



**Session Week 1: Pre-Session County Lobbyist Call
Monday, January 13, 2020**

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Davin Suggs, FAC's Director of Public Policy gave the following updates:

- FAC's Legislative Day is Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at the Challenger Learning Center/IMAX.
- County Days this week include: Hillsborough, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Volusia and Rural County Day.
- NACo is accepting policy proposals. We encourage Florida commissioners and staff to submit proposals to NACo for their Legislative Conference which takes place February 29-March 3 in Washington D.C.
- Next week's county lobbyist call will be on Tuesday, January 21st due to the Martin Luther King Jr., holiday on Monday, January 20th.
- FAIR meetings will take place at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during session.

Do you want to find out where the Florida Association of Counties stands on bills for the 2020 Legislative Session? Click [here](#) for the 2020 Legislative Session Bill Tracker. Legislation is divided by issue area to help you find the bill that most interests you and your county. The Bill Tracker will help you stay connected for the 2020 Session.

EMERGING ISSUES

- **SB 1128 (Diaz) - Vacation Rentals**
Preempting the regulation of vacation rentals to the state; prohibiting a local law, ordinance, or regulation from allowing or requiring inspections or licensing of vacation rentals; requiring licenses issued by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be displayed conspicuously to the public inside the licensed establishment, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
- **SB 998 (Hutson) - Housing**
Authorizing a board of county commissioners to approve development of affordable housing on any parcel zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts to include certain data relating to impact fees in their annual financial reports; providing the percentage of the sales price of certain mobile homes which is subject to sales tax; exempting certain mobile home park and mobile home subdivision owners from regulation relating to water and wastewater systems by the Florida Public Service Commission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

- **HB 701 (Fischer) - Communications Services Tax**
Communications Services Tax: Revises legislative intent regarding local communications services tax rates; reduces tax on retail sale of communications services; removes provision that specifies where proceeds of communication services tax must be deposited & disbursed; revises local communications services tax rates levied by counties & municipalities; requires dealers to collect & remit local communications services taxes; requires Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset direct reductions of local communications services tax by certain counties & municipalities; requires DOR to submit report to Legislature. Effective Date: January 1, 2021.

Watching Closely: Week Of 1/13/2020

FAC will be attending and monitoring the following committee meetings and bills this week.

Monday, January 13, 2020

1:00 p.m. Senate Government Oversight and Accountability

- **SB 504 (Perry) Local Government Public Construction Works**
Requiring the governing board of a local government to consider estimated costs of certain projects using generally accepted cost-accounting principles that account for specified costs when the board is making a specified determination; prohibiting a local government from performing a project using its own services, employees, and equipment if the project requires an increase in the number of government employees or an increase in certain capital expenditures, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.
- **SB 506 (Perry) Public Procurement of Services**
Revising the maximum dollar amount for continuing contracts for construction projects; redefining the term “continuing contract” to increase certain maximum dollar amounts for professional architectural, engineering, landscape architectural, and surveying and mapping services; requiring the Department of Management Services to annually adjust by rule the statutory caps for continuing contracts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.
- **SB 620 (Hooper) Firefighters’ Bill of Rights**
Requiring that witnesses be interviewed and certain information be provided to a firefighter subjected to interrogation before the interrogation is conducted; prohibiting a firefighter from being threatened with certain disciplinary action during the course of an interrogation; requiring that a firefighter be notified and provided certain information before certain disciplinary actions are taken; requiring that certain information be kept confidential and exempt in accordance with existing law, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

1:00 p.m. Senate Innovation, Industry, and Technology

- **SB 1170 (Baxley) Public Records and Meetings/Division of State Technology**
Revising a provision to reflect the abolishment of the Agency for State Technology; providing an exemption from public records requirements for portions of records held by a state agency

which contain network schematics, hardware and software configurations, or encryption; providing an exemption from public meetings requirements for portions of meetings which would reveal certain records; providing for future legislative review and repeal under the Open Government Sunset Review Act of the exemptions; providing statements of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

