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Legislative Bill Tracking – 2017
as of 2/17/17

House

HB 1 – “Judicial Term Limits” (Sullivan) – filed 1/25/17

Compare to SB 482

Referred to Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

Favorable in Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee (8-7), 2/9/17

Now in Judiciary Committee

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to limit to 12 consecutive years, the number of years supreme court justices & district court judges may hold the same office & prohibiting justices or district court judges from being reappointed for 1 year after leaving office. Justices and district court judges in office on January 9, 2019 & future appointees are subject to term limit.

HB 17 – “Local Regulation Preemption” (Fine) – filed 1/31/17

Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee, 2/9/17

Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Prohibits local governments from imposing or adopting a regulation on businesses, professions and occupations unless expressly authorized by law. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 21 – “Limitations on Property Tax Assessments” (Barton) – filed 1/23/17

Similar to SB 76

Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee, 2/2/17

Now in Ways & Means Committee

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to remove future repeal of constitutional provisions that limit amount of annual increases in assessments, except for school district levies, of specified non-homestead real property.

HB 37 – “Law Enforcement Certification” (Jones) – filed 11/23/16

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/9/17

In Criminal Justice Subcommittee 1/9/17

Would require law enforcement and correctional officers to pass job-related psychological evaluation performed by a mental health professional before initial employment or appointment and every 4 years thereafter as a condition of continued employment or appointment; would also require all criminal justice training schools to receive specified national accreditation by certain date. Proposed effective date: 7/1/17

HB 41 – “Legislative Appointment and Congressional Redistricting” (Jenne) – filed 11/23/16

Referred to Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; Appropriations Committee and Rules & Policy Committee 1/9/17

In Public Integrity & Ethics Committee 1/9/17

This bill would create an independent commission on legislative appointment and congressional redistricting; provides for purpose, duties, membership and funding of commission; would require

commission to conduct public hearings; would subject commission to government-in-the-sunshine and financial disclosure requirements; prohibits persons not serving on or employed by commission from influencing or attempting to influence commission members and employees other than through prescribed process; provides for criminal penalties. Proposed effective date: 7/1/17

HB 43 – “Special Review Commission” (Watson (B)) – filed 11/23/16

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/9/17

In Criminal Justice Subcommittee 1/9/17

Withdrawn prior to introduction, 1/24/17

This bill would create a Special Review Commission; provides for commission membership; specifies membership requirements; requires law enforcement agencies to report lethal use-of-force incidents to commission; requires prosecutors to notify commission of inquiries into use-of-force fatalities and determinations not to pursue charges; authorizes commission to review lethal use-of-force incidents; authorizes commission to refer incidents to AG for prosecution consideration; authorizes commission to subpoena documents & witnesses; authorizes AG to bring criminal charges; prohibits actions that could constitute double jeopardy. Proposed effective date: 7/1/17

HB 49 – “Ad Valorem Taxation” (Eagle) – filed 11/23/16

Similar to SB 272

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/9/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (13-0), 2/15/17

This bill would require property appraisers to reduce the assessed value on residential property damaged or destroyed by natural disaster under certain conditions; requiring the property appraiser to submit written statement to the tax collector & specifying the contents thereof; provides duties of tax collector relating to reduction in taxes; requires annual notification to DOR & board of county commissioners of reduction in taxes; provides retroactive applicability; provides effective date. Proposed effective date: upon becoming a law

Strike-All amendment adopted 2/15/17 (LFVAS) to the proposed committee substitute and reported the bill favorably as a committee substitute. The committee substitute revised the definition of natural disaster to include events for which the Governor has declared a state of emergency and to provide a definition for sinkhole. The committee substitute clarifies that the property appraiser shall place no taxable value on the damaged structure for the period the structure was uninhabitable. The committee substitute also makes technical corrections to more clearly define the process for calculating the tax credit.

HB 77 – “Sports Franchise Facilities” (Avila) – filed 12/6/16

Identical to SB 122

Referred to Government Accountability Committee; Appropriations Committee 1/9/17

In Government Accountability Committee, 1/9/17

Bill would prohibit professional or semi-professional sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving facility on leased public land; requires that sale of public land for sports franchise facility be at fair market value. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 93 – “Disposable Plastic Bags” (Richardson) – filed 12/13/16

Similar to SB 162

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Government Accountability 1/9/17

In Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 1/9/17

Bill would authorize certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags; provides program criteria; provides for program expiration; directs participating municipalities to collect data & submit reports to municipal governing bodies & DEP; defines term "coastal community." Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 139 – “Local Tax Referenda” (Ingoglia, Gruters) – filed 12/29/16

Similar to SB 278

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/11/17

In Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 1/11/17; on committee agenda 1/25/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Committee (15-0), 1/18/17

In Ways & Means Committee, 1/25/17

Bill would require local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a general election. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 143 – “Firefighters” (Fitzhagen) – filed 1/4/17

Identical to SB 158

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/11/17

In Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee 1/11/17

Bill defines "firefighter"; establishes presumption as to firefighter's condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in line of duty; specifies criteria firefighter must meet to be entitled to presumption; requires employing agency to provide physical examination for firefighter; specifies circumstances under which presumption does not apply; provides for applicability; requires Legislature to review specified cancer research programs by certain date; provides for employer contribution rate increase to fund changes made by act; provides directive to Division of Law Revision & Information; provides declaration of important state interest. Effective Date: July 1, 2017

HB 147 – “Skateboard and Scooter Regulations” (Stark) – filed 1/4/17

Similar to SB 266

Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation Accountability Committee; and, Government Accountability Committee 1/4/17

In Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee 1/11/17

Bill would create "Max's Helmet Law"; requires child under 16 to wear helmet while riding skateboard or foot-propelled scooter; provides helmet standards; prohibits attachment of skateboard or scooter to vehicle; prohibits parent from authorizing violation; prohibits renting or leasing skateboard or scooter without helmet; provides for enforcement, penalties, exceptions, & disposition of fines. Proposed effective date: October 1, 2017

HB 173 – “Tourist Development Tax” (Latvala (C)) – filed 1/5/17

Similar to SB 68

Referred to Tourism & Gaming Control Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee 1/23/17

In Tourism & Gaming Control Subcommittee 1/23/17

Bill would authorize counties imposing tourist development tax to use those tax revenues for auditoriums that are publicly owned but operated by specified organizations under certain circumstances. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

HB 187 – “Selection and Duties of County Officers” (Diaz (M)) – filed 1/9/17

Similar to HB 87 and SB 136

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/23/17

In Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 1/23/17

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to remove authority for county charter or special law to provide for choosing property appraiser in manner other than election. Proposed effective date: Not Specified

HB 193 – “Towing and Storage Fees” (Cortes (B)) – filed 1/9/17

Identical to SB 282

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee 1/23/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (15-0), 2/8/17

Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 2/13/17

Bill would prohibit counties & municipalities from enacting ordinances or rules that impose a fee or charge on wrecker operators or vehicle storage companies when providing certain services; provides exceptions. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

LFVA Subcommittee adopted amendment on 2/9/17 which prohibits counties and municipalities from adopting or enforcing ordinances or rules that impose fees, other than reasonable costs, on the registered owner or lienholder of a vehicle removed and impounded under Chapter 323, F.S. The amendment also removes a list of situations where the prohibition on a local government imposing a fee on authorized wrecker operator would apply.

HB 201 – “Classified Advertisement Websites” (Watson (B)) – filed 1/10/17

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee 1/23/17

In Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 1/23/17

Bill authorizes local governmental bodies to designate specified number of safe-haven facilities in each county based upon population size; authorizes approval of local government buildings to serve as safe-haven facilities; limits liability of local governmental entities that provide safe-haven facility; limits actions against state or local government related to transactions taking place at safe-haven facility. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 221 – “Transportation Network Companies” (Sprowls, Grant (J)) – filed 1/11/17

Similar to SB 340

Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee 1/23/17

Favorable in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee (14-1), 2/8/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 2/9/17

Bill would provide that transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles/for-hire vehicles; requires TNC to designate & maintain agent for service of process; provides fare requirements & requirements for TNC's digital network; provides for electronic receipt; provides automobile insurance requirements & requirements for specified proof of coverage; provides disclosure requirements for TNC driver in event of accident; requires TNC to cause its insurer to issue certain payments directly to certain parties; requires TNC to make specified disclosures in writing to TNC drivers; authorizes specified insurers to exclude certain coverage; provides that right to exclude coverage applies to coverage included in automobile insurance policy; provides that specified automobile insurers have right of contribution against other insurers that provide automobile insurance to same TNC drivers in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under certain circumstances; requires TNC to provide specified information to certain parties during claims coverage investigation; requires certain insurers to disclose specified information to other insurer involved in claim; provides that TNC drivers are independent contractors if specified conditions are met; requires TNC to implement zero-tolerance policy for drug/alcohol use; provides TNC driver requirements; requires TNC to conduct background check for TNC driver; prohibits TNC driver from accepting certain rides or soliciting/accepting street hails; requires TNC to adopt nondiscrimination policy & notify TNC drivers of policy; requires TNC drivers to comply with nondiscrimination policy & applicable laws regarding nondiscrimination & accommodation of service animals; prohibits TNC from imposing additional charges for providing services to persons who have physical disabilities; requires TNC to maintain specified records; specifies that TNCs, TNC drivers, & TNC vehicles are governed exclusively by state law; prohibits local governmental entities & subdivisions from taking specified actions; provides applicability & construction. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 223 – “Tax on Commercial Real Property” (Ahern) – filed 1/11/17

Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Appropriations Committee 1/23/17

In Ways & Means Committee 1/23/17

Bill provides certain exemptions from tax imposed on rental or license fees charged for use of commercial real property; provides for future repeal of tax. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 231 – “Nonpartisan Elections for State Attorneys and Public Defenders” (Davis) – filed 1/12/17

Identical to SB 366

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/23/17

In Criminal Justice Subcommittee 1/23/17

Bill proposes revisions to provisions governing candidate qualifying to conform with redesignation of offices of state attorney & public defender as nonpartisan offices; removes certain requirements relating to notification & ballot layout, to conform; revises provisions governing candidate qualifying for nonpartisan offices; adds candidates for offices of state attorney & public defender

to list of candidates who may qualify for election by specified petition process, in lieu of qualifying fee; requires ballot identify applicable judicial circuit; requires that space be made available on general election ballot if write-in candidate has qualified; prohibits name of an unopposed candidate for office of state attorney or public defender from appearing on any ballot; specifies that qualified elector of judicial circuit is eligible to vote for candidate; specifies applicability of campaign financing & reporting requirements to candidates; prohibits political party or partisan political organization from endorsing, supporting, or assisting any candidate in campaign for election to office of state attorney or public defender; provides penalty. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 235 – “Prohibited Places for Weapons and Firearms” (Stafford) – filed 1/12/17

Identical to SB 170

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/23/17

In Criminal Justice Subcommittee 1/23/17

Revises locations where licensees are prohibited from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 249 – “Drug Overdoses” (Rommel, Duran) – filed 1/17/17

