measure standardizes identification requirements and enforces the constitutional requirement that only U.S. citizens vote, noting most Floridians already possess qualifying government-issued IDs. Persons-Mulicka described the proposal as preventative, while aligning with the federal Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act, which has passed the U.S. House and is awaiting consideration in the U.S. Senate. A state Senate companion (SB 1334) sponsored by GOP Sen. Erin Grall has cleared two committees and is now awaiting floor

action. If successful, most provisions would take effect ahead of the November 2026 elections.

Bill to Enforce Party Affiliation Rules Heads to Gov

A measure providing a mechanism to disqualify candidates who haven't been a member of their party for a full year or change their name to hide their identity passed the Senate on Thursday, sending it to Gov. Ron DeSantis. The House passed the bill (HB 91) earlier this week. It was sponsored in the Senate by Democrat Sen. Kristen Arrington, but drew Republican backing as well. GOP Sen. Don Gaetz said the measure would take care of two issues elections officials have encountered: Thursday's Senate vote was unanimous. State law already requires candidates to be a member of the party they seek to represent for a year before the qualifying deadline for their primary. But a judge ruled in 2022 that there was no mechanism in the law for candidates to be removed from the ballot for violating it. The provision prohibiting candidates from running if they changed their legal name in the year before the qualifying deadline wouldn't apply to people who have changed their names after marriage, divorce or adoption of children.

DeSantis Still Thinking Property Tax Special Session

While the House has passed legislation that would ask voters to repeal all property taxes on homesteaded property except for those funding schools (HJR 203), Gov. Ron DeSantis said Wednesday he still believes the final property tax cut package this year will have to come out of a special session. "I would not anticipate this happening in the regular session," DeSantis said Wednesday in St. Augustine. "That was never our plan on this. And there's reasons for that. But it's going to get done. And you guys are going to be able to go to the polls and be able to vote something that's really, really meaningful." The House passed the proposed constitutional amendment on Feb. 19 and sent the bill, by Republican Rep. Monique Miller, to the Senate, where it is yet to be heard. As a joint resolution, the measure wouldn't need approval from the governor if it passes both chambers but would go onto the ballot for voter approval.

Student Volunteers at Polling Sites Bill Goes to Governor

Following unanimous passage in the House last week, the Senate also unanimously approved the measure (HB 461) that allows students to volunteer at polling places in exchange for community service hours on Thursday. Under the bill, students could then apply those service hours to Bright Futures Scholarships. Primary House sponsor Rep. Kiyon Michael, R-Jacksonville, described the proposal as a "narrow, common-sense clarification that protects election integrity while allowing students to serve their communities," in a "positive hands-on civic experience." Under current law, elections offices aren't allowed to accept any donated money or services, including volunteer work, which currently precludes students from volunteering in polling offices. The legislation creates an exemption that allows high school students who are registered or pre-

registered to vote from volunteering to assist poll workers for community service credit. As the Senate took up the companion measure (SB 564), its sponsor, GOP Sen. Clay Yarborough, moved to substitute the House version and praised his Duval County Supervisor of Elections, Jerry Holland, for the inspiration. “He said it best when we were in committee, he came to support the bill. He said, for students, it will be one of the greatest firsthand civic lessons in which they can experience one of our greatest rights and what it takes to conduct elections,” Yarborough said. If approved by the governor, the measure would take effect on July 1, allowing eligible students to begin participating in the process during the upcoming August primaries.

‘Medical Freedom’ Vaccine Bill Advances Amid Bipartisan Concerns

Legislation aimed at expanding parental rights over childhood vaccinations is advancing in the Senate, even as a House companion remains without a hearing. The proposal (SB 1756), sponsored by Jacksonville Republican Sen. Clay Yarborough, cleared the Senate Appropriations Committee Tuesday on a 10-7 vote and now heads to its third and final committee stop: Rules. The measure drew significant public interest, with 100 appearance cards submitted, and sparked pointed questions from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. It would bar state health officers from mandating vaccines during public health emergencies, expand religious exemptions for school-entry vaccinations to include a conscience-based exemption, and require new parental acknowledgment forms before minors receive shots. The proposal also contemplates alternative vaccine schedules and would allow non-prescription ivermectin to be sold “behind the counter” to “ensure patient access,” provided pharmacists educate consumers on the drug’s risks and benefits. When asked by Sen. Tina Polsky, D-Boca Raton, about ivermectin’s uses, Yarborough said it treats parasites, heartworms and head lice in animals and humans. “It’s giving adults, giving Floridians a choice,” he added, citing anecdotal evidence of its use during the COVID-19 pandemic and noting it is considered safe by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration at appropriate doses. Democratic Leader Sen. Lori Berman of Boca Raton questioned whether expanding exemptions could endanger “herd immunity” amid measles outbreaks. Yarborough acknowledged the “concern,” but said protecting parental rights creates a “delicate balance.” The legislation has also divided some Republicans. Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, reiterated her opposition, calling it a “dangerous bill” and questioning whether Yarborough had sufficiently consulted pediatricians. Lecanto GOP Sen. Ralph Massullo, who is a dermatologist, described himself as “pro-vaccine” but supported equating religious and conscience exemptions, while signaling he wants changes before the measure reaches the floor, including scaling back what he called ivermectin advocacy driven by “peer pressure.” Earlier this year, First Lady Casey DeSantis and state Surgeon General Joe Ladapo amplified the DeSantis administration’s emphasis on vaccine choice, saying families across Florida are losing access to pediatric care because their children are unvaccinated.

