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**Legislative Bill Tracking – 2017**  
as of 4/17/17

**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

Favorable by Judiciary Committee (11-8), 2/21/17

Placed on Calendar, 2/21/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/29/17

Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn

Read Third Time, **PASSED** House (73-46), 3/30/17

In Messages

SENATE received, 4/5/17

Referred to Judiciary; Rules, 4/6/17

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 13 – “Community Redevelopment Agencies”** (Raburn) – filed 3/1/17

Similar to SB 1770

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee;

Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (9-6), 03/08/17

Favorable in Ways & Means Committee (14-5), 4/5/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 4/11/17

Bill provides reporting requirements; revises requirements for operating community redevelopment agencies; prohibits creation of new community redevelopment agencies after date certain; provides phase-out period; creates criteria for determining whether community redevelopment agency is inactive; provides hearing procedures; authorizes certain financial activity from inactive community redevelopment agencies; revises requirements for use of redevelopment trust fund proceeds; revises county & municipal governments reporting requirements; revises criteria for finding that county or municipality failed to file report; requires DFS to provide report to DEO concerning community redevelopment agencies with no revenues, expenditures, or debts. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**Subcommittee (LFVA) adopted housekeeping amendment on 3/8/17** regarding date on which monies in the RDT can be expended; publication requirements; and, designating length of time to which a CRA can be deemed inactive.

**Committee substitute filed 4/5/17 (WM)** and adopted the strike-all amendment. The amendment permits a CRA to continue operating beyond the expiration dates provided in the bill pending a supermajority vote by the board that created the CRA. The bill also changes the applicable date for CRA termination from agencies in existence on July 1, 2017 to agencies in existence on October 1, 2017. The amendment also adds the following data points to the information that must

be included in the annual report: the earliest available commercial property vacancy rate within the CRA as of the day the agency was created; the current commercial property vacancy rate within the CRA; the assessed value of real property redeveloped by the CRA; the earliest available residential property vacancy rate within the CRA as of the day the agency was created; the current residential property vacancy rate within the CRA; total code enforcement violations within the CRA; ratio of redevelopment funds to private funds expended within the CRA. Further, the amendment removes performance data related to job creation from the information that must be included in the annual report. The amendment modifies procedures related to CRAs created by a municipality in the following way: removes a requirement to adopt a budget within 90 days before the beginning of the next fiscal year; requires a CRA to submit its operating budget and/or budget amendments to the appropriate board of county commissioners within 10 days of adoption. Additionally, the amendment removes a requirement that funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year may only be used for a project that would be completed within 3 years. Instead, left over funds may be used for any specific redevelopment project identified in an approved community redevelopment plan. Finally, the amendment changes the effective date of the bill to October 1, 2017.

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

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

Favorable in Careers & Competition Subcommittee (9-6), 2/23/17

Now in Commerce Committee, 3/17/17

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

**Committee (CCS) adopted strike-all amendment on 2/23/17** assigning a statutory section for the bill, removes retroactive provisions, and makes technical changes to clarify intent.

**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

Favorable in Ways & Means Committee (16-1), 2/21/17

Laid on Table

Favorable in Commerce Committee (24-2), 3/9/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 3/10/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/22/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** House (110-3)

In Messages

SENATE Received, 3/30/17

Senate referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations; Rules

*Withdrawn from Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, Appropriations, Rules,* 4/19/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, substituted for **SB 0076**;

Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/26/17

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

***Withdrawn prior to introduction***

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

Now in Ways & Means Committee, 2/21/17

Favorable in Ways & Means Committee (18-0), 3/22/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 3/24/17

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.

**Committee substitute (WM)** adopted a strike-all amendment limiting the bill's applicability to damage sustained in 2016 and initially applies disaster relief credits to taxes levied in 2018.

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

Identical to SB 122

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

Favorable in Government Accountability Committee (14-5), 2/21/17

Favorable in Appropriations Committee (21-8), 3/15/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 3/16/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/29/17

Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (432903, 3/30/17)

Placed on Third Reading, 03/30/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** House (82-33)

SENATE Received, 4/5/17

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations, 4/5/17

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

**Committee (GAC) substitute text filed 2/21/17** providing requirements for a contract to fund the construction, reconstruction, renovation, or improvement of a facility; defining the terms "facility" and "sports franchise"; specifying that the act does not impair contracts entered in to before 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

Favorable with CS in Ways & Means Committee (15-2), 4/5/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 4/7/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 4/6/17 (WM)** and adopted an amendment which differs from the bill as filed by allowing a local option discretionary sales surtax referendum to be conducted at a primary election, and such referendum must be approved by 60 percent of electors voting on the ballot question. The amendment also changed the effective date of the committee substitute from July 1, 2017, to July 1, 2018.

**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

Workshopped by Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee, 3/13/17

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

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (15-0), 3/9/17

Favorable by Judiciary Committee (16-0), 3/16/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 3/23/17

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

**LFVA subcommittee adopted proposed committee substitute for HJR 187 on 3/8/17** and reported the Joint Resolution favorably as a committee substitute. This analysis is drawn to the committee substitute adopted by the Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

**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

Favorable in Government Accountability Committee (19-3), 3/29/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

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

Favorable with CS in Government Accountability Committee (21-1), 2/22/17

Placed on calendar, 2d reading, 2/28/17

Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 4/4/17

Engrossed Text (E1) Filed, 4/5/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** (115-0), 4/7/17

In Messages

SENATE received, 4/13/17

Referred to Banking and Insurance, Judiciary, Rules, 04/18/17

Withdrawn from Banking and Insurance, Judiciary, Rules

Placed on Calendar on 2nd reading, 4/19/17

Substituted for **SB 0340**; Read Second Time; Amendments Withdrawn (429220, 127784);

Placed on Third Reading, 04/19/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** (36-1)

Certified and ordered enrolled

HOUSE enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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

**Committee (GAS) adopted a strike-all amendment filed 2/21/17** revising the definition of the term “TNC” to provide that it does not include entities arranging nonemergency medical transportation for Medicaid and Medicare recipients under certain circumstances; corrected drafting errors; clarified that a TNC driver must provide certain information to any party directly involved in an accident involving the TNC driver, or the party’s designated representative; requires a TNC contracting with a governmental entity to provide paratransit services to comply with applicable state and federal laws related to individuals with disabilities; requires a TNC to reevaluate decisions to remove TNC drivers due to low quality ratings by riders under certain circumstances; authorizes DFS to direct a TNC to submit an agreed-upon procedures report for the purpose of verifying that the TNC is in compliance with driver requirements; establishes guidelines for the procedures report; authorizes DFS to seek injunctive relief against a TNC failing to comply with the department’s direction and that poses an imminent threat to public safety as a result of noncompliance.

**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

Favorable in Health Quality Subcommittee (14-0), 3/15/17

Favorable in Health & Human Services Committee (15-0), 3/23/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 3/28/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/23/17 (HSC)** adopting an amendment that: made reporting of overdoses by basic and advanced life support services voluntary and states that failure to report an overdose is not grounds for licensure discipline; Specifies that a basic or advanced life support service that chooses to report an overdose must report the date and time of the overdose, the location, whether an emergency opioid antagonist was administered, and whether the overdose was fatal; and, specified that an overdose report must include the gender, age, and suspected controlled substance involved in the overdose only if permitted by its reporting mechanisms.

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

Compare to HB 25 and SB 768

Similar to SB 1202

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

Now in Ways & Means Committee, 2/21/17

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

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (7-4), 3/21/17

Now in Judiciary Committee

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

Favorable in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee (9-5), 3/14/17

Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

Favorable in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee (14-1), 3/28/17

Favorable with CS in Commerce Committee (22-3), 4/7/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 4/19/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/14/17 (APRS)** one amendment which was adopted. The amendment requires system inspections before the sale of any property within designated impaired waterways and watershed areas, and provides the inspections are valid for one year.

**Committee substitute filed 3/28/17 (NRPLS)** adopted a strike-all amendment: removes the requirement for an OSTDS to be inspected before a sale of property if the OSTDS is located within an impaired waterway and its watershed; requires DOH, by January 1, 2019, to: identify all OSTDSs in the state, including, at a minimum, the location and operational condition of the system and any other available information DOH deems appropriate; incorporate the information into and update the current database of OSTDSs; and generate a report from the database that includes, at a minimum, the total number of OSTDSs in the state, the number of OSTDSs in each county, and a statewide map of OSTDSs, and submit the report to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Requires the seller of property to disclose to the purchaser either before or at the execution of the contract for sale the existence of an OSTDS on the property. Requires the prospective purchaser to acknowledge in writing having received the OSTDS disclosure. Requires the OSTDS disclosure to be conspicuous, in boldface type, and in substantially similar form as the OSTDS disclosure provided in the bill. Provides that the term “OSTDS” has the same meaning as in § 381.0065, F.S.

**Committee substitute filed (CC) 4/7/17** adopted one amendment revising the onsite sewage treatment and disposal system disclosure required by the bill to include a statement regarding system lifespan, the importance of maintenance and regular inspections, and that purchasers should contact the county health department with any questions. The amendment also changed the effective date of the bill from July 1, 2017 to October 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

Favorable in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee (12-0), 3/22/17

Favorable in Ways & Means Committee (14-1), 4/5/17

Now in Commerce Committee, 4/11/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/23/17 (APRS)** adopted one strike-all amendment revising the penalties and interest provision to require, instead of allow, property appraisers in specified circumstances to waive penalties and interest on tax liens for those who receive, but are not entitled to, homestead exemptions, homestead assessment limitations, homestead exemptions for persons age 65 or older, and homestead assessment reductions for parents and grandparents; and the “good cause” provision as it applies to rescheduling a VAB hearing to exclude scheduling two separate hearings in different jurisdictions at the same time or date.

Committee substitute filed 4/5/17 (WM) adopting an amendment. The amendment retains: the adverse possession section, which requires the payment of all “delinquent” taxes instead of all “outstanding” taxes to establish title by adverse possession; the section setting a 60-day deadline for late filed petitions to be filed with the VAB, if the petitioner identifies extenuating circumstances demonstrating to the VAB that the petitioner was unable to file a petition in a timely manner; the section specifying that an appraisal performed by a special magistrate may not be submitted as

evidence to the value adjustment board in any roll year during which he or she served that board as a special magistrate. The amendment removes: a provision that would have increased the tax exemption for widows, widowers, blind persons and disabled persons from \$500 to \$5,000; a provision that would have removed the time limitation applicable to business owners who wish to receive a \$25,000 tangible personal property tax exemption; and, an “acted in good faith” requirement from the list of conditions necessary for a property appraisers to waive penalties and interest otherwise applicable to persons improperly claiming various types of homestead property exemption. The amendment revises: the circumstances when property appraisers may not waive penalties and interest by specifying penalties and interest may not be waived if the person claimed a property tax credit on another property located in this state or in another state where permanent residency is required as a basis for granting the tax exemption or credit; applicability of the amended definition of “good cause” by only applying the revised definition to counties that receive more than 5,000 VAB petitions per roll year; and, the restriction on information that can be included in a TRIM notice mailing by allowing any information that is relevant to property owners.

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

Similar to SB 624

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

Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee (11-1), 2/21/17

Favorable in Judiciary Committee (17-0), 3/14/17

Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/29/17

Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/30/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** House (116-0)

SENATE received, 4/5/17

Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules, 4/6/17

Withdrawn from Criminal Justice, Judiciary, Rules, 4/19/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for **SB 0624**; Read Second Time

Placed on Third Reading, 04/19/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** (38-0), 4/19/17

Immediately certified and Ordered enrolled

Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/15/17 (JC)** adopted one amendment. The amendment allows a LEO to view the body camera footage instead of “relevant audio and video recordings”; allows the LEO reviewing the footage to do so upon his or her own initiative or request; specifies that the LEO can review the body camera footage for incidents within the scope of the LEO's official duties, instead of incidents in which the LEO was involved; and, specifies that the provision permitting the review of footage does not apply to a LEO's inherent duty to immediately disclose information necessary to secure an active crime scene or identify suspects or witnesses.

**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

Favorable in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee (14-0), 2/23/17

Now in Rules and Policy Committee

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

Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 2/22/17

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)** amending 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

Favorable in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee (9-6), 3/14/17

Favorable in Careers & Competition Subcommittee, 3/28/17

Now in Commerce Committee

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

***Withdrawn prior to introduction, 3/1/17***

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

Favorable in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee (13-0), 3/15/17

Favorable in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (12-0), 4/17/17

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.

**Committee substitute filed 3/15/17 (NRPLS)** adopted a strike-all clarifying that a portion of the Green Swamp is designated as an Area of Critical State Concern; and, the headwaters or portions thereof are located in the Green Swamp or Polk County. Added the Kissimmee River as a major river where the headwaters are located in the Green Swamp or Polk County; removed a provision exempting the cooperative from having its interlocal agreement approved by the DEP; and, removed section 5 of the bill providing an appropriation.

**Committee substitute filed 4/19/17 (ANRAS)** and adopted two amendments. The amendments: clarified that the Legislature further declares that funding consideration be given to regional collaborative solutions, including, but not limited to, the heartland counties, to manage the regional water resources of the state; the Polk Regional Water Cooperative, in coordination with all of its member county and municipal governments, shall prepare a comprehensive annual report for water resource projects identified for state funding consideration within its members' jurisdictions; and, removed section 4 of the bill regarding the local infrastructure surtax.

**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

Favorable in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee (13-0), 3/8/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (9-5), 3/15/17

Favorable in Government Accountability Committee (15-8), 3/30/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 4/13/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/18/17

Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading

Read Third Time; PASSED (77-40), 4/19/17

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.

**Committee substitute filed 3/8/17 (OTAS)** adopted two amendments (1) revises the definition of “public works project” so that it only includes activities of which 50 percent or more of the cost will be paid from state-appropriated funds that were appropriated at the time of the competitive solicitation; and (2) clarified that although the state or a political subdivision that contracts for a public works project may not prohibit any contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier from submitting a bid or being awarded the contract if such individual is qualified and able to perform the work, this provision does not apply to vendors listed in ss. 287.133 and 287.134, F.S.

**Committee substitute filed 3/30/17 (GAC)** adopted an amendment removing the provision prohibiting the state or a political subdivision that contracts for a public works project from prohibiting a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier from being awarded a contract if such individual is otherwise qualified to do the work described.

**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, 215/17

Favorable in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee (15-0), 3/30/17

Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations 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, 215/17

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

Favorable in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee (12-2), 3/15/17

Now in Commerce Committee, 3/20/17

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.

**Committee substitute filed 3/16/17 (EUS)** adopted a strike-all amendment and changes the bill as follows: preserves local government authority to enforce historic preservation zoning regulations and provides that the applicable codes under which an authority will review a collocation application include historic preservation zoning regulations that are consistent with: the preservation of local zoning authority under 47 U.S.C s. 332(c)(7); the requirements for facility modifications under 47 U.S.C. s. 1455(a); or the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The regulations adopted to implement these laws: excludes utility poles that are owned by a municipal electric utility or used to support electric distribution facilities owned or operated by a municipality; provides that the act does not authorize a person to collocate small wireless facilities on utility poles owned by an electric cooperative or municipal electric utility; modifies the definition of “wireless facility” to exclude: wireline backhaul facilities; and, coaxial or fiber-optic cable between wireless structures or utility poles or otherwise not immediately adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna.

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

Compare HB 1231 and SB 1536

Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee, 2/23/17

Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

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 789– “Procurement of Professional Services”** (Stone) – filed 2/10/17

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 2/23/17

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Favorable in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee (10-5), 3/28/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 3/30/17

Bill removes requirement for agencies to encourage firms to submit annual statements of qualifications & performance data; clarifies provisions relating to selection of firms & authorizes rejection of submissions received in response to public announcement under competitive selection process; creates best value selection process; removes requirement that agency terminate negotiations with most qualified firm when agency is unable to negotiate satisfactory contract & undertake negotiations with second most qualified firm; authorizes DMS to adopt rules. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**Committee substitute filed 3/30/17 (OTAS)** adopted an amendment specifying that the CCNA does not apply to transportation projects for which federal aid funds are available and required such projects to be procured in accordance with federal law.

**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

Identical to SB 908

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee, 2/23/17

Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

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

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee, 2/23/17

Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

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

Referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee, 2/23/17

Now in Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee

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 873– “Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System” (Russell) – filed 2/17/17**

Identical to SB 658

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/1/17

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Bill adds 911 public safety telecommunicators to class; requires members to have retirement benefits calculated in accordance with provisions for Regular Class members; requires employer retirement contribution rates for new membership subclass of 911 public safety telecommunicators; declares that act fulfills important state interest. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 879– “Unlawful Acquisition of Utility Services” (Burgess) – filed 2/17/17**

Identical to SB 776

Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee, 3/1/17

Favorable in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee (14-0), 3/15/17

Favorable in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee (11-0), 4/17/17

Bill revises elements that constitute theft of utilities; specifies that presence of devices & alterations constitutes permissive inference of violation; specifies that circumstances create permissive inference of theft of utility services; specifies types of damages that may be recovered & methods of calculation. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**Committee substitute filed 4/19/17 (JAS)** is identical to the Senate companion bill (SB 776), and differs from the original bill: replaces “Permissive Interference” with “Prima Facie Evidence”; removes language that would reclassify any violation of s. 812.14, F.S. as grand theft, therefore removing a positive fiscal impact; replaces the term “grow house” with “dwelling”; changes the effective date from July 1, 2017 to October 1, 2017; makes other technical and language changes to conform the bill to the Senate companion.

**HB 881– “Transportation Disadvantaged” (Watson) – filed 2/17/17**

Identical to SB 1086

Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/1/17

Now in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee

Bill requires transportation coordinating boards to consider criteria in evaluating multicounty/regional transportation opportunities; authorizes transportation disadvantaged program funds to be used to purchase certain services; provides circumstances under which cash/in-kind match is not required. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 897– “Public Notices by Local Government Entities”** (Stark) – filed 2/20/17

Similar to SB 1444

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/1/17

**Postponed** in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Bill authorizes local governmental entities to publish legally required notices & advertisements on publicly accessible websites under certain circumstances. Proposed effective date: October 1, 2017

**HB 903 – “Homestead Exemption Fraud”** (Stark) – filed 2/20/17

Similar to SB 1350

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/1/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (12 -0), 3/28/17

Favorable in Ways & Means Committee (15-0), 4/5/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee, 4/6/17

Bill authorizes property appraisers to contract for examination & audit of homestead exemption claims; specifies authorized & prohibited practices of such contractors; specifies payment for contracted services; revises property appraiser duties upon determination that person improperly received homestead exemption; specifies fees property appraiser & tax collector may receive; specifies time period for filing tax lien; specifies calculation to be used in determining amount of tax lien; requires unpaid amounts to be included in next tax notice; provides methods of collection; specifies governmental entities that may contract for services to collect money. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**Committee substitute filed 3/29/17 (LFVAS)** and adopted. The committee substitute differs from the bill as filed in that the committee substitute creates a two-year homestead exemption fraud detection pilot program in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. The committee substitute excludes from consideration those homestead owners who move into certain types of assisted living or extended care situations as well as those owners who have a driver's license and voter registration listing the property address as their residence. The committee substitute also provides for contracting and oversight to be conducted through the county commission.

**HB 919 – “Public Meetings”** (Roth) – filed 2/21/17

Identical to SB 914

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/1/17

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Bill specifies conditions under which members of board or commission of state agency or authority or of agency or authority of county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision may participate in fact-finding exercises or excursions. Proposed effective date: upon becoming a law

**HB 939 – “Use or Operation of a Drone by Certain Offenders”** (Metz) – filed 2/21/17

Identical to SB 1122

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee, 3/1/17

Favorable in Criminal Justice Subcommittee (14-0), 3/15/17

Favorable by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee (15-0)

Favorable by Judiciary Committee (15-0), 4/6/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/18/17

Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading

Read Third Time; **PASSED** (119-0), 4/19/17

Bill prohibits use or operation of drone by offenders for purpose of viewing or recording image of minor in specified locations; assigns offense severity ranking in Criminal Punishment Code. Proposed effective date: October 1, 2017

**HB 943 – “Neighborhood Improvement Districts”** (Russell) – filed 2/22/17

Similar to SB 1496

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/1/17

Now in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee

Bill provides conditions under which neighborhood improvement district may borrow money, contract loans, & issue bonds, certificates, warrants, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness & may pledge special assessment power of district to pay such debts for purpose of financing capital projects. Proposed effective date: upon becoming a law

**HB 965 – “Sales and Use Tax on Investigation and Detective Services”** (Donalds) – filed 2/23/17

Identical to SB 524

Referred to Judiciary Committee; Ways & Means Committee, 3/1/17

Favorable in Judiciary Committee (14-1), 3/16/17

Favorable in Ways & Means Committee (18-0), 3/28/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/04/17

Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 04/05/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** (106-8), 4/6/17

In messages, 4/12/17

SENATE received, 4/13/17

Referred to Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations, 4/13/17

Bill provides that fingerprint services required for a license to carry a concealed weapon or firearm are not subject to the tax. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 979 – “Pet Dealers”** (Hardemon) – filed 2/23/17

Referred to Careers & Competition Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Commerce Committee, 3/1/17

Now in Careers & Competition Subcommittee

Bill requires pet dealers to only sell or offer for sale dogs procured from humane society, animal shelter, or person or entity who has not been adjudicated and issued certain citations for violating

federal Animal Welfare Act; prohibits unlicensed commercial dog breeder from selling dog to pet dealer; requires pet dealer to retain certain records for specified period after sale; provides penalties. Proposed effective date: October 1, 2017

**HB 1049 – “Expressway Authorities”** (Avila) – filed 2/27/17

Similar to SB 1562

Referred to Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Favorable in Transportation & Infrastructure Subcommittee, 3/20/17

Favorable with CS in Government Accountability Committee (21-0), 4/5/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 4/19/17

Bill requires toll increases by authorities in certain counties to be approved by independent study & vote of authority board; limits extent of increases; limits amount of toll revenues authorities may use for administrative expenses; requires certain distance between toll collection facilities on transportation facilities constructed after specified date; requires authorities to post certain information on website. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**Committee substitute filed 4/5/17 (GAC)** adopted one amendment revising the provision relating to the minimum distance between tolling points on new facilities and added a provision for a 3 percent rebate for tolls paid by SunPass users.

**HB 1057 – “Campaign Financing”** (Gruters) – filed 2/27/17

Identical to SB 1178

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Bill redefines term "contribution"; modifies & clarifies schedule governing campaign finance reporting for candidates, political committees, & electioneering communications organizations; revises reporting requirements regarding transfers made by political committees & electioneering communications organizations; prohibits political committee or an electioneering communications organization from transferring funds to entities; provides transitional provision regarding final monthly reports by candidates, political committees, & electioneering communications organizations. Proposed effective date: October 1, 2017

**HB 1065 – “Public Notification of Pollution”** (Peters) – filed 2/27/17

Similar to SB 532

Referred to Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee; Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Now in Natural Resources & Public Lands Subcommittee

Bill requires owners & operators of certain installations to notify DEP of specified pollution releases; requires DEP to publish information for such releases; provides civil penalties. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 1087 – “Public Notification of Pollution”** (Peters) – filed 2/27/17

Similar to SB 1488

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (11-0), 3/16/17

Now in Agriculture and Property Rights Subcommittee

Bill amends § 171.0413, F.S. and revises circumstances under which municipality is prohibited from annexing lands in contiguous, compact, or unincorporated areas without getting consent from specified landowners; specifies circumstances under which vote of electors in area to be annexed is not required. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 1107 – “Public Records/Workers’ Compensation”** (Albritton) – filed 2/28/17

Similar to SB 1088

Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Commerce Committee, 3/6/17

Favorable with CS in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (15-0), 3/15/17

Favorable in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee (14-0), 3/28/17

Favorable with CS in Commerce Committee (25-0), 4/6/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 4/12/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/18/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/19/17

Bill amends §440.185, F.S., providing an exemption from public records requirements for personal identifying information of injured or deceased employees contained in notices or reports filed with DFS; authorizes division to disclose such information under specified circumstances; provides for future review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**Committee substitute filed 4/10/17 (CC)** adopted one amendment. The amendment allows personal identifying information of an injured worker that is confidential and exempt from disclosure under the bill to be shared with the anti-fraud unit of an insurer. It also clarified that a surviving spouse may receive the information, rather than only dependents, and that disclosure can be made in response to a subpoena, rather than only by court order.

**Committee substitute filed 3/16/17 (IBS)** reflects multiple changes in the bill: creates § 440.1851, F.S., rather than amending § 440.185, F.S.; expands the proposed exemption from only personal identifying information contained in reports filed under § 440.185, F.S., to all personal identifying information held pursuant to ch. 440, F.S.; applies the exemption to the Department of Financial Services, the Agency for Health Care Administration, and the Division of Administrative Hearings, instead of only the Division of Workers’ Compensation; expands the exceptions to the exemption to allow otherwise exempt information to be provided to: the injured worker or his or her dependent(s), and, party litigants in a matter pending before the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims; and, places conditions on the release of aggregated information.

**HB 1127 – “Property Appraisers”** (Gruters) – filed 3/1/17

Similar to SB 1366

Referred to Public Integrity & Ethics Committee; Ways & Means Committee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Now in Public Integrity & Ethics Committee

Bill revises provisions concerning property appraiser duties when making assessments or reassessments of property; provides specified remedies for taxpayers injured by certain actions of property appraiser; requires reporting by OPPAGA. Propose effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 1129 – “Selection and Duties of County Officers” (Drake) – filed 3/1/17**

Compare to SB 130, 132, 134, 136, 138

Compare to HB 87, 187, 271, 571, 721

Referred to Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Favorable in Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee (6-4), 3/21/17

Now in Judiciary Committee

Bill removes authority for county charter to provide for choosing certain county officers other than election; prohibits special law to provide for choosing supervisor of elections other than by election; authorizes abolition of any county office & transfer of duties only by approval of county voters; & removes authority for county charter to transfer certain duties of clerk of circuit court. Amendment takes effect January 5, 2021, if approved. Proposed effective date: Not Specified

**HB 1163 – “Agency Rulemaking” (Drake) – filed 3/1/17**

Similar to SB 1640

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Favorable in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee (13-0), 3/20/17

Favorable in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (13-0), 4/17/17

Bill requires agency to prepare statement of estimated regulatory costs before adopting, amending, or repealing any rule other than emergency rule; requires Department of State to maintain website that solely includes statements of estimated regulatory costs; requires agency that prepares or revises statement to provide statement to department for publication on website; requires agency to include website link to department's website on agency's website; requires department's website to be accessible to public. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**Committee substitute filed 4/19/17 (TTAS)** adopted an amendment which removed the requirement for the department to maintain a website where SERCs can be viewed, and added a requirement for the department to provide on the Florida Administrative Register website agency website addresses where SERCs can be viewed as well as a requirement for agencies to provide such agency website addresses to the department. Additionally, the amendment specified that agencies do not need to prepare a SERC for a rule repeal unless such repeal would impose any regulatory cost, and that any challenge to a rule repeal must be considered presumptively correct by an adjudicating body.

**HB 1177 – “Medicinal Cannabis Research & Education” (Toledo) – filed 3/2/17**

Similar to SB 1472

Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Health & Human Services Committee, 3/6/17

Now in Health Quality Subcommittee

Bill establishes Coalition for Medicinal Cannabis Research & Education within H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Inc.; provides purpose & establishes board to direct operations of coalition; authorizes board to appoint coalition director; requires board to advise certain entities & officials regarding medicinal cannabis research & education in state; requires board to annually adopt plan & issue report to Governor & Legislature; specifies responsibilities of institute. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017



**HB 1189 – “Vote-by-Mail” (Cruz) – filed 3/2/17**

Similar to SB 1484

Referred to Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee, 3/6/17

Now in Oversight, Transparency & Administration Subcommittee

Bill requires DOS to develop instructions & procedures allowing electronic submission of vote-by-mail ballots from overseas voters by a specified date; requires DOS & supervisors of elections to develop security measures; prescribes requirements for such security measures; requires DOS to perform annual security assessment; authorizes department to adopt emergency rules. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017.

**HB 1373 – “Public Depositories” (Grant (J)) – filed 3/7/17**

Similar to SB 1170

Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Government Accountability Committee; Commerce Committee, 3/10/17

Not Considered by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee, 3/27/17

Bill specifies that assessments for qualifying improvements do not have priority over previously recorded liens; specifies information to be included in financing agreements; requires local governments to provide disclosures in finance agreements; requires lenders to include certain disclosures in loan agreements; authorizes property owner to cancel finance agreement within specified time period; revises terms applicable to Florida Security for Public Deposits Act to add credit unions to list of entities that may qualify as "qualified public depository"; revises evidence of insurance required to be submitted by public depositor to CFO. Proposed effective date: January 1, 2018

**HB 1397 – “Medical Use of Marijuana” (Rodrigues) – filed 3/7/17**

Compare to SB 406, 614, 1388 and 1758

Referred to Health Quality Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Health & Human Services Committee, 3/10/17

Favorable in Health Quality Subcommittee (14-1), 3/28/17

Favorable in Appropriations Committee (16-8), 4/18/17

Bill provides sales tax exemption for marijuana used for medical purposes; provides qualifying medical conditions for patient to be eligible to receive marijuana; provides requirements for designating qualified physician; provides criteria for certification of patient for medical marijuana treatment by qualified physician; requires DOH to establish medical marijuana use registry; requires department to issue licenses to medical marijuana treatment centers & conduct periodic inspections; provides for establishment of medical marijuana testing laboratories; provides appropriations. Proposed effective date: upon becoming a law

**Committee substitute filed 4/18/17 (AC)** adopting two amendments. The first amendment exempted marijuana delivery devices from sales tax. The second amendment provided the following appropriations: 55 FTEs and \$8,793,440 to the DOH to implement the requirements of the bill \$10 million to the DOH to implement the statewide cannabis and marijuana education use and prevention campaign; \$5 million to the DHSMV to implement the statewide impaired driving education campaign; \$1 million to the University of Florida College of Pharmacy to research the safety and efficacy of medical marijuana; \$100,000 to the DHSMV to train additional law enforcement officers as drug recognition experts.

**HB 1403 – “Cannabis” (Smith) – filed 3/7/17**

Compare to SB 1662

Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee, 3/10/17

Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Bill provides that possession of personal use quantity of cannabis or cannabis accessory by adult or minor is civil violation; provides for fines or community service; provides for minor violators to perform community service, attend drug awareness program, or both; prohibits arrests; limits collateral use of violation; prohibits state or local penalties or obligations other than specified penalties or obligations; prohibits additional state or local penalties or obligations for having cannabinoids or cannabinoid metabolites in tissue or fluid of body; provides distribution of revenue of civil penalties. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 1411 – “Renewable Energy Source Devices” (Berman) – filed 3/7/17**

Similar to HB 1351

Identical to SB 90

Referred to Energy & Utilities Subcommittee; Ways & Means Committee; Commerce Committee, 3/10/17

Now in Energy & Utilities Subcommittee

Bill prohibits consideration of just value of property attributable to renewable energy source device in determining assessed value of any real property; deletes provision relating to applicability as of specified date; exempts renewable energy source device from tangible personal property tax; provides for expiration. Proposed effective date: January 1, 2018

**HB 1415 – “Regional Rural Development Grants” (Ponder) – filed 3/7/17**

Similar to SB 936

Referred to Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee; Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Commerce Committee, 3/10/17

Now in Agriculture & Property Rights Subcommittee

Bill revises grant program established by DEO to provide funding to certain entities; provides maximum amount of grant funding that specified economic development organizations may receive; provides for use of grant funds for professional services, operations, & engagement & compensation of professional staff; deletes provision authorizing DEO to contract for development of certain enterprise zone web portals or websites; increases maximum amount DEO may expend from funds appropriated to Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund for certain expenses. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

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

Similar to SB 140

Compare to SB 140, SB 908 and HB 803

Identical to SB 618

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

Identical to SB 1516

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

Compare to SB 140, 908 and HB 803

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

Favorable in Government Accountability Committee (16-3), 2/21/17

Placed on Calendar, 2/21/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 3/16/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 3/22/17

Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/23/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** House (91-22), 3/28/17

In Messages

SENATE referred to Transportation; Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations, 3/31/17

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

**HB 7061 – “Community Highway Safety Pilot Program” (CJS) – filed 3/10/17**

Referred to Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee, 3/10/17

Favorable in Transportation & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (10-5), 3/21/17

Now in Judiciary Committee

Bill amends §321.25 by creating the Community Highway Safety Pilot Program within DHSMV to be conducted for certain purposes in counties pursuant to contract; provides contract requirements & conditions; creates appropriation category for program; requires DHSMV & Governor to recommend approval of certain budget amendments for transfer of certain funds; provides amendment requirements; provides for future repeal. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 7065 – “Local Government Fiscal Transparency” (W&M) – filed 3/9/17**

Referred to Government Accountability Committee, 3/20/17

Now in Government Accountability Committee

Bill revises Legislative Auditing Committee duties; specifies purpose of local government fiscal transparency requirements; requires local governments to post certain voting record information on websites; requires property appraisers & local governments to post certain property tax information & history on websites; requires public notices for public hearings & meetings prior to certain increases of local government tax levies; specifies noticing & advertising requirements; requires local governments to conduct debt affordability analyses under specified conditions; revises accountants duties when conducting audits of local governments; provides method for local governments that do not operate website to post certain required information. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**HB 7105 – “Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption” (W&M, LaRosa) – filed 4/5/17**

Similar to SB 1774

Linked to HB 7107

Referred to Calendar, 4/19/17

Amends the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$75,000 and up to \$100,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect January 1, 2019.

**HB 7107 – “Homestead Exemption Implementation” (W&M, LaRosa) – filed 4/5/17**

Similar to SB 1774

Linked to HB 7105

Referred to Calendar, 4/19/17

Increases homestead exemption from all taxes other than school district taxes; specifies calculation of rolled-back rate for purposes of 2019 tax roll; requires Legislature to appropriate moneys to offset reductions in tax revenues in certain counties as result of specified constitutional amendment. Effective Date: on the effective date of the amendment to the State Constitution proposed by HJR 7105 or a similar joint resolution having substantially the same specific intent and purpose.

**HB 7109 – “Taxation”** (W&M, Boyd) – filed 4/5/17

Compare to HB 25, HB 63, HB 71, SB 176, SB 252, HB 263, SB 490, HB 555, SB 664, HB 765, SB 768, HB 1123, SB 1156, SB 1202, SB 1320, SB 1442, SB 1536, SB 2514

Referred to Calendar, 4/19/17

Deletes application & renewal fees for certain licenses; deletes specified cigarette taxes from being deposited in certain trust fund for biomedical purposes; reduces tax levied on renting, leasing, letting, or granting of license for use of real property; authorizes refunds or credits of taxes paid on certain admissions; provides additional sales tax exemptions for certain agricultural products; extends expiration date of community contribution tax credit program; provides sales tax exemptions for retail sale of certain clothing, school supplies, personal computers, personal computer-related accessories; disaster preparedness supplies, & educational textbooks & instructional materials during specified periods; provides repeal dates & appropriations. Proposed effective date: July 1, 2017

**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

Favorable in Community Affairs (7-0), 3/14/17

Favorable in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance (5-0), 3/21/17

Now in Appropriations

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

Favorable in Community Affairs (6-1), 3/7/17

Favorable in Judiciary (8-0), 3/8/17

Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 3/16/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/23/17

Read Second Time, 3/22/17

Placed on Third Reading, 03/29/17

Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted **PASSED** in Senate (38-0), 3/29/17

Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

In Messages

HOUSE referred to Calendar, 4/18/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/18/17

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/19/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/7/17 (CA)** adds guidance for the court when determining whether a public record was unlawfully refused for inspection; provides that attorney fees may be awarded against a complainant if the court finds an action was filed in bad faith or was frivolous; adds that if a complainant can show by a preponderance of the evidence that the agency intentionally or willfully refused to permit a public record to be inspected or copied, the court shall award the reasonable costs of enforcement and attorney fees against the agency; and, removes the phrase “listed in the notice” for clarity.

**Committee substitute filed 3/14/17 (JC)** would require a court to assess reasonable costs and fees against an agency that unlawfully refuses to permit access to a public record. The underlying bill generally gave courts discretion to make these awards, whether against the agency or a plaintiff who requested records or a plaintiff who filed an enforcement action for an improper purpose. The committee substitute also specifies that monetary damages are not available in actions to enforce the public records laws and provides that it applies to records requests made after the bill takes effect.

**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  
Favorable with CS in Community Affairs (8-0), 2/21/17  
Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, 2/23/17

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

**Committee (CA) substitute filed 3/7/17** clarifies the definition of renewable energy source device” by removing duplicative language and providing that the term does not include equipment involved in the distribution or transmission side of the point of interconnection where a renewable energy source device is interconnected to an electric utility’s grid or transmission lines.

**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

Favorable in Environmental Preservation and Conservation (4-1), 3/22/17

Now in Community Affairs

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

Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax (5-0), 2/22/17

Now in Appropriations

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

Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries (7-3), 3/22/17

Favorable in Community Affairs (5-3), 4/17/17

Now in Rules, 4/19/17



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

**Committee substituted filed 3/23/17 (RI)** permits a local law, ordinance, or regulation that regulates activities that arise when a property is used as a vacation rental. However, such regulation must apply uniformly to all residential properties without regard to whether the property is used as a vacation rental or a long-term rental under ch. 83, F.S., or is rented by the property owner; removes from the bill a prohibition against a local law, ordinance, or regulation that restricts the use, prohibits, or regulates vacation rentals based solely on their classification, use, or occupancy; retains the current requirement that local governments cannot prohibit vacation rentals or regulate the duration or frequency of vacations rentals; retains the grandfather provision in current law that exempts from the preemption any local law, ordinance, or regulation that was adopted by a local government on or before June 1, 2011, and seeks to also permit a local government to amend a law, ordinance or regulation adopted on or before June 1, 2011, to be less restrictive.

**Committee substitute filed 4/18/17 (CA)** amendment adopted would allow local regulations that were adopted on or before June 1, 2011, that prohibit vacation rentals or regulate the duration or frequency of rental of vacation rentals, to be amended to be less restrictive and to provide relief from regulatory burdens on certain military personnel.

**SB 236 – “Sports Development”** (Lee (T)) – filed 1/3/17

Identical to HB 855 and 6023

Compare to HB 6005

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules, 1/12/17

Unfavorable in Commerce and Tourism (3-3), 4/17/17

*Laid on table, 4/19/17*

Bill repeals provisions relating to state funding for sports facility development by a unit of local government, or by a certified beneficiary or other applicant, on property owned by the local government, etc. Proposed effective date: 7/1/2017

**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

Favorable in Ethics and Elections (7-0), 3/22/17

Favorable in Community Affairs (6-1), 4/17/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/23/17 by (EE)** differs by allowing a local option discretionary sales surtaxes referendum to be conducted at either a primary or general election; specifies that, if put on the ballot at the primary election, the vote required to pass a local option discretionary sales surtaxes conducted at a primary election is 60% of the voters who are voting on the referendum; and, changes the effective date to July 1, 2019, so that local option discretionary sales surtaxes are not added to the 2018 general election ballot with the Constitution Revision Commission proposals.

**Committee substitute filed 4/18/17 (CA)** provides that a referendum to adopt or amend a local option discretionary sales surtax under s. 212.055, F.S., must be held only at a general election and must be approved by a majority vote unless the surtax will be revenue-neutral to the county or special taxing district; and, provides that if the discretionary sales surtax is revenue-neutral to the county or special taxing district, the referendum may be held at a special election or conducted by mail ballot.

**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

Favorable in Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice (5-0), 4/13/17  
Now in Appropriations, 4/18/17

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

**Committee (TAS) substitute filed 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

Favorable with CS by Community Affairs (5-0), 3/22/17

Favorable in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax (5-0), 4/13/17

Now in Appropriations, 4/17/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/23/17 by (CA)** removed provisions that: prohibits municipalities and counties from levying a local business tax that was not adopted before a certain date; limited the rate of the local business tax; and, set maximum limits of certain transfer fees.

**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

Committee substitute filed 3/28/17 (CA)

**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

Favorable with CS by Banking and Insurance (7-2), 3/15/17

Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

Favorable with CS by Judiciary (9-0), 3/28/17

Favorable in Rules (10-1), 4/6/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/18/17

Read Second Time; Substituted for **HB 0221**

Laid on Table, Refer to **HB 0221**, 4/19/17

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 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

**Committee substitute filed 3/16/17 (BI)** would authorize seaports to collect pickup fees for so long as they do not exceed what a seaport charges taxis; requires TNCs to contract with an independent auditor to review their background check process. The DFS is established as the enforcement mechanism for compliance with the insurance and background screening requirements of the bill; strikes retroactivity of the independent contractor language; modifies the definition of prearranged ride in a way that will extend insurance coverage to any time that any rider is in the vehicle and not limited to the person who requested the ride; requires uninsured or underinsured vehicle coverage as required by s. 627.727, F.S.; provides coverage for other insureds and resident relatives under a TNC driver's personal auto policy are unaffected by exclusions for TNC use; and, provides that TNCs are not granted immunity from civil liability through compliance with background check requirements.

**Committee substitute filed 3/28/17 (J)** authorizes an automobile insurer to limit coverage provided to an owner or operator of a TNC vehicle to that afforded to the actual vehicle driven on a prearranged ride. Therefore, a coverage exclusion may not apply to other insurance policies that might otherwise provide coverage to the TNC driver, such as an umbrella policy or any stacking uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage on other vehicles in the TNC driver's household.

**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

Favorable in Community Affairs (7-0), 3/6/17

Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

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

**Committee (CA) substitute filed 3/7/17** expanding the eligibility for ad valorem taxation and sales tax reimbursements to include properties that suffered damage from a tornado during 2016.

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

Workshopped by Health Policy, 3/22/17

Favorable with CS in Health and Policy (7-0), 4/3/17

Favorable in Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services (6-1), 4/6/17

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

**Committee substitute filed 4/3/17 (HP)** adds legislative intent; reinstates the requirement that a second physician confirm a diagnosis when certifying a person under the age of 18 and require a parent, legal guardian, caregiver, or health care provider to purchase marijuana for qualifying patients under the age of 18; allows a physician to certify out of state patients that meet Florida requirements for treatment with marijuana; allows a physician to certify a patient for greater than a 90 day supply if the physician believes the patient will use the marijuana appropriately; specifies that MMTCs may not advertise services that they are not registered to provide; prohibits any person or entity from offering or advertising services as an MMTC without being registered as an MMTC and provide penalties for unlicensed activity; requires DOH to register five additional MMTCs by October 3, 2017, including one that is a member of the Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association; requires DOH to add four new MMTCs within six months after the registration of each instance of 75,000 patients in the Compassionate Use Registry; requires that all applicants be registered to do business in Florida for at least five consecutive years prior to submitting their application; prohibits any person or entity from being issued more than one MMTC registration; requires DOH to license ITLs (clinical laboratories licensed by the AHCA are exempt from this requirement). ITLs must also be certified by the DOH to perform all required tests. The DOH must certify an ITL that has third party accreditation from an accrediting body approved by the DOH. The DOH must adopt rules for licensure and certification of ITLs; requires DOH to establish a quality control program for the testing of marijuana. The program must require MMTCs to submit samples of marijuana to an ITL to ensure minimum standards are met. The DOH must adopt rules to create and oversee the program; requires DOH to establish, maintain, and control a seed-to-sale tracking system; authorize an employer to deny accommodation for the ingestion of marijuana in the workplace or for any employee working while under the influence of marijuana; specifies that the section does not create a cause of action for wrongful discharge or discrimination; incorporates an exemption from criminal laws for research institutions performing research on marijuana; requires DOH to abide by the provisions of Chapter 120, F.S., when adopting rules to implement this section and allows the department to use emergency rulemaking procedures; establishes the “Medical Marijuana Research and Education Act” to: create the Coalition for Medical Marijuana Research and Education within the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Inc.; to Task the coalition with conducting rigorous scientific research, providing education, disseminating research, and guiding policy for the adoption of a statewide policy on ordering and dosing practices for medical marijuana; to specify the make-up of the coalition including the duties of the director of the coalition; require the coalition to annually adopt a research plan; and, require the coalition to annually report to the Governor and the Legislature on research projects, community outreach, and future plans.

**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  
Favorable in Community Affairs (6-0), 3/7/17  
Now in Ethics and Elections

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

Favorable in Community Affairs (5-2), 3/7/17

Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Bill would provide 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

Favorable in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities (7-1), 3/7/17

Favorable with CS in Governmental Oversight and Accountability (5-1), 3/28/17

Now in Rules, 4/7/17

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

**Committee (CEPU) substitute filed 3/7/17** amending definition of “applicable codes” to include qualifying local government historic preservation zoning regulations; amends the definition of “authority utility pole” to exclude a utility pole owned by a municipal electric company; excludes from the definition of “wireless facility” wireline backhaul facilities and coaxial or fiber-optic cable that is between wireless structures or utility poles or that is otherwise not immediately adjacent to or directly associated with a particular antenna; makes the prohibition against an authority requiring approval or fees relating to micro-wireless facilities that are suspended applicable to facilities suspended from any type of cable, not just “messenger” cables; provides that the new

subsection does not authorize collocation of small wireless facilities on a utility pole owned by an electric cooperative, and, provides that the new subsection may not be construed to limit local government's authority to qualifying enforce historic preservation zoning regulations.

**Committee substitute filed (GOA) 3/28/17** which defines "authority" as a county or municipality having jurisdiction and control of the rights-of-way of any public road. This term does not include the DOT and that agency's rights-of-way are excluded from the bill; amends the definition of "authority utility pole" to provide that this term does not include a utility pole owned by a municipal electric utility, any utility pole used to support municipally owned or operated electric distribution facilities, or a utility pole located in the right-of-way of a retirement community that: is deed-restricted as housing for older persons as defined by s. 760.29(4)(b). F.S.; has more than 5,000 residents; and, has underground utilities for electric distribution or transmission. Bill require wireless infrastructure providers include an attestation in their application to an authority regarding the time-frame of collocating small wireless facilities on utility poles or structures and provision of services; provides that an authority must accept and process the application for collocating small wireless facilities on utility poles or structures in accordance with the bill and any applicable local codes governing the placement of utility poles in the public right-of-way; provides that a person is not authorized to collocate small wireless facilities on a utility pole owned by a municipal electric utility; provides that a person is not authorized to collocate or attach small wireless facilities or micro wireless facilities on a utility pole or erect a wireless support structure in the right-of-way located within a retirement community that: is deed-restricted as housing for older persons as defined by s. 760.29(4)(b). F.S.; has more than 5,000 residents; and has underground utilities for electric distribution or transmission.

**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 Community Affairs; Criminal Justice; Rules, 3/10/17

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 Commerce and Tourism, Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, Appropriations, 2/9/17

Favorable in Commerce and Tourism (8-0), 3/6/17

Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

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

**Committee (CT) substitute filed 3/7/17** providing an appropriation of \$290,580 in nonrecurring funds from General Revenue for Fiscal Year 2016-17 to the Department of Revenue to administer the tax exemption.

**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

Favorable in Commerce and Tourism (8-0), 3/7/17

Favorable in Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources (6-0), 3/21/17

Now in Appropriations

Bill allows disbursement of financial assistance for water and wastewater infrastructure projects based upon invoiced costs; providing 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

Favorable in Community Affairs (5-1), 03/23/17

Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

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 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

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules, 2/23/17

Favorable with CS in Community Affairs (7-0), 3/14/17

Now in Appropriations

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/16/17 (CA)** revises the composition of the task force to add three additional members so that a total of five members of the 13-member board will now be appointed by the Governor. Of the five members selected by the Governor, one member must be an advocate for the homeless, one member must be an advocate of the needs of individuals with disabling conditions and persons with special needs, one member must represent the building or development community, and one member must be a realtor licensed in Florida.

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

Identical to SB 236

Compare to HB 7005

***Withdrawn prior to introduction***

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

Referred to Community Affairs; Regulated Industries; Rules, 2/23/17

Favorable with CS by Community Affairs (6-0), 3/14/17

Reference to Appropriations added; Remaining references: Regulated Industries; Appropriations; Rules, 3/16/17

Favorable with CS in Regulated Industries (10-0), 3/28/17

Now in Appropriations

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/14/17 (CA)** revising the terms “building code administrator,” “building official” and “building code inspector” to include persons under contract with the local government or state agency, in addition to employees of the local government or state agency. Current law states that these positions had to be employees of the government or agency; removes a provision which authorized certain municipal or county employees to perform plan review or inspection as a certified building official under an interagency service agreement with a

jurisdiction of population 50,000 or fewer; requires the FCAIB to establish minimum standards for, and a procedure to determine the eligibility of, internships for specified candidates; clarifies that the DBPR may review and approve home inspector examinations by a nationally recognized entity only if those examinations meet the rule and certification standards of the DBPR; changes the effective date of the bill from July 1, 2017, to October 1, 2017; adds a provision that changes the process by which revisions are made to the Florida Building Code and requires the Commission to adopt the Florida Building Code by a three-fourth vote of the members present.

**Committee substitute filed 3/28/17 by (RI)** amends § 489.113(3), F.S., to: remove the requirement for pool/spa contractors to subcontract electrical work for the installation, replacement, disconnection, or reconnection of power wiring in certain circumstances; requires pool/spa contractors to subcontract all electrical work that requires the installation, removal, replacement, or upgrading of a circuit breaker; and, provides that the revised subcontracting requirement for pool/spa contractors does not apply to other contractor classifications or professions.

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

Similar to HB 331

Referred to Criminal Justice; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules, 2/23/17

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

Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on the Favorable in Environment and Natural Resources; Appropriations (7-0), 3/14/17  
Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources

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

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules, 2/23/17

Favorable in Community Affairs (7-0), 3/14/17

Now in Appropriations

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

**Committee substitute filed 3/14/17 (CA)** adding clarification to the definition of “fraud;” states that local government entities do not include water management districts for the purposes of § 11.45(2), F.S.; requires the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation to notify quarterly the Legislature of any clerk not meeting workload performance standards; limits the amount that may be reimbursed per day for state agency and judicial branch employee lodging expenses for travel under certain circumstances to \$150; revises the composition of auditor selection committees; requires completion of an annual financial audit of the Florida Virtual School; and, includes corrections for cross-references.

**SB 1024– “Public Records/Homeless Management Information System”** (Stewart) – filed 2/16/17

Similar to HB 381

Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules, 2/23/17

Favorable by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs (5-0), 3/13/17

Favorable in Governmental Oversight and Accountability (6-0), 3/27/17

Favorable by Rules (12-0), 4/3/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading, 4/8/17

Bill creates a public records exemption for individual identifying information of a person contained in a Point-in-Time Count and Survey or data in a Homeless Management Information System; providing for future legislative review and repeal of the exemption; providing a statement of public necessity, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

**SB 1048 – “Linear Facilities”** (Lee (T)) – filed 2/20/17

Identical to HB 1055

Referred to Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities; Community Affairs, 3/6/17

Favorable in Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities (7-0), 3/14/17

Favorable in Community Affairs (7-1), 3/21/17

Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

Placed on Special Order Calendar, 04/04/17

Read Second Time, 4/4/17

Placed on Third Reading, 04/06/17

Read Third Time; **PASSED** (34-3)

In messages, 4/12/17

Bill revising the definition of the term “development” to exclude work by utility providers on utility infrastructure on certain rights-of-way or corridors; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of an electrical power plant; requiring the consideration of a certain variance standard when including conditions for the certification of a proposed transmission line corridor, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

**SB 1158– “Regulation of Commerce, Trade and Labor”** (Passidomo) – filed 2/23/17

Similar to HB 17

Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Community Affairs; Appropriations; Rules, 3/6/17

Bill reserves exclusive right for state to regulate matters of commerce, trade, and labor; prohibiting counties, municipalities, and special districts from engaging in specified actions that regulate commerce, trade, or labor, unless otherwise expressly authorized to do so by special or general law; providing that an ordinance, rule, or regulation that violates a specified provision is null and void, etc. Proposed effective date: Upon becoming a law

**SB 1770– “Community Redevelopment Agencies”** (Lee (T)) – filed 3/7/17

Similar to HB 13

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations; Rules, 3/14/17

Favorable with CS in Community Affairs (5-3), 4/3/17

Unfavorable in Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (2-5), 4/18/17

*Pending reconsideration, 4/18/17*

Bill Requires ethics training for community redevelopment agency commissioners; provides a phase-out period for existing community redevelopment agencies; requires the Department of Economic Opportunity to declare inactive community redevelopment agencies that have reported no financial activity for a specified number of years, etc. Proposed effective Date: 7/1/2017

**Committee substitute filed 4/4/17 (CA)** provides that the governing body of the county or municipality that created the CRA may approve its continued existence beyond the expiration date in its charter and beyond September 30, 2037, by a super majority vote of the governing body members; makes a technical change that provides that the notice of inactive status is only to be delivered to the governing board or commission if the agency does not have any board members or agents who may receive the notice; revises the initial date after which moneys in the redevelopment trust fund may only be expended pursuant to an annual budget adopted by the board of commissioners of the CRA and only for those purposes specified in current law from July 1, 2017, to October 1, 2017; requires a governing body of a county or municipality which appoints itself as the governing body of the CRA and consists of five members to appoint two additional non-elected persons with specified expertise to act as members of the CRA; removes certain performance data including the number of jobs created within the CRA, the sector of the economy to which the new jobs pertain, and the number of jobs retained within the CRA from the list of information required under the CRA annual report; and, revises the definition of the term “blighted area.”

**SB 1774– “Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption”** (Lee (T)) – filed 3/7/17

Similar to HB 7105

Referred to Community Affairs; Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax; Appropriations, 3/14/17

Favorable in Community Affairs (5-1), 3/17/17

Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax

Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to increase the assessed value eligible for homestead exemption and to provide an effective date if the amendment is adopted, etc.