Similar to SB 588

Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee 1/25/17

In Health Quality Subcommittee 1/25/17

Bill would require certain persons to report controlled substance overdoses; provides for reporting agency in each county; defines "overdose"; provides requirements for such reports; provides immunity for persons who make such reports in good faith; requires sharing of data with specified entities; provides for use of such data; requires maintenance of records for specified periods; prohibits failure to make such reports. Proposed effective date: October 1, 2017

HB 263 – “Veterans’ Annual Sales Tax Holiday” (Ponder) – filed 1/17/17

Compare to HB 25

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/25/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (14-0), 2/15/17

Bill creates annual sales tax holiday for veterans; specifies eligible items; specifies documents that demonstrate proof of military status; specifies reporting requirements of retailers; authorizes certain retailers to opt out of sales tax holiday; authorizes DOR to adopt rules. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

Committee substitute filed 2/15/17 (LFVAS) adopted one amendment and reported the bill favorably as a committee substitute. The amendment: limits the tax holiday to one day annually on November 11; adds any proof of veteran status issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to the list of documents that demonstrate proof of military status; and, provides DOR with emergency rulemaking authority to implement the provisions of the bill in the timeframes provided.

HB 271 – “Selection and Duties of County Officers” (Cortes (B)) – filed 1/17/17

Compare to HB 87, SB 130, SB 134, SB 136, SB 138

Similar to SB 132

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/25/17

In Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 1/25/17

Joint Resolution proposing amendment to State Constitution to remove authority for county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers other than by election, to prohibit special law to provide for choosing tax collector other than by election, to authorize abolition of county office & transfer of duties only by approval of county voters, & to remove authority for county charter to transfer certain duties of clerk of circuit court.

HB 275 – “State Work Opportunity Tax Credit” (Alexander, Williams) – filed 1/18/17

Similar to SB 276

Referred to Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee 1/25/17

In Ways & Means Committee 1/25/17

Bill would provide credit against corporate income tax for businesses hiring certain persons convicted of felony; provides requirements & limitations; requires DOR & DEO to adopt rules & authorizes certain guidelines. Proposed effective date: upon becoming a law

HB 279 – “Reimbursement of Certain Taxes” (Stevenson) – filed 1/18/17

Similar to SB 390

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/25/17

In Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee 1/25/17

Bill authorizes partial reimbursement of ad valorem taxes paid on homestead properties rendered uninhabitable from damage inflicted by hurricanes in 2016; authorizes reimbursement of sales taxes paid for mobile homes destroyed from damage inflicted by hurricanes in 2016; provides procedures for applying & receiving reimbursements; provides procedures for appealing denials of reimbursement requests; requires DOR to determine total reimbursement payments & to disburse checks from specified trust fund; provides penalty for giving false information; requires undeliverable reimbursement checks be forwarded to certifying property appraiser for delivery; provides appropriations; provides for certifying forward unexpended funds. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 285 – “Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Inspections” (Fine, Leek, Massullo, Jr.) – filed 1/18/17

Similar to SB 390

Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Commerce Committee 1/25/17

In Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee 1/25/17

Bill requires that onsite sewage treatment & disposal systems be inspected by specified professionals at point of sale in real estate transactions; deletes provisions prohibiting local governments & specified ordinances from mandating such evaluations. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 289 – “Property Taxes” (Avila) – filed 1/18/17

Similar to SB 226

Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee 1/25/17

In Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee 1/25/17

Bill revises provision concerning delinquent taxes prior to claiming adverse possession; revises provisions related to payment of ad valorem taxes & ad valorem assessments under specified situations; revises provisions authorizing property appraisers to waive unpaid penalties & interest; revises property value owned by certain persons that is exempt from taxation; revises publication requirements for certain public hearings by local governments. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 305 – “Law Enforcement Body Cameras” (Harrison) – filed 1/19/17

Similar to SB 226

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/25/17

In Criminal Justice Subcommittee 1/25/17

Bill would require law enforcement agencies to develop guidelines authorizing an officer's review of camera footage of an incident before writing report or providing statement. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 321 – “Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment of Revision” (Roth) – filed 1/20/17

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Government Accountability Committee, 2/7/17

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 2/7/17

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to increase percentage of elector votes required to approve amendment or revision to State Constitution from 60 percent to 66 & 2/3 percent.

HB 331 – “Public Records” (McClain) – filed 1/20/17

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 2/6/17

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Bill would require that requests to inspect or copy records in the custody of a law enforcement agency be made to a certain individual. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 349 – “Legislation by Initiative” (Geller) – filed 1/22/17

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 2/6/17

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to allow proposal of laws by initiative without legislative or gubernatorial approval; prescribe requirements for subject matter, proposal, & approval of such initiatives; require extraordinary vote of each house of Legislature to amend or repeal laws approved by voters; require Legislature to adopt procedures for initiatives; provide for Supreme Court review of initiative petitions; require ballot statements for such initiatives to include statement of economic impact.