House Follows Senate, Strips Food-Libel Provision From Farm Bill

Facing mounting opposition, the House State Affairs Committee on Tuesday approved an amendment removing a controversial provision that would have allowed food producers to sue critics for libel, aligning the House's Farm Bill (HB 433) with a Senate version that omits the language. The now-stricken measure would have expanded Florida's existing "food libel" law—currently limited to perishable products—to allow lawsuits against individuals or organizations criticizing any food product or process. The proposal drew sharp pushback from environmental advocates, journalists and members of the President Trump-aligned "Make America Healthy Again" movement. Independent journalist Jason Garcia reported on connections between the provision and the sugar industry, which has faced scrutiny over burning sugarcane fields before harvest, a practice critics charge spreads smoke and soot into nearby communities. Captains for Clean Water argued the measure would have chilled speech for "scientists, journalists, parents, and anyone willing to raise concerns about environmental or public-health impacts." The amended legislation now more closely mirrors its Senate companion (SB 290), which unanimously passed that chamber last week. The sweeping, 800-plus-page House measure also includes restrictions on door-to-door solicitation, creating "a noncriminal violation" punishable by a \$500 fine for first-time offenders who ignore posted no-soliciting signs. Second offenses would rise to second-degree misdemeanors. Bill sponsor Rep. Danny Alvarez, R-Riverview, called the solicitation provision an "overwhelming request," citing complaints about sellers of roofing, solar panels and generators. Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, questioned how the measure might affect children running lawn-mowing businesses and warned it could chill "electoral canvassing." Another provision would require state conservation lands purchased since Jan. 1, 2024, to be reviewed by the state Acquisition and Restoration Council to determine whether they are suitable for commercial agriculture. If deemed appropriate, the land could be sold, though it would remain under an easement prohibiting development. The proposal passed on a 22-3 vote, with Democratic Reps. Anna Eskamani, Ashley Gantt, and Nixon opposed. It next heads to the House floor.

House Passes Hope Florida Rebuke

The Republican-led House sent a message Wednesday about the diversion of Medicaid settlement money through the Hope Florida organization for political ads, unanimously approving legislation (HB 593) that would prohibit siphoning money from settlements with the state to third parties. The bill responds to the administration of GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis' shifting of \$10 million from a settlement with a Medicaid provider to groups trying to defeat a recreational marijuana ballot measure in 2024. The bill's Republican sponsor, Rep. Alex Andrade, who called what happened "criminal" and led the push for an investigation into the use of the money, acknowledged that he didn't know if the legislation had a chance to pass in the Senate, where the same language on the issue isn't in play. In addition to barring state agencies or employees from directing funds offered to the state to settle a lawsuit be sent to a third party as a condition of the settlement, it requires notice to

legislators of what's in any such agreement. The measure also would ban agency heads from being reimbursed for travel expenses between their home and the office when they live outside of the capital and prohibit certain state and local officers and employees from using their position to solicit campaign money.

Dates to Remember

2026 Regular Session Dates

- March 3, 2026 Last day for regularly scheduled committee meetings
- March 13, 2026 Last day of Regular Session

Filed Bills

The bills listed below are those we are currently tracking on your behalf.

[HB 0039](#) Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks by Nix, Jr.

Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks: Provides that certain special assessments on recreational vehicle parks levied by counties, municipalities, & special districts, respectively, may not be levied against certain portion of recreational vehicle parking space or campsite; requires counties, municipalities, & special districts, respectively, to consider recreational vehicle park's occupancy rates for certain purpose. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/17/26
02/17/2026	HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
02/17/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[HB 0045](#) Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators by Plakon

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators: Revises residency restrictions for persons convicted of certain sexual offenses occurring on or after specified date; provides applicability; revises distance required for specified offender to commit specified offense of loitering or prowling; prohibits such offender from knowingly contacting, communicating with, or approaching with intent to contact or communicate with certain children at certain locations; provides exception; requires such offender to provide notice to school or child care facility; authorizes warrantless arrest of person if law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that such person has committed specified offenses; revises requirements for search of sexual predator or

sexual offender registration information by state agency or governmental subdivision before appointing or employing person to work at specified locations; revises special conditions for certain sexual offenders subject to conditional release supervision for offenses committed on or after specified date; revises conditions of probation or community control for certain sexual offenders for offenses committed on or after specified date. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/24/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 13 Yeas, 3 Nays
02/24/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/25/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[HB 0063](#) Carrying a Handgun, Weapon, or Firearm by Hunschofsky