- **SB 818 (Hooper) Manufactured Housing**

Reducing the percentage of the sales price of certain mobile homes which is subject to sales tax; exempting certain recreational vehicle dealer applicants from a garage liability insurance requirement; exempting certain mobile home park and mobile home subdivision owners from regulation by the Florida Public Service Commission relating to water and wastewater systems; specifying a requirement for disclosing and agreeing to a mobile home lot rental increase; providing that a mobile home park damaged or destroyed due to natural forces may be rebuilt with the same density as previously approved, permitted, or built, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

- **SB 1128 (Diaz) Vacation Rentals**

Preempting the regulation of vacation rentals to the state; prohibiting a local law, ordinance, or regulation from allowing or requiring inspections or licensing of vacation rentals; requiring licenses issued by the Division of Hotels and Restaurants of the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to be displayed conspicuously to the public inside the licensed establishment, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

3:30 p.m. Senate Community Affairs

- **SB 630 (Mayfield) Regulation of Smoking**

Authorizing municipalities and counties to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of certain public parks, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

- **SB 998 (Hutson) Housing**

Authorizing a board of county commissioners to approve development of affordable housing on any parcel zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use; requiring counties, municipalities, and special districts to include certain data relating to impact fees in their annual financial reports; providing the percentage of the sales price of certain mobile homes which is subject to sales tax; exempting certain mobile home park and mobile home subdivision owners from regulation relating to water and wastewater systems by the Florida Public Service Commission, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

3:30 p.m. Senate Environmental and Natural Resources

- **SB 7016 (Infrastructure and Security) Statewide Office of Resiliency**

Establishing the office within the Executive Office of the Governor; creating the Statewide Sea-Level Rise Task Force within the office; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to contract for specified services, upon request of the task force; requiring the Environmental Regulation Commission to take certain action on the task force's recommendations, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$500,000 Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

2:30 p.m. Senate Agriculture

- **SB 1084 (Diaz) Emotional Support Animals**

Prohibiting discrimination in the rental of a dwelling to a person with a disability or a disability-related need who has an emotional support animal; prohibiting a landlord from requiring such person to pay extra compensation for such animal; prohibiting the falsification of written documentation or other misrepresentation regarding the use of an emotional support animal; specifying that a person with a disability or a disability-related need is liable for certain damage done by her or his emotional support animal, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

2:30 p.m. Senate Commerce and Tourism

- **SB 848 (Montford) Rural Communities**

Designating the "Florida Rural Jobs and Business Recovery Act"; requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to accept applications for approval as growth funds in a specified manner; prohibiting the department from approving more than a certain amount of investment authority or investor contributions; providing requirements for certified growth funds; granting a credit against state premium tax liability for specified investors; prohibiting growth funds that have exited the program from making certain distributions or paying certain fees under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

- **SB 1192 (Gruters) Tax on Aviation Fuel**

Repealing provisions relating to definitions, the tax on aviation fuel, refunds for certain air carriers, administration of the tax, disclosure of price, distribution of proceeds, refunds to carriers, commercial air carrier registration and reporting, and a tax exemption for federal entities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

2:30 p.m. Senate Criminal Justice

- **SB 888 (Perry) Public Nuisances**

Revising notice requirements for the filing of temporary injunctions relating to the enjoinder of certain nuisances; declaring that the use of a location by a criminal gang, criminal gang members, or criminal gang associates for criminal gang-related activity is a public nuisance; declaring that any place or premises that has been used on more than two occasions during a certain period as the site of any combination of specified violations is a nuisance and may be abated pursuant to specified procedures, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

8:30 a.m. Senate Rules

- **SB 140 (Hutson) Fireworks**

Defining the term "designated holiday"; providing an exemption for the use of fireworks solely and exclusively during a designated holiday, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

- **SB 356 (Hutson) Keep Our Graduates Working Act**

Creating the "Keep Our Graduates Working Act of 2020"; prohibiting a state authority from suspending or revoking a person's professional license, certificate, registration, or permit solely on the basis of a delinquency or default in the payment of his or her student loan, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