HB 353 – “Local Government Participation in Florida Retirement System” (Fischer) – filed 1/23/17

Identical to SB 428

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 2/6/17

Bill would provide that employees of governing body of municipality, metropolitan planning organization, or special district that applies to participate in FRS on or after certain date may enroll only in defined contribution program; authorizes enrollment in pension plan for employees of governing bodies that have elected or applied to participate in FRS before certain date; provides for retroactive application. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

HB 365 – “Legislative Reauthorization of Agency Rulemaking Authority” (Eisnaugle) – filed 1/23/17

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Rules & Policy Committee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 2/6/17

Bill would provide for suspension of certain rulemaking authority after specified period until reauthorized by general law; provides for expiration of reauthorization after specified period; requires legislative ratification of rules adopted while rulemaking authority is suspended; authorizes Governor to delay suspension of rulemaking authority for specified period upon declaration of public necessity; provides exceptions; revises circumstances for renewal of emergency rules. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 367 – “Prearrest Diversion Programs” (Plakon) – filed 1/23/17

Similar to SB 448

Linked to HB 369

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

Favorable in Criminal Justice Subcommittee (14-0), 2/15/17

Bill encourages local prearrest diversion programs for certain offenders; encourages such programs to share information with other such programs; authorizes law enforcement officers to issue civil citation to adults; requires program to provide certain services; requires that adult issued civil citation fulfill community service requirement & pay restitution to victim; provides for criminal charges of adults who fail to complete program; prohibits arrest record from being associated with certain offense for adult who successfully completes program; provides for creation of program & development of policies & procedures; specifies nonviolent misdemeanor offenses that are eligible for program. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

Committee substitute filed 2/15/17 (CJS it amends the model ACCP outlined in the bill, which provides an implementation guide for local communities and educational institutions, to account for existing variances in adult prearrest diversion programs currently operating in this state. Under the CS, the suggested ACCP eligibility requirements are amended, with those existing programs in mind, to allow programs the option to permit an adult to be eligible for a civil citation: (a) when the adult commits any misdemeanor offense, rather than only a nonviolent misdemeanor offense; (b) without requiring the consent of a victim; (c) if the adult does not contest the offense, rather than requiring an admission to the offense; and (d) when the adult has a previous arrest or has

previously received a civil citation. The CS also recognizes that an ACCP may determine that a fee for program participation should not be required. Finally, the CS provides that if an adult fails to successfully complete the program, a model ACCP may decide if referral for prosecution is appropriate, rather than making such referral a requirement.

HB 425 – “Vacation Rentals” (La Rosa) – filed 1/24/17

Identical to SB 188

Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee

Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee, 2/6/17

Bill would provide that local laws, ordinances, & regulations adopted after certain date may not restrict use of, prohibit, or regulate vacation rentals based solely on classification, use, or occupancy. Proposed effective date: upon becoming a law

HB 571 – “Selection and Duties of County Officers/Clerk of the Circuit Court” (Drake) – filed 1/27/17

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 2/9/17

Bill proposes amendment to Section 1 of Article VIII & creation of new section in Article XII of State Constitution to remove authority for county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in manner other than election, prohibit special law to provide for choosing clerk of circuit court in manner other than election, authorize abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, & remove authority for county charter to transfer certain duties of clerk of circuit court to another officer.

HB 573 – “Water Protection and Sustainability” (Burton) – filed 1/27/17

Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee, 2/9/17

Bill creates "Heartland Headwaters Protection & Sustainability Act"; exempts entity created by specific interlocal agreement from provision requiring Secretary of Environmental Protection to approve regional water supply authorities prior to their creation; requires cooperative to prepare annual report concerning water resource projects, specifies requirements for such report, & requires inclusion of such report in appropriate consolidated water management district annual report; authorizes certain entities to expend proceeds of local government infrastructure surtaxes for certain water purposes; provides for annual appropriations.

HB 599– “Public Works Projects” (Williamson) – filed 1/31/17

Identical to SB 534

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 2/9/17

Bill prohibits state & political subdivisions that contract for public works projects from imposing wage/benefits requirements conditions on contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers; prohibits state & political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids or being awarded contracts.

HB 607– “Public-Private Partnerships” (Burton) – filed 2/1/17

Identical to SB 332

Compare to SB 322

Liked to HB 609

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 2/9/17

Bill defines terms “information technology” and “state agency,” revised definition of term “responsive public entity;” revises legislative findings to recognize public need of pursuing information technology projects through establishment of public-private partnerships. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 621– “Sheriff Budgets” (Jacobs) – filed 2/9/17

Identical to SB 652

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee

Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 2/9/17

Bill authorizes sheriff to transfer funds among specified budget appropriations for certain expenditures. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 627– “Dogs in Vehicles” (Moskowitz) – filed 2/3/17

Identical to SB 320

Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 2/15/17

Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

Requires person transporting dog in areas of vehicles or trailers to secure dog; preempts regulation of transportation of dogs in vehicles to state; declares void certain ordinances/rules adopted by local governments; requires court to declare such ordinances/rules invalid & issue permanent injunction.

HB 629– “Financial Assistance for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure” (Payne) – filed 2/3/17

Identical to SB 678

Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 2/15/17

Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

Bill allows for disbursement of financial assistance for water & wastewater infrastructure projects based upon invoiced costs; provides that recipients are not required to request advance payment; provides for submission of proof of payment.

HB 639– “Emergency Assessments for Property Insurance” (Shaw) – filed 2/6/17

Identical to SB 728

Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee, 2/15/17

Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

Bill revises limitations on emergency assessments levied by Citizens Property Insurance Corporation & limits the corporation's authority to pledge account's emergency assessment to secure issuance of bonds or other security; revises limitation on Florida Insurance Guaranty Association's obligations for policies covering condominium or homeowners' associations; requires OIR to levy specified additional emergency assessments against certain insurers for specified purposes.