Carrying a Handgun, Weapon, or Firearm: Prohibits carrying handgun, weapon, or firearm into certain locations; provides penalties. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
10/07/2025	HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
11/04/2025	HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

[HB 0067](#) Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property by Holcomb

Reduction of Annual Assessment Increases for Homestead Property: Proposes State Constitutional amendment reducing maximum amount that homestead property's assessed value may increase annually.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee
10/07/2025	HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes
10/31/2025	HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

HB 0069 Assessment of Homestead Property by Holcomb

Assessment of Homestead Property: Reducing maximum increase in assessed value authorized for homestead property.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee
10/07/2025	HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes
10/31/2025	HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

HB 0071 Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners by Holcomb

Distribution of Funds to Homestead Property Owners: Creates Homestead Property Tax Relief Program within DFS; defines “eligible homesteader”; requires CFO to annually issue warrants of specified amount to certain homestead property owners beginning & ending on specified dates; requires CFO to work with county property appraisers for specified purpose; provides future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; Budget Committee
10/07/2025	HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes
11/18/2025	HOUSE Withdrawn prior to introduction

HB 0079 Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential Property by Maggard

Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential Property: Requires vacation rental licensee to equip certain rental units with specified water safety features; provides for civil liability; provides exception. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee

Actions

01/14/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/15/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/19/2026 HOUSE Now in Housing, Agriculture & Tourism
Subcommittee

[HB 0085](#) Swimming Lesson Voucher Program by Kendall

Swimming Lesson Voucher Program: Revises age requirements for children receiving voucher through Swimming Lesson Voucher Program. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

01/16/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Health & Human Services Committee, 01/21/26, 8:00 am, 17 H
01/21/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Health & Human Services Committee; 25 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[SB 0110](#) Homestead Exemptions by Arrington

Homestead Exemptions; Revising the circumstances under which a person may be deemed to have legal or beneficial and equitable title to certain property for homestead exemption purposes, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/18/2026	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/19/26
02/19/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/19/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[HB 0117](#) Residential Swimming Pool Requirements by López

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements: Requires swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after specified date to meet certain pool safety & pool barrier requirements; requires home inspectors to report violations of law to local enforcement agency. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

Actions

10/07/2025	HOUSE Filed
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10/14/2025	HOUSE Referred to Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee; Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee; Commerce Committee
10/14/2025	HOUSE Now in Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee

[SB 0118](#) Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks by Truenow

Assessments Levied on Recreational Vehicle Parks; Prohibiting counties, municipalities, and special districts, respectively, from levying certain special assessments against more than a specified square footage amount per recreational vehicle parking space or campsite, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/24/2026	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/26/26
02/26/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/26/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[HB 0145](#) Suits Against the Government by McFarland

Suits Against the Government: Increases statutory limits on liability for tort claims against state & its agencies & subdivisions; authorizes subdivision of state to settle claim in excess of statutory limit without legislative action regardless of insurance coverage limits; prohibits insurance policy from conditioning benefits on enactment of claim bill; specifies that limitations in effect on date claim accrues apply to that claim; revises period within which certain claims must be presented; revises exceptions relating to instituting tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions; revises period after which failure of certain entities to make final disposition of claim shall be deemed final denial of claim for certain purposes; revises statute of limitations for tort claims against state or agencies or subdivisions & exceptions thereto. Effective Date: October 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

01/15/2026	HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 104 Yeas / 7 Nays)
01/15/2026	SENATE In Messages
01/16/2026	SENATE Received; Referred to Rules

HB 0149 **Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year** by Chamberlin

Maximum Millage Rates for the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year: Provides method for determining the maximum county & school millage rates for fiscal year 2027-2028; provides for future repeal. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Select Committee on Property Taxes

Actions

10/13/2025	HOUSE Filed
10/21/2025	HOUSE Referred to Select Committee on Property Taxes; State Affairs Committee; Ways & Means Committee
10/21/2025	HOUSE Now in Select Committee on Property Taxes

HB 0201 **Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads** by Steele

Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 5 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

HB 0203 **Elimination of Non-school Property for Homesteads** by Miller

Elimination of Non-school Property for Homesteads: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to make homestead property exempt from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies beginning in a specified year, to prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for services provided by law enforcement, firefighters, and other first responders, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/19/2026	HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
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02/19/2026 SENATE In Messages
02/19/2026 SENATE Received; Referred to Appropriations