- **SB 172 (Bradley) Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act**
Preempting the regulation of over-the-counter proprietary drugs or cosmetics to the state, etc.
Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

9:30 a.m. House Criminal Justice Subcommittee

- **HB 131 (McClain) Security in Trial Court Facilities**
Requires sheriffs to coordinate with specified entities to develop comprehensive plan for security of trial court facilities; specifies that sheriffs & chief judges retain certain authority; specifies that sheriffs & their deputies, employees, & contractors are officers of court under specified circumstances. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

9:30 a.m. House Energy & Utilities Subcommittee

- **HB 207 (McClain) Acquisition of Water and Wastewater Systems**
Authorizes certain water & wastewater utilities to establish rate base value by using fair market value when acquiring utility system; establishes procedure in determining fair market value; requires rate base value to be reflected in acquiring utility's next rate case for rate-making purposes; specifies contents required for an application to PSC for approval of rate base value of utility system; specifies duties of commission in approving or denying an application; requires commission to adopt rules. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

9:30 a.m. House Local, Federal & Veteran Affairs Subcommittee

- **HB 7 (Fine) Legal Notices**
Provides for website publication of legal notices; provides criteria for such publication; authorizes fiscally constrained county to use publicly accessible website to publish legally required advertisements & public notices; requires governmental agency to provide specified notice to residents concerning alternative methods of receiving legal notices. Effective Date: July 1, 2021.
- **HB 637 (DiCeglie) Impact Fees**
Revises conditions that counties, municipalities, & special districts must satisfy before enacting an ordinance or passing resolution; provides that impact fee credits are assignable & transferrable under certain conditions; requires certain counties & municipalities to establish impact fee review committees; provides for membership; provides procedures for meetings & establishing quorums; provides committee duties. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.
- **HB 639 (McClure) Displacement of Private Waste Companies**
Requires local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to displaced private waste companies at end of specified notice period; removes provision relating to authorization of local governments to pay specified amount of compensation to private waste companies as alternative to delaying displacement for specified period; removes provisions authorizing local governments & private waste companies to negotiate such compensation & notice. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.
- **HB 877 (Killebrew) Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities**

Proposes amendments to State Constitution to authorize surviving spouse of deceased veteran to carry over certain discounts on ad valorem taxes on homestead property until surviving spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of property, if, upon veteran's death, veteran had permanent, combat-related disabilities; authorizes discount to be transferred to another permanent residence if surviving spouse has not remarried. Effective Date: Not Specified.

- **HB 879 (Killebrew) Surviving Spouse Ad Valorem Tax Reduction**

Authorizes surviving spouses of certain permanently disabled veterans to carry over certain discount on ad valorem taxes on homestead property under specified conditions; authorizes discount to be transferred to another permanent residence under specified conditions; provides procedure by which applicant may file application after specified date & request discount; authorizes DOR to adopt emergency rules. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 877, or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose.

10:15 a.m. Senate Judiciary

- **SB 726 (Rouson) Florida Commission on Human Relations**

Revising quorum requirements for the Commission on Human Relations and its panels; revising the number of persons the commission must recommend for the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame; deleting a requirement that a facility or community that provides housing for older persons register with and submit a letter to the commission; deleting the requirement for the commission or Attorney General to investigate a complaint of discrimination in evaluating an application for club membership, etc. Effective Date: 07/01/2020.

10:30 a.m. Senate Banking and Insurance

- **SB 1092 (Bean) Fire Prevention and Control**

Creating the Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program within the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department of Financial Services for certain purposes; requiring the division to administer the program and annually award grants, and distribute equipment and training, to qualifying fire departments in a certain manner; requiring the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules and procedures, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2020.