HB 687– “Utilities” (LaRosa) – filed 2/7/17

Identical to SB 596

Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Commerce Committee, 215/17

Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee

Bill prohibits DOT & local governmental entities from regulating/prohibiting collocation of small wireless facilities in public rights-of-way; provides requirements for collocation permit application, processing, & issuance; prohibits requirement of approval/fees for certain purposes; prohibits collocation on private property without consent of property owner; prohibits exclusive collocation arrangements; provides requirements for rates, fees, & terms; prohibits adoption/enforcement of certain regulations & imposition of certain taxes/fees/charges.

HB 765– “Sales Tax Exemptions for Agricultural Products” (McClain) – filed 2/10/17

Bill revises maximum sales price of certain farm trailers exempt from the sales & use tax; exempts animal health products & agricultural items from tax. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 803– “Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms” (Hahnfeldt) – filed 2/13/17

Compare to SB 140, 618, 620, 622, 626, 640, 646 and HB 779, 6001, 6005

Bill removes restrictions on places where persons holding licenses to carry concealed weapons or firearms may carry. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 819– “Firearms” (Byrd) – filed 2/14/17

Compare to SB 610

Bill requires business, organization, or entity that prohibits concealed weapon or firearm licensee from carrying weapon or firearm onto its property to assume certain responsibility for safety & defense of such licensee; provides that such responsibility extends to conduct of certain people & animals; provides cause of action for concealed weapon or firearm licensee who incurs injury, death, damage, or loss as result of certain acts or attacks occurring on property of such business, organization, or entity. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 847– “Implementation of Water and Land Conservation Constitutional Amendment” (Payne) – filed 2/16/17

Identical to SB 234

Compare to SB 982

Bill requires specified funds within Land Acquisition Trust Fund appropriation for restoration projects related to St. Johns River & tributaries or Keystone Lake Region; authorizes use of funds for land management & acquisition; requires distribution to be reduced by amount equal to debt service paid on certain bonds. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 6001 – “Concealed Weapons and Firearms” (Raburn, Fischer) – filed 11/23/16

Similar to SB 140

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/9/17

Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Amendment would revise areas of an airport where person is prohibited from openly carrying handgun or from carrying concealed weapon or firearm. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 6003 – “Vacation Rentals” (Richardson) – filed 12/2/16

Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Commerce Committee 1/9/17

In Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee 1/9/17

Bill authorizes local laws, ordinances, & regulations to prohibit vacation rentals or regulate duration & frequency of rental of vacation rentals. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 6005 – “Licenses to Carry Concealed Weapons or Firearms” (Plakon) – filed 12/7/16

Similar to SB 140

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Post-Secondary Education Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee 1/9/17

In Criminal Justice Subcommittee 1/9/17

Bill amends §790.06 removing provision prohibiting concealed carry licensees from openly carrying handgun or carrying concealed weapon or firearm into college or university facility. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

HB 6007 – “Traffic Infraction Detectors” (Avila) – filed 12/16/16

Similar to SB 178

Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee 1/9/17

In Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee 1/9/17; on committee agenda 1/25/17

Favorable in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee (13-1), 1/25/17

Favorable in Appropriations Committee (20-7), 2/7/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 2/14/17

Bill would repeal provisions relating to installation & use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when driver fails to stop at traffic signal, provisions that authorize DHSMV, county, or municipality to use such detectors, & provisions for distribution of penalties collected for specified violations. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2020

HB 6019 – “Division of Historical Resources” (Stevenson) – filed 1/18/17

Similar to SB 214

Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee 1/25/17

In Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee 1/25/17

Bill revises provisions governing Division of Historical Resources responsibilities in issuing permits for survey, excavation, & salvage activities on certain state-owned lands; repeals provisions relating to abrogation of offensive & derogatory geographic place names & division's

authority to implement program for certain artifacts. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

Senate

SB 68 – “Tourist Development Tax” (Grimsley) – filed 11/22/16

Similar to HB 173

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations 12/8/16

Favorable in Commerce and Tourism (8-0), 1/23/17

Now in Community Affairs 1/25/17

Authorizing counties imposing the tourist development tax to use those tax revenues for auditoriums that are publicly owned but operated by specified organizations under certain circumstances, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 80 – “Public Records” (Steube) – filed 11/30/16

Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs and Judiciary 12/16/16

Favorable in Governmental Oversight and Accountability (4-3), 2/8/17

Now in Community Affairs

Bill amends §119.12, F.S. requiring a complainant to timely provide certain written notice in order to be entitled to attorney fees in certain civil actions for enforcement of Chapter 119, F.S., etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 86 – “Agricultural Land Classification and Assessment” (Steube) – filed 12/1/16

Referred to Agriculture; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations 12/16/16

Bill would provide an exception from a certain requirement for lands to be classified as agricultural for taxation purposes; requiring that land jointly used for commercial nonagricultural purposes and bona fide agricultural purposes directly related to apiculture be classified as agricultural, etc. Proposed effective Date: 7/1/2017

SB 90 – “Renewable Energy Source Devices” (Brandes) – filed 12/1/16

Referred to Communications, Energy and Public Utilities; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations 12/16/16

Favorable in Communications, Energy and Public Utilities (5-0), 2/8/17

Now in Community Affairs, 2/14/17

The proposed Bill is the implementation bill to Amendment 4 revising the definition of the term “renewable energy source device”; prohibiting the consideration of just value of property attributable to a renewable energy source device in determining the assessed value of any real property; exempting a renewable energy source device from the tangible personal property tax, etc. Proposed effective date: 1/1/2018

SB 112 – “Flood Hazard Mitigation” (Brandes) – filed 12/5/16

Identical to HB 613

Referred to Banking and Insurance; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation; Tourism; and Economic Development 12/16/16