[HB 0205](#)

Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older by Porras

Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

12/02/2025 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 7 Nays
12/02/2025 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
02/04/2026 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[HB 0207](#)

Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax by Abbott

Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to add a homestead exemption for levies other than school levies equal to 25 percent of the remaining assessed value after applying existing exemptions, provide construction, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

11/20/2025 HOUSE Favorable by Select Committee on Property Taxes; 24 Yeas, 10 Nays
11/20/2025 HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
02/04/2026 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[HB 0209](#)

Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax by Busatta

Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase by \$200,000 the exemption for homestead property from all ad valorem taxation other than school district levies for homestead properties that have property insurance, to prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for first responders, and to provide an effective date. Effective Date: Not Specified

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

12/10/2025	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
12/11/2025	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[HB 0211](#)

Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax by Overdorf

Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase the maximum value of the accrued Save-Our-Homes benefit which may be transferred to a new homestead for all levies other than school district levies, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, and provide an effective date.

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

12/02/2025	HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 18 Yeas, 7 Nays
12/02/2025	HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

[SB 0212](#)

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators by McClain

Sexual Offenders and Sexual Predators; Revising residency restrictions for persons convicted of certain sexual offenses occurring on or after a specified date; revising the prohibition of specified offenders from coming within a specified distance of a place where children congregate; requiring a person who has been convicted of specified offenses to provide notice to a school or child care facility under certain circumstances; authorizing the warrantless

arrest of a person if a law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe the person committed specified offenses, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/26/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (786080); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 31 Yeas / 6 Nays); Immediately certified
02/26/2026	SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/26/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[HB 0213](#)

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases by Griffitts Jr.

Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to modify limitations on assessment increases for both homestead & nonhomestead property, prohibit local governments from reducing total funding for services provided by law enforcement, firefighters, & other first responders, & provide an effective date. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda
02/11/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/13/26, 1:00 pm, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken)

[HB 0215](#)

Ad Valorem Taxation by Albert

Ad Valorem Taxation: Revises Save-Our-Homes portability benefits available to married persons establishing joint homestead; prohibits increase in prior year's adopted millage rate from going into effect unless approved by specified vote; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules; provides for future expiration. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

11/20/2025	HOUSE Favorable by Select Committee on Property Taxes; 23 Yeas, 10 Nays
11/20/2025	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee
02/04/2026	Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Revenue Estimating Impact Conference, 02/06/26, 9:00 am, 117 K (No Votes Will Be Taken) - Consent Agenda

HB 0227 Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions by Maney

Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions: Revises circumstances under which persons may be deemed to have legal or beneficial & equitable title to certain property for homestead exemption purposes. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 24 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/10/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/11/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

HB 0243 Electric Bicycles by Benarroch

Electric Bicycles: Provides requirements for operation of electric bicycles; provides penalties; creates Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force adjunct to DHSMV & provides requirements therefor; requires certain reports to Governor & Legislature by specified dates. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/17/26
02/17/2026	HOUSE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
02/17/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 0244 Residential Swimming Pool Requirements by Rodriguez

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements; Requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool safety and pool barrier requirements; requiring home inspectors to report violations of the law to a local enforcement agency, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

Actions

10/20/2025 SENATE Filed

11/03/2025 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs;
Rules

[SB 0270](#) Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older by Bernard

Homestead Property Exemption for Persons Age 65 or Older; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to exempt homestead property from all levies other than school district levies for persons who have attained age 65, prohibit counties and municipalities from reducing total funding for law enforcement, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0272](#) Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older by Bernard

Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older; Expanding the homestead exemption for persons 65 years and older to include a total exemption of homestead property from ad valorem taxation, other than for school district levies, for certain persons whose household income does not exceed a certain amount; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt emergency rules, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 270 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0274](#) Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to provide that the assessed value of homestead property may not increase after 20 years of ownership and residency, to provide an additional homestead tax exemption equal to 50

percent of the assessed value of property, other than school district levies, for persons who have owned and resided on the property as their permanent residence for 30 years or more, and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0276](#)

Homestead Property Tax Benefits For Long-term Owners And Permanent Residents by Bernard

Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners and Permanent Residents; Requiring that certain property be assessed at less than just value when the person who owns the property has owned and used the property as his or her permanent residence for a specified timeframe; providing that the assessed value of such property shall be a certain amount and may not be increased under certain circumstances; specifying a homestead exemption for certain long-term owners and residents; authorizing periods of ownership and residency to be aggregated, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 274 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment to the State Constitution is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

[SB 0278](#)

Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property by Bernard

Limitation on the Assessed Value of New Homestead Property; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to limit the assessed value of new homestead property established after a change of ownership which had an assessed value of less than a certain amount to no more than 150 percent of the assessed value of the property for the preceding year for ad valorem taxation purposes and to provide an effective date, etc.

