

Florida Legislative Update

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2017 Legislative Session

- ▶ Only one requirement of the Florida Legislature ...
 - ▶ Pass a balanced budget within the 60 days of session
- ▶ They failed to do so and had to extend before agreeing to \$83 billion budget



2017 Legislative Session

- ▶ Governor received budget last week and vetoed sections of the budget
 - ▶ K-12 funding
 - ▶ Money for Enterprise Florida
 - ▶ Money for VISIT FLORIDA
- ▶ House and Senate agreed to readdress these issues
- ▶ Special Session called for June 7 - 9

2017 Legislative Session

- ▶ Environmental bills filed:
 - ▶ Disposal Plastic Bags:
 - ▶ HB 93 by Rep. David Richardson
 - ▶ SB 162 by Senator Javier Rodriguez
 - ▶ Environmental Regulation Commission
 - ▶ SB 198 by Senator Linda Stewart
 - ▶ HB 861 by Rep. Matt Wilhite
 - ▶ Resource Recovery & Management
 - ▶ HB 335 by Rep. Chuck Clemons
 - ▶ SB 1104 by Senator Keith Perry

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- ▶ Florida Black Bears
 - ▶ HB 491 by Rep. Amy Mercado
 - ▶ SB 1304 by Senator Linda Stewart
- ▶ Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
 - ▶ HB 531 by Rep. Lori Berman
- ▶ Public Notification of Pollution
 - ▶ SB 532 by Senator Bill Galvano
 - ▶ HB 1065 by Rep. Kathleen Peters
 - ▶ Language appeared in SB 1018 by Senator Denise Grimsley

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- ▶ Recovered Materials
 - ▶ HB 1133 by Rep. Jackie Toledo
 - ▶ SB 1288 by Senator Dennis Baxley

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▶ Priority Issues

- ▶ Governor Rick Scott wanted more money for Enterprise Florida and VISIT FLORIDA and \$618 million of tax cuts ... settled for \$180 million
- ▶ President Joe Negron wanted \$2.6 billion to purchase 60,000 acres to build a reservoir to store and clean water from Lake Okeechobee ... settled for \$1.5 billion for 14 feet deep storage reservoir
- ▶ Higher education
 - ▶ Speaker Richard Corcoran wanted \$500 million in K-12 education
 - ▶ Eliminate funding for VISIT FLORIDA and Enterprise FL ... settled for “Schools of Hopes”

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▶ Attacks against local governments

- ▶ HB 425/SB 188 would have prevented cities and counties from passing new regulations on vacation rentals of private homes - Airbnb and HomeAway
- ▶ HB 17 would have repealed local government regulations in 2020 and require they seek legislative approval for any new ordinances that would affect businesses
- ▶ HB 687 limits local governments from regulating types of equipment known as “small wireless facilities” in public rights of ways that are used for new 5G wireless technology
- ▶ HB 221 prohibits local governments from regulating ridesharing companies such as Uber & Lyft

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- ▶ Guns ...
 - ▶ “Stand Your Ground” passed
 - ▶ Open carry or the ability to carry a gun into a courthouse, religious school, theater, airport, campus or governmental meeting failed
- ▶ Implementation of Constitutional Amendment - Medical Marijuana - failed
- ▶ Implementation of Constitutional Amendment - Solar Devices - passed

2017 Legislative Session

- ▶ By the end of session, a total of 3,052 bills were filed in both chambers
- ▶ Total of 249 bills passed both chambers
 - ▶ 203 general bills
 - ▶ 38 local bills
 - ▶ 5 resolutions
 - ▶ 2 Joint resolutions
 - ▶ 1 Memorial
- ▶ In the House 1,210 appropriation bills were filed

2017 Legislative Session

- ▶ Getting ready for 2018 session
 - ▶ Interim committee meetings will begin this fall
 - ▶ Regular session begins January 9
- ▶ Special Elections
 - ▶ SD 40
 - ▶ HD 116
 - ▶ HD 44

2018

- ▶ Election year
 - ▶ Governor
 - ▶ Attorney General
 - ▶ Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services
 - ▶ Chief Financial Officer
 - ▶ 120 House members - 20 members are term limited
 - ▶ 20 Senators - 2 members are term limited

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Thank you!