Bill would authorize the Division of Emergency Management of the Executive Office of the Governor to administer a matching grant program for local governments to implement flood hazard risk reduction policies and projects; revising the powers of the Florida Communities Trust to authorize the undertaking, coordination, and funding of flood mitigation projects; authorizing the trust to acquire and dispose of real and personal property to reduce flood hazards, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate

SB 122 – “Sports Franchise Facilities” (Steube) – filed 12/7/16

Identical to HB 77

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs and Appropriations 12/20/16

Bill would prohibit a sports franchise from constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or improving a facility on leased public land, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 138 – “Selection and Duties of County Officers/Supervisor of Elections ”(Artiles) – filed 12/9/16

Compare to HB 87, SB 130, SB 132, SB 134, SB 136

Referred to Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Judiciary and Rules 12/20/16

Joint Resolution proposing amendments to the State Constitution to remove authority for a county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers in a manner other than election, prohibit a special law to provide for choosing a supervisor of elections in a manner other than election, authorize the abolition of any county office if its duties are transferred to another office by special law approved by county voters, and remove authority for a county charter to transfer certain duties of the clerk of the circuit court to another officer, etc.

SB 140 – “Openly Carrying a Hand Gun” (Stuebe) – filed 12/9/16

Similar to HB 6001

Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules 12/29/16

In Judiciary 1/4/17

Bill would authorize a compliant licensee to openly carry a handgun, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 158 – “Firefighters” (Latvala) – filed 12/14/16

Identical to HB 143

Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations 1/10/17

Favorable in Governmental Oversight and Accountability (7-0), 1/24/17

Now in Community Affairs 1/24/17

Bill establishes a presumption as to a firefighter's condition or impairment of health caused by certain types of cancer he or she contracts in the line of duty, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 160 – “Minimum Wage” (Rodriguez) – filed 12/14/16

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations 1/10/17

Bill proposes revising the formula for the adjusted state minimum wage, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 162 – “Disposable Plastic Bags” (Rodriguez) – filed 12/14/16

Similar to HB 93

Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Community Affairs; Commerce and Tourism; Rules 1/10/17

Bill would authorize certain municipalities to establish pilot programs to regulate or ban disposable plastic bags, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

SB 176 – “Sales and Use Tax Exemption for Feminine Hygiene Products” (Passidomo, Hutson, Stewart) – filed 12/15/16

Similar to HB 63

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations 1/10/17

Favorable in Commerce and Tourism (8-0), 1/23/17

Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 1/24/17

Bill would exempt the sale of feminine hygiene products from the sales and use tax, etc.. Proposed effective date: 1/1/2018

SB 178 – “Traffic Infraction Detectors” (Artiles, Brandes) – filed 12/15/16

Similar to HB 6007

Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations 1/10/17

Unfavorable in Transportation (2-2), 2/8/17

Laid on Table

Bill would repeal provisions relating to the definitions of “local hearing officer” and “traffic infraction detector” and to the installation and use of traffic infraction detectors to enforce specified provisions when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal, provisions that authorize the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use such detectors, and the distribution of penalties collected for specified violations, etc. Proposed effective date: 1/1/2020

SB 180 – “Traffic Infraction Detectors” (Rodriguez) – filed 12/16/16

Referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development; Appropriations 1/10/17

Bill would decrease the penalty to be assessed and collected by the department, county, or municipality if a traffic infraction detector is used to enforce specified violations when a driver failed to stop at a traffic signal; prohibiting the suspension of a person's driver license and privilege

to drive or the withholding of the license plate or revalidation sticker for failure to pay certain penalties under certain circumstances, etc. Proposed effective date: 10/1/2017

SB 188 – “Vacation Rentals” (Steube) – filed 12/16/16

Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules 1/10/17

Bill would prohibit local laws, ordinances, and regulations adopted after a certain date may not restrict the use of, prohibit, or regulate vacation rentals based solely on their classification, use, or occupancy, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming law

SB 266 – “Skateboard and Scooter Regulations” (Book) – filed 1/6/17

Similar to HB 147

Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations 1/25/17

Citing this act as the “Max’s Helmet Law”; requiring a child under 16 years of age to wear a helmet while riding a skateboard, scooter, or other similar foot-propelled wheeled vehicle; authorizing the issuance of a citation by a law enforcement officer to the child and the assessment of a certain fine for a specified violation; prohibiting a person from knowingly renting or leasing a skateboard, scooter, or other similar foot-propelled wheeled vehicle to be ridden by a child unless specified requirements are met, etc. Proposed effective date: 10/1/2017

SB 268 – “Housing Discrimination” (Rouson) – filed 1/6/17

Compare to HB 659

Similar to SB 742

Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules 1/25/17

Bill would authorize Department of Children and Families to approve receiving systems for behavioral health care; deleting an obsolete provision requiring a report by the department and the Agency for Health Care Administration; requiring the department to post certain data on its website; specifying that certain court hearings must be scheduled within 5 court working days unless a continuance is granted, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 272– “Ad Valorem Taxation” (Hutson) – filed 1/6/17

Similar to HB 49

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations 1/25/17

Bill would Require a property appraiser to reduce the assessed value of a residential property damaged or destroyed by a natural disaster under certain conditions; requiring a property appraiser who determines a property is eligible for a reduction to submit a written statement to the tax collector and specifying the contents thereof; requiring the tax collector to notify the Department of Revenue and the board of county commissioners of the total reduction in taxes, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

SB 278– “Local Tax Referenda” (Hutson) – filed 1/6/17

Similar to HB 139

Referred to Ethics and Elections; Community Affairs; Appropriations 1/25/17

Bill would amend § 212.055, F.S., requiring local government discretionary sales surtax referenda to be held on the date of a general election, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 302– “Penalties and Fees” (Brandes, Rouson) – filed 1/9/17