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

SB 0280 **Assessment of Homestead Property** by Bernard

Assessment of Homestead Property; Limiting the assessed value upon change of ownership of homestead property having a prior assessed value below a certain amount when the person acquiring the property is entitled to a homestead exemption, etc. Effective Date: On the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by SJR 278 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose, if such amendment is approved at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

SB 0286 **Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties** by Bernard

Assessment of Changes, Additions, or Improvements to Homestead Properties; Revising the manner of assessing the value of changes, additions, or improvements to homestead property, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Finance and Tax

Actions

10/23/2025 SENATE Filed

11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

SB 0302 **Coastal Resiliency** by García

Coastal Resiliency; Prohibiting the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund from approving the dredging or filling of the submerged lands of the Terra Ceia Aquatic Preserve unless such dredging and filling occurs for certain reasons; authorizing certain dredging and filling of submerged lands and placement of certain shorelines and seawalls within the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve; authorizing the erection of certain structures within aquatic preserves; requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, by a specified date, to develop guidelines and standards for nature-based methods to address coastal resiliency and to adopt rules, subject to legislative ratification, for a statewide permitting process for such coastal resiliency, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/19/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (117522); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/19/2026	SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/19/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[HB 0321](#) **Carrying Weapons and Firearms** by Hunschofsky

Carrying Weapons and Firearms: Prohibits person from carrying weapon or firearm into certain locations; provides criminal penalty. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Actions

11/04/2025	HOUSE Filed
11/12/2025	HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
11/12/2025	HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

[HB 0347](#) **Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities** by Borrero

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities: Prohibits governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; specifies flags governmental entity may display on such property; provides requirements for governmental entity that displays flag of United States; prohibits local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to flag of local government; provides that certain ordinances & regulations are void. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Government Operations Subcommittee

Actions

11/05/2025	HOUSE Filed
11/12/2025	HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee
11/12/2025	HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

[SB 0382](#) **Micromobility Device** by Truenow

Micromobility Device; Providing requirements for the operation of electric bicycles; prohibiting the operation of an electric bicycle above a certain speed under certain circumstances; creating the Micromobility Device Safety Task Force adjunct to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles; requiring the Florida Highway Patrol and each police department and sheriff's office to maintain a certain list, beginning on a certain date, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/25/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (324266); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/25/2026	SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/25/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[HB 0389](#) Smoking in Public Places by Andrade

Smoking in Public Places: Revises legislative intent; defines "public place"; revises definition of terms "smoking" & "vape" or "vaping"; prohibits smoking in public places in this state, with exceptions; provides applicability; revises requirements for customs smoking rooms to prohibit smoking & vaping of marijuana products at any time. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Health & Human Services Committee

Actions

11/06/2025	HOUSE Filed
11/18/2025	HOUSE Referred to Health & Human Services Committee; State Affairs Committee; Commerce Committee
11/18/2025	HOUSE Now in Health & Human Services Committee

[SB 0406](#) Carrying Weapons and Firearms by Polsky

Carrying Weapons and Firearms; Prohibiting a person from carrying a weapon or firearm into certain locations; providing criminal penalties, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Criminal Justice

Actions

11/05/2025	SENATE Filed
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11/17/2025 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules

[SB 0426](#) Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities by Yarborough

Adoption and Display of Flags by Governmental Entities; Prohibiting a governmental entity from displaying, placing, or causing to be placed certain flags on real property; providing a penalty; specifying flags a governmental entity may display on such property; prohibiting a local government from adopting certain ordinances or regulations relating to the flag of the local government, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Actions

11/07/2025	SENATE Filed
12/01/2025	SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

[SB 0428](#) Drowning Prevention by Yarborough

Drowning Prevention; Revising the purpose of the Swimming Lesson Voucher Program; revising the age requirements for children receiving a voucher through the program; requiring the Department of Health to develop educational materials on drowning prevention safety measures and safe bathing practices for specified purposes; requiring hospitals, birth centers, and home birth providers to provide the educational materials to new parents and caregivers as part of their postpartum education and care, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/23/2026	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/25/26
02/25/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (768758, 667490); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/25/2026	HOUSE In Messages

[SB 0454](#) Tourist Development Taxes by Smith

Tourist Development Taxes; Deleting a provision requiring that a specified percentage of all tourist development tax revenues be used to promote and advertise tourism, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Commerce and Tourism

Actions

11/12/2025	SENATE Filed
12/01/2025	SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[HB 0455](#) Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials by Black

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials: Preempts all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments & memorials; provides that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to contrary, & certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; prohibits local governments from enacting or enforcing specified ordinances, regulations, or rules; provides penalties; requires DOS to withhold certain funding from local government; authorizes local government to temporarily remove & relocate monument or memorial in certain instances; authorizes Division of Historical Resources of DOS to request certain recommendations from Florida Historical Commission & Department of Veterans' Affairs. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

