

## FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, INC. POLICY

**Subject:** FAC Notice Process of Legislative Conflicts with a County or a Group of Counties During a Legislative Session


**Objective:** To articulate the process that FAC staff will use to notify affected parties when conflicts on a legislative issue arise between the FAC position and the position of a county or a group of counties during a legislative session.

There are times when a conflict on a legislative issue arises between the FAC legislative position (identified either through adopted legislative policy or through adopted legislative Guiding Principles) and a county or a group of counties. When such a conflict is identified, the following process will be used:

1. The designated representative of the county or group of counties (example: the county administrator or a county commissioner) will be notified by FAC of the conflict as soon as practical under the circumstances.
2. That representative will be informed of the FAC position on the issue that gives rise to the conflict and of the intended course of action by FAC based on that position.
3. The Legislative Executive Committee will be informed of the conflict and of the course of action taken and intended to be taken by FAC on the matter. The Legislative Executive Committee shall either approve that proposed course of action or, after deliberation and committee action, direct FAC staff to take alternative action.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph (3) above, when the conflict involves a legislative redistribution of state shared revenues anticipated to be received by the board of county commissioners of a county or a group of counties, FAC shall oppose any position that fails to hold all member counties harmless.

**Reservation of Authority:** The FAC Board of Directors reserves the right to modify, amend or abolish this policy by majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

As approved by the Board of Directors, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006

  
Commissioner Susan Latvala,  
President