Referred to Transportation; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations 1/25/17

Favorable in Transportation (4-0), 2/8/17

Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, 2/9/17

Bill would revise requirements relating to the payment of court-related fines or other monetary penalties, fees, charges, and costs; prohibiting the suspension of a person’s driver license solely for failure to pay a penalty if the person demonstrates to the court, when specified, that he or she is unable to pay such penalty; revising penalties relating to suspending, revoking, or withholding issuance of driver licenses or driving privileges for minors under a specified age who possess firearms under certain circumstances, etc. Proposed effective date: 10/1/2017

TAS filed substitute text 2/9/17 regarding referring unpaid accounts to private attorneys or collection agents. Specifically: removes from the bill that the clerk of court may pursue collections for an account by referring the account to a private attorney or collection agent, only after first attempting to collect the unpaid amount through other collection processes; removes “collection fees” as being one criteria clerks must consider when evaluating competitive bids to procure collection agents or private attorneys; and, removes from current law that the collection fee, which may not exceed 40 percent, includes any attorney fees paid to an attorney or collection agent, since the bill adds that the private attorney or collection agent may not impose any additional fees other than the contractually agreed-upon amount.

SB 306– “Ethics” (Clemens (J)) – filed 1/9/17

Referred to Ethics and Elections; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Community Affairs; Rules 1/25/17

Bill would prohibit a public officer from voting on a matter that would inure to any gain or loss, rather than a special private gain or loss, of the officer, or a principal, relative, or business associate of the officer; providing an exception to the abstention requirement under certain circumstances; prohibiting an appointed public officer from participating in any matter that would inure to any gain or loss, rather than a special private gain or loss, of the officer, or a principal, relative, or business associate of the officer, without certain disclosure, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 322– “Public Records and Meetings/Unsolicited Proposals” (Steube) – filed 1/10/17

Linked with SB 332

Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules 1/25/17

Reenacting provisions which provide exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements for unsolicited proposals received by a responsible public entity, unsolicited proposals discussed in a portion of a meeting of such an entity, and the recording of, and any records generated during, a closed meeting; expanding the exemptions to incorporate the amendment made to the definition of the term “responsible public entity” in provisions by SB 332;

providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Effective Date: On the same date that SB 332 or similar legislation relating to public-private partnerships takes effect, if such legislation is adopted in the same legislative session or an extension thereof and becomes a law

SB 330– “Local Business Taxes” (Steube) – filed 1/10/17

Similar to HB 487

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations 1/25/17

Bill would prohibit the governing bodies of counties and municipalities, respectively, from levying a local business tax that was not adopted before a specified date; deleting certain provisions that, for counties and municipalities, limit the rate of the tax and authorize increases of the tax; providing an exemption from the business tax, subject to certain conditions, to specified veterans, spouses of veterans and active service members, and low-income individuals, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

SB 332– “Public-Private Partnerships” (Steube) – filed 1/10/17

Linked to SB 322

Identical to HB 607

Compare to HB 609

Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules 1/25/17

Bill would revise the definition of the term “responsible public entity”; revising legislative findings to recognize the public need of pursuing information technology projects through the establishment of public-private partnerships, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 340– “Transportation Network Companies” (Brandes, Galvano) – filed 1/11/17

Similar to HB 221

Referred to Banking and Insurance; Judiciary; Rules 1/25/17

Bill would provide that a transportation network company (TNC) driver is not required to register certain vehicles as commercial motor vehicles or for-hire vehicles; providing requirements for a TNC’s digital network; providing that specified automobile insurers have a right of contribution against other insurers that provide automobile insurance to the same TNC drivers in satisfaction of certain coverage requirements under certain circumstances, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 390– “Reimbursement of Certain Taxes” (Hutson) – filed 1/19/17

Similar to HB 279

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations, 2/1/17

Bill would authorize partial reimbursement of ad valorem taxes paid on homestead properties that are rendered uninhabitable from damage inflicted by a hurricane during 2016; requiring that the property owner provide documentation that the property was uninhabitable; providing for reimbursement of the state sales tax paid on the purchase of a mobile home to replace a mobile home that experienced major damage from a hurricane during 2016, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

APPROPRIATION: \$6,060,000.00

SB 406– “Compassionate Use of Low-THC Cannabis and Marijuana” (Bradley, Young) – filed 1/19/17

Compare to SB 614

Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations, 2/1/17

Bill would authorize physicians to issue physician certifications to specified patients who meet certain conditions; requiring written consent of a parent or legal guardian for the treatment of minors; requiring that certain physicians annually reexamine and reassess patients and update patient information in the compassionate use registry; requiring the Department of Health to register caregivers meeting certain requirements on the compassionate use registry; Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

SB 422– “Municipal Conversion of Independent Special Districts” (Lee (T)) – filed 1/23/17

Similar to HB 719

Referred to Community Affairs; Ethics and Elections; Rules, 2/1/17

Bill would add a minimum population standard for qualified electors of an independent special district to commence a certain municipal conversion proceeding, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

SB 428– “Local Government Participation in the Florida Retirement System” (Brandes) – filed 1/23/17

Identical to HB 353

Referred to Community Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations, 2/1/17

Providing that employees of a governing body of a municipality, metropolitan planning organization, or special district that applies to participate in the Florida Retirement System on or after a certain date may enroll only in the defined contribution program; authorizing enrollment in the pension plan for employees of governing bodies that have elected or applied to participate in the Florida Retirement System before a certain date, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

SB 544– “Vote-By-Mail Ballots” (Braynon) – filed 1/27/17

Similar to HB 105

Compare to SB 598 and HB 733

Referred to Ethics and Elections; Judiciary; Rules, 2/1/17

Requires supervisor of elections to allow submission of an affidavit to cure signature discrepancies on a vote-by-mail ballot. Proposed effective date: July 1 2017

SB 596– “Utilities” (Hutson) – filed 1/30/17

Identical to HB 687

Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules, 2/1/17

Bill creates the “Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act”; prohibiting the Department of Transportation and local governmental entities, collectively referred to as the “authority,” from

prohibiting, regulating, or charging for the collocation of small wireless facilities in public rights-of-way; providing that approval of, and charges by, an authority cannot be required for routine maintenance, the replacement of certain wireless facilities, or the installation, placement, maintenance, or replacement of certain micro wireless facilities, etc. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

SB 614– “Medical Marijuana” (Brandes) – filed 2/1/17

Compare to SB 406

Referred to Health Policy; Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services; Appropriations, 2/1/17

Bill creates the "Florida Medical Marijuana Act"; authorizing a qualifying patient or his or her caregiver to purchase, acquire, and possess up to the allowed amount of marijuana, medical marijuana products, and associated paraphernalia for a qualifying patient's medical use; providing that a physician must certify, on a specified form, that a patient is suffering from a debilitating medical condition and that the benefits to the patient of using marijuana outweigh the potential health risks before a patient may register with the department and obtain a registry identification card; requiring that the department create a secure, online, electronic medical marijuana patient registry containing a file containing specified information for each qualifying patient, caregiver, and certifying physician, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming law

SB 652– “Sheriff Budgets” (Book) – filed 2/2/17

Identical to HB 621

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, 2/9/17

Bill authorizes sheriff to transfer funds among any of the budget appropriations for specified expenditures.

SB 658– “Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System” (Rader) – filed 2/2/17

Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations, 2/16/17

Bill adds 911 public safety telecommunicators to the class; requiring members to have their retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; specifying the required employer retirement contribution rates for the new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators, etc.

SB 664– “Disaster Preparedness Tax Exemption” (Bean) – filed 2/2/17

Similar to HB 555

Referred to Ways & Means Committee, 2/9/17

Bill provides a sales and use tax exemption for tangible personal property related to disaster preparedness during a specified period.

SB 678– “Financial Assistance for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure” (Montford) – filed 2/3/17

Identical to HB 629

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations, 2/16/17

Bill allows disbursement of financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure projects based upon invoiced costs; providing that recipients are not required to request advance payment; providing for the submission of proof of payment, etc.

SB 698– “Prisoner Medical Services” (Baxley) – filed 2/6/17

Similar to HB 447

Referred to Health Policy; Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules, 2/16/17

Bill limits compensation to health care providers that do not have contracts with the county or municipality operating a detention facility to provide prisoner medical services; limiting compensation to entities that provide emergency medical transportation services for prisoners if those entities do not have a contract with the county or municipality operating a detention facility, etc.

SB 704– “Tax on Sales, Use and Other Transactions” (Garcia) – filed 2/8/17

Similar to HB 463

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations, 2/16/17

Bill provides a limited exception from the tax on rental or license fees charged for the use of real property for ad valorem tax charges; providing that tax charges in excess of a specified limit are subject to tax; requiring ad valorem tax charges for multiple tenants or licensees of a parcel of property or portions of a property to be calculated in a specified manner under certain circumstances, etc.

SB 854– “Task Force on Affordable Housing” (Brandes) – filed 2/10/17

Bill creates a task force on affordable housing; requiring members of the task force to serve without compensation; directing the task force to develop recommendations for the state’s affordable housing needs, subject to requirements, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 855– “Task Force on Affordable Housing” (Brandes) – filed 2/10/17

Identical to SB 236

Compare to HB 7005

Bill repeals a provision relating to state funding for sports facility development by unit of local government, or by certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by local government. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

SB 860– “Building Code Administrators and Inspectors” (Brandes) – filed 2/10/17

Bill creates an internship path to certification as an inspector or plans examiner; requiring the board to authorize specified candidates for certification as building code inspectors or plans examiners to perform duties during a specified period after initial application, to apply for a 1-year

provisional certificate under certain circumstances, and to apply for standard certification within a certain time before completing the internship period, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 864– “Public Records” (Baxley) – filed 2/10/17

Similar to HB 331

Bill requires that requests to inspect or copy records in the custody of a law enforcement agency be made to a certain individual, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

SB 874– “Nutrient Pollution from Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems” (Young)

– filed 2/10/17

Similar to HB 551

An appropriation from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to reduce nutrient pollution by offsetting or partially offsetting property owner costs incurred to retrofit certain onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, to connect certain properties to central sewer systems, and for certain muck dredging and stormwater improvements; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to make certain grants; requiring the department, as part of a basin management action plan, to develop onsite sewage treatment and disposal system remediation plans under certain conditions, etc. APPROPRIATION: Indeterminate Effective Date: 7/1/2017

SB 880– “Government Accountability” (Stargel) – filed 2/10/17

Similar to HB 479

Bill specifies that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, or the designee of the Governor or of the commissioner may notify the Legislative Auditing Committee of an entity’s failure to comply with certain auditing and financial reporting requirements; authorizing the Auditor General to conduct audits of tourist development councils and county tourism promotion agencies; requiring counties and municipalities to maintain certain budget documents on the entities’ websites for a specified period, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017