02/13/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/17/26, 8:30 am, 404 H
02/17/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 14 Yeas, 5 Nays
02/17/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[SB 0456](#) Tourist Development Tax by Smith

Tourist Development Tax; Authorizing the use of proceeds from the tourist development tax to fund public safety improvements, affordable housing, and workforce housing, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Commerce and Tourism

Actions

11/12/2025	SENATE Filed
12/01/2025	SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

[SB 0458](#) Tourist Development Tax by Smith

Tourist Development Tax; Revising the percentage of tourist development tax revenues that must be spent to promote and advertise tourism in order for

any tourist development tax revenues to be used for a specified purpose, etc.
Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Commerce and Tourism

Actions

11/12/2025	SENATE Filed
12/01/2025	SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Finance and Tax; Appropriations

HB 0495 **Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification** by Albert

Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification: Provides legislative findings & intent regarding golf course best management practices certification; provides for type two transfer of Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification program in DEP to DACS. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

Actions

01/29/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; 15 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/30/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/02/2026	HOUSE Now in Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee

SB 0496 **Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials** by McClain

Protection of Historic Monuments and Memorials; Citing this act as the “Historic Florida Monuments and Memorials Protection Act”; preempting all removal, damage to, or destruction of historic Florida monuments and memorials; providing that any existing or future ordinance, regulation, or rule to the contrary, and certain actions by elected or appointed local government officials, are void; providing civil penalties for certain officials who engage in certain actions; authorizing a local government to temporarily remove and relocate a monument or memorial in certain instances provided certain requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Actions

11/13/2025	SENATE Filed
12/01/2025	SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules

HB 0503 Drowning Prevention Education by Eskamani

Drowning Prevention Education: Requires DOH to develop educational materials on drowning prevention safety measures & safe bathing practices for specified purposes; provides requirements for such materials; requires hospitals, birth centers, & home birth providers to provide educational materials to new parents & caregivers as part of their postpartum education & care; requires childbirth educators to provide informational materials to parents or caregivers receiving childbirth education from them. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/24/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Health & Human Services Committee; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/25/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/26/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/04/26

SB 0544 Golf Courses by Truenow

Golf Courses; Creating the “Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification Act”; providing legislative findings and intent regarding golf course best management practices certification; providing for a type two transfer of the Golf Course Best Management Practices Certification program in the Department of Environmental Protection to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Actions

01/13/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Environment and Natural Resources; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay
01/14/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/14/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

SB 0606 Drowning Prevention Education by Smith

Drowning Prevention Education; Requiring the Department of Health to develop educational materials on drowning prevention safety measures and safe bathing practices for specified purposes; providing requirements for such materials; requiring hospitals, birth centers, and home birth providers

to provide the educational materials to new parents and caregivers as part of their postpartum education and care, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/17/2026	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/19/26
02/19/2026	SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
02/19/2026	SENATE Retained on Calendar

[SB 0610](#) Residential Swimming Pool Requirements by Smith

Residential Swimming Pool Requirements; Requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool safety requirements; requiring that swimming pools located on residential real property that is transferred or sold on or after a specified date meet certain pool barrier requirements, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Regulated Industries

Actions

11/20/2025	SENATE Filed
12/09/2025	SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules

[HB 0633](#) Public Swimming and Bathing Places by Berfield

Public Swimming and Bathing Places: Revises & provides requirements for public swimming & bathing facilities relating to yearly inspections, rule variances, review & revision of rules, sanitation & safety standards, certification, the Public Swimming Pool & Spa Technical Committee, replacing certain equipment, & permit applications. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee

Actions

12/03/2025	HOUSE Filed
12/12/2025	HOUSE Referred to Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee; Health Care Budget Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee
12/12/2025	HOUSE Now in Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee

SB 0636 Beach Management by Leek

Beach Management; Requiring the Department of Environmental Protection to review certain data when designating certain beaches as critically eroded and in need of restoration and nourishment; requiring that certain beaches, whose local government preserved funds for a certain purpose and which possess specified features, be designated as critically eroded; revising the list of areas that may receive designation as an area of critical state concern, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/09/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 02/12/26, 9:00 am, 110 S
02/12/2026	SENATE Favorable by Fiscal Policy; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/12/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 0658 Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential and Vacation Properties by Burgess

Water Safety Requirements for the Rental of Residential and Vacation Properties; (THIS BILL COMBINES SB's 658 & 608) Requiring a landlord to equip certain rental properties with specified water safety features; providing criminal penalties; requiring a public lodging establishment licensed as a vacation rental to equip certain rental units with specified water safety features; providing an exception; requiring certain public lodging establishments to file a certificate of compliance upon licensure and renewal, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/19/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (786606); Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/19/2026	SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/19/2026	HOUSE In Messages

HB 0669 Public Mooring Fields by Gossett-Seidman

Public Mooring Fields: Prohibits local governments & special districts from applying for permit to establish or maintain public mooring field. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

02/13/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/16/2026	HOUSE References to Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee and Budget Committee removed; Remaining reference: State Affairs Committee
02/16/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

[HB 0951](#) One-cent Piece by McFarland

One-cent Piece: Authorizes dealers to round to nearest nickel in certain circumstances; provides methodology for such rounding; provides that such rounding is not deceptive & unfair trade practice in certain circumstances; requires certain cash payments be made in full amount due or rounded in a specified manner. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/20/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 02/24/26, 3:00 pm, 404 H
02/25/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Commerce Committee on 02/24/26; 23 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/25/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[HB 0967](#) Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments by Buchanan

Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments: Revises legislative intent; requires units of local government to accept certain forms of payments; requires such local governments accept payments online. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/04/2026	HOUSE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 110 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/04/2026	SENATE In Messages
02/09/2026	SENATE Received; Referred to Rules

[SB 0986](#) Smoking in Public Places by Gruters

Smoking in Public Places; Defining the term “public place”; revising the definition of the terms “smoking” and “vape” or “vaping”; prohibiting

smoking or vaping a marijuana product in public places in this state, with exceptions, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

Actions

01/15/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 01/20/26, 9:30 am, 412 K
01/20/2026	SENATE Favorable by Regulated Industries; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/21/2026	SENATE Now in Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government

HB 1001 **Official Actions of Local Governments** by Black

Official Actions of Local Governments: Prohibits counties & municipalities, respectively, from funding or promoting or taking official action relating to diversity, equity, & inclusion; prohibits counties & municipalities, respectively, from expending funds for diversity, equity, & inclusion offices or for diversity, equity, & inclusion officers; provides that county commissioner, member of governing body of municipality, or any other county or municipal official who, while exercising his or her official authority, willfully violates certain provisions commits misfeasance or malfeasance in office; requires potential recipients of county or municipal contracts or grants to make certain certification to county or municipality before being awarded such contract or grant. Effective Date: January 1, 2027

Current Committee of Reference: House Commerce Committee

Actions

02/13/2026	HOUSE Now in Commerce Committee
02/24/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Commerce Committee, 02/26/26, 3:30 pm, 404 H
02/26/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by Commerce Committee; Official vote expected to be reported on 02/27/26

HB 1035 **Nature-based Coastal Resiliency** by Mooney, Jr.

Nature-based Coastal Resiliency: Authorizes certain dredging & filling of submerged lands & placement of certain shorelines & seawalls within Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve; authorizes erection of specified structures within aquatic preserves; requires DEP to develop by specified date guidelines & standards for nature-based methods to address coastal resiliency; requires DEP & local governments to promote nature-based solutions for coastal resiliency. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/17/2026	HOUSE Favorable with CS by State Affairs Committee; 22 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/17/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
02/19/2026	HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

[SB 1042](#) Public Waters by Rodriguez

Public Waters; Prohibiting local governments and special districts from applying for a permit to establish or maintain a public mooring field under certain circumstances; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Health to adopt and enforce certain rules; requiring counties, municipalities, special districts, and, if applicable, the state to close certain beach waters and public bathing places, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

Actions

12/30/2025	SENATE Filed
01/07/2026	SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government; Rules

[HB 1069](#) Background Screenings by Trabulsy

Background Screenings: Revises definition of term "athletic coach"; provides that independent sanctioning authority is deemed to be qualified entity for purpose of participating in Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse; requires qualified entities to designate user administrator for specified purpose; prohibits certain persons from denying or failing to acknowledge certain criminal history records that have been expunged or sealed; requires FDLE to disclose sealed criminal history records. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/26/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/26/2026	HOUSE Referred to House Calendar
02/26/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/03/26

[SB 1074](#) One-cent Piece by Gaetz

One-cent Piece; Defining the term “cash”; authorizing dealers to round to the nearest nickel in certain circumstances; providing that rounding to the nearest nickel is not a deceptive and unfair trade practice in certain circumstances; requiring that certain cash payments be made in the full amount due or rounded in a specified manner in certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/23/2026	SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/26/26
02/26/2026	SENATE Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
02/26/2026	HOUSE In Messages

SB 1134 **Official Actions of Local Governments** by Yarborough

Official Actions of Local Governments; Prohibiting counties and municipalities, respectively, from funding or promoting or taking official action as it relates to diversity, equity, and inclusion; providing that certain ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, programs, and policies are void; providing that a county commissioner, a member of the governing body of a municipality, or any other county or municipal official acting in an official capacity who violates certain provisions commits misfeasance or malfeasance in office, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/17/2026	SENATE Favorable with CS by Rules; 19 Yeas, 5 Nays
02/18/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/19/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SB 1168 **Background Screenings** by Grall

Background Screenings; Specifying additional disqualifying offenses under the background screening requirements for certain persons; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration, beginning on a specified date or as soon as practicable thereafter, to review and determine eligibility for all criminal history checks submitted to the Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse by specified agencies; providing that, beginning on a specified date, an independent sanctioning authority is considered a qualified entity for the purpose of participating in the clearinghouse; requiring qualified entities conducting background criminal history checks to

designate a user administrator for a specified purpose, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Fiscal Policy

Actions

02/18/2026	SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/18/2026	SENATE Now in Fiscal Policy
02/25/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Fiscal Policy, 03/02/26, 12:00 pm, 412 K

[SB 1200](#) Regulation of Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Places by Massullo, Jr.

Regulation of Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Places; Providing that, notwithstanding an exemption from supervision or regulation, certain pools are subject to annual inspections by the Department of Health to ensure compliance with specified standards; providing the Public Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Committee with the sole authority to review and approve certain variances; requiring certain department and county health department employees to obtain the Florida Public Pool Specialist Certification within a specified timeframe; deleting a certain advisory review board and replacing it with the Public Swimming Pool and Spa Technical Committee, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Health Policy

Actions

01/06/2026	SENATE Filed
01/12/2026	SENATE Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Fiscal Policy

[HB 1297](#) Beach Management by Greco

Beach Management: Requires DEP to review certain data when designating certain beaches as critically eroded & in need of restoration & nourishment; requires that certain beaches be designated as critically eroded; authorizes Secretary of Environmental Protection to require coastal local governments to develop specified plans. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House State Affairs Committee

Actions

02/10/2026	HOUSE On Committee agenda - Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, 02/12/26, 9:15 am, 17 H
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02/12/2026	HOUSE Favorable by Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/12/2026	HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

HB 1329 **Local Government Spending** by Benarroch

Local Government Spending: Revises length of time tentative budgets & final budgets must be posted on county, municipality, & special district websites; requires posting of such budgets to allow members of public to download & review certain information & data in specified formats; requires county and municipal budget officer to perform certain exercise before final adoption of budget; revises length of time adopted amendment must be posted on county's & municipality's website; requires posting of proposed amendment to meet certain requirements; provides exception for counties & municipalities that meet certain requirements; requires counties & municipalities that meet such exception to provide information in form & manner prescribed by DFS; authorizes counties & municipalities to apply for certain hardship waivers. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/26/2026	HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/26/2026	HOUSE Referred to House Calendar
02/26/2026	HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/04/26

SB 1366 **Claims Against the Government** by Brodeur

Claims Against the Government; Increasing the statutory limits on the liability of the state and its agencies and subdivisions for tort claims; requiring the Department of Financial Services, beginning on a specified date and every 5 years thereafter, to adjust the limitations of liability for claims; limiting attorney fees based on the amount of funds recovered; authorizing the Legislature to limit attorney fee awards in a claim bill or reserve any portion of the proceeds of a claim bill to the claimant, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Rules

Actions

02/12/2026	SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 16 Yeas, 2 Nays
02/13/2026	SENATE Now in Rules
02/26/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/03/26, 9:00 am, 412 K

SB 1566 **Local Government Spending** by DiCeglie

Local Government Spending; Citing this act as the “Local Government Financial Transparency and Accountability Act”; revising the timeframe during which tentative budgets, and the length of time for which final budgets, must be posted on county websites; revising the timeframe during which a public hearing for an amendment to a county budget must be advertised; revising the timeframe during which tentative budgets, and the length of time for which final budgets, must be posted on municipal or county websites, as applicable, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2026

Current Committee of Reference: Senate Rules

Actions

02/26/2026	SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/26/2026	SENATE Now in Rules
02/26/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 03/03/26, 9:00 am, 412 K

SB 1612 **Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments** by DiCeglie

Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments; Requiring units of local government to accept certain forms of payments; providing an exception; requiring such local governments to accept payments online, etc. Effective Date: 1/1/2027

Current Committee of Reference: No Current Committee

Actions

02/19/2026	SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/24/26, 12:00 pm, 412 K
02/24/2026	SENATE Favorable by Rules; 21 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/25/2026	SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

HB 6007 **Tourist Development Taxes** by Eskamani

Tourist Development Taxes: Removes provision requiring specified percentage of all tourist development tax revenues to be used to promote & advertise tourism. Effective Date: July 1, 2026

Current Committee of Reference: House Ways & Means Committee

Actions

11/13/2025	HOUSE Filed
11/24/2025	HOUSE Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

11/24/2025 HOUSE Now in Ways & Means Committee