1:00 p.m. House Ag & Natural Resources Subcommittee

- **HB 775 (Avila) Everglades Protection Area**

Requires comprehensive plans & plan amendments adopted by governing body of local government whose boundaries include Everglades Protection Area to follow state coordinated review process; requires DEP to coordinate with local government on certain mitigation measures for such plans & amendments. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

1:00 p.m. House Business & Professions Subcommittee

- **HB 3 (M. Grant) Preemption of Local Occupational Licensing**

Preempts licensing of occupations to state; provides exceptions; prohibits local governments from imposing or modifying certain licensing requirements; specifies that certain local licensing may not be enforced; specifies that certain specialty contractors are not required to register with Construction Industry Licensing Board; prohibits local governments from requiring certain specialty contractors to obtain license; specifies job scopes for which local government may not require license; authorizes counties & municipalities to issue certain journeyman licenses. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

- **HB 459 (Overdorf) Building Design**
Provides regulations relating to building design elements may not be applied to certain structures; provides affected party may submit certain local government regulations to Florida Building Commission for review; provides for enforcement of such regulation. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

1:00 p.m. House Government Operations & Technology Approps Subcommittee

- **HB 441 (DiCeglie) Public Procurement of Services**
Revises maximum dollar amount for construction project continuing contracts; redefines term "continuing contract" to increase maximum dollar amounts for certain professional services. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.
- **HB 487 (Fetterhoff) Fire Prevention and Control**
Creates Firefighter Cancer Decontamination Equipment Grant Program for certain purposes; requires Division of State Fire Marshal to administer program & annually award grants to qualifying fire departments; requires State Fire Marshal to adopt rules & procedures; provides eligibility requirements; provides requirements for grant recipients. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

1:00 p.m. House Health Care Approps Subcommittee

- **HB 607 (Pigman) Health Care Practitioners**
Authorizes autonomous practice for specified health care practitioners; requires Board of Health or DOH to register physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse if applicant meets criteria; authorizes such autonomous health care practitioners to perform specified acts without physician supervision or supervisory protocol; provides appropriations & authorizes positions. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

1:00 p.m. House Transportation and Infrastructure Sub

- **HB 551 (Jenne) Transportation Disadvantaged**
Requires increase & support of programs that enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes for transportation disadvantaged; requires evaluation of multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to increase & support such programs; requires Commission for Transportation Disadvantaged to develop disability sensitivity training program & A Ride Away Program; provides program requirements; requires possession of certain identification issued by commission; requires motor vehicles used to provide transportation disadvantaged services to be equipped with cameras & GPS. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

3:30 p.m. House Health Market Reform Sub

- **HB 767 (M. Grant) Assisted Living Facilities**
Revises requirements & standards relating to ALF licensure, inspections, resident criteria & rights, & staff training & continuing education. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.
- **HB 919 (Caruso) Property Tax Exemptions Used by Hospitals**
Provides criteria to be used in determining value of tax exemptions for charitable use of certain hospitals; provides application requirements for tax exemptions on certain properties. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

3:30 p.m. House Insurance & Banking Sub

- **HB 6033 (Sirois) Rental Agreements upon Foreclosure**

Removes provisions relating to termination of rental agreements upon foreclosure of residential premises. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.

3:30 p.m. House Workforce Development & Tourism Sub

- **HB 305 (Rommel) Preemption of Conditions of Employment**

Preempts to state right to regulate conditions of employment by an employer; voids certain ordinances, regulations, or policies that are preempted by act. Effective Date: upon becoming a law.

- **HB 717 (Sirois) Space Florida Financing**

Specifies bonding provisions to which Space Florida is subject; revises powers of Space Florida regarding bond issuance; removes provisions regarding presentation of bond proposals to, & approval of bond issuance by, Governor & Cabinet; revises provisions relating to securing issuance of revenue bonds; repeals provisions relating to pledging assessments & other revenues & properties as additional security on bonds, issuance of bond anticipation notes, & short-term borrowing; revises provisions relating to lien of pledges; revises bond maturity date requirements; authorizes Space Florida to validate bonds pursuant to certain provisions. Effective Date: July 1, 2020.