



## You are making a difference

Keep calling, emailing your legislators and talking about preemption issues at home

The massive preemption issues facing Florida's counties have by and large slowed in the legislative process. This means that legislators are hearing you and more carefully considering these proposals. There are still 18 days to go until the end of session. We are in the third quarter and while the game is going well there is still a lot of time left. So don't stop!

We must all heed Mark Twain's warning: "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

### Homestead Exemption:

This bill has yet to be heard in its 2nd of three committee stops in the Senate and the House bill has not yet received its committee assignments. While seeing this bill slow down is hopeful, with a \$750 million statewide impact we cannot slow down.

- What is the impact to your county? FAC has completed a county by county break down of impacts, [click here to view yours.](#)
- The press is covering it. The Orlando Sentinel did a powerful editorial this weekend opposing the legislation and there have been 14 articles in the last 10 days highlighting the issue. [Click here to view press coverage.](#)
- Need talking points or more information? [Click here.](#)

### Super Preemption:

This bill started with a lot of momentum but your loud voices have caused it to screech to a halt. House Bill 17 has one more committee stop but it hasn't been scheduled for close to a month. The Senate Bill (1158) has yet to be heard in any of its four committee stops. In addition the press continues to cover this legislation, publishing [78 articles](#) in the last month alone.

### Short Term Rentals:

These bills continue to move and still need your voice. The bills would remove your ability to regulate noise or even parking at vacation rental properties. The House Bill 425 has one more committee stop in the Commerce Committee but it has not been calendared for a hearing. The Senate Bill 188 will be heard this afternoon at 4:00pm in the [Community Affairs Committee](#). If it passes that committee, it will have one more committee stop in the Senate.

- Please contact members of the [Senate Community Affairs Committee](#) and ask them to vote no on SB 188.
- Need more information or talking points? [Click Here.](#)
- This story is in the news as well with [35 stories](#) since March 25

### Cell Phone Tower Preemption

Your action is needed this week on this legislation! The telecom industry is a powerful lobby and we must continually remind our legislators the importance of home rule. See below for more information.



 Bills in the News: [Cell Phone Towers](#)

**What:** [SB 596](#) & [HB 687](#)

**When:**

*Wednesday, April 19*

House: 8:00 a.m.

Senate: 4:00 p.m.

**Where:**

[House Commerce Committee](#)

212 Knott Building

[Senate Rules Committee](#)

110 Senate Office Building

**Action Needed:**

Call / Email [House Commerce Committee](#)

members & [Senate Rules](#)

[Committee](#) members

**Messages:**

1. Taxpayers shouldn't foot the bill
2. Let's work together
3. The CST red herring
3. Protect public safety and community standards
4. Stop the Preemption

[CLICK HERE](#) for more.

**Questions/More information:**

[Eric Poole](#)

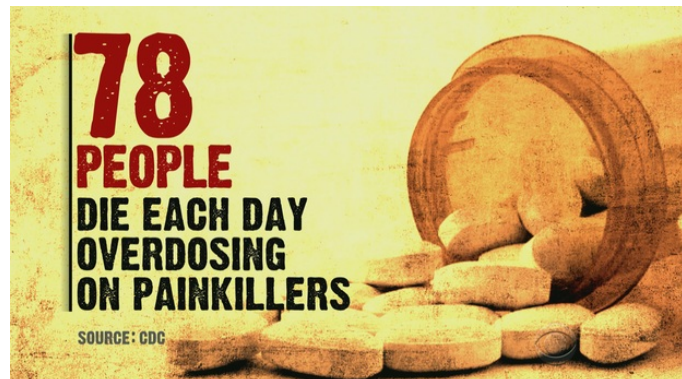
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## FAC Priority: Opioid Epidemic

[SB788](#) (Sen. Clemons) –related to marketing practices for substance abuse services is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, 4/19/17 in the Senate Rules Committee.

[SB 588](#) (Sen. Passidomo) is the companion bill to [HB 249](#) (Rep. Rommel) encourages first responders to report certain overdose incident data to the Department of Health within 120

hours of the incident through the existing state Emergency Medical Service Tracking and Reporting System (or other appropriate method) and requires the Department to make the information available to local government agencies no later than 120 hours after receipt. [SB 588](#) is scheduled to be heard on Monday, 4/17/17 in the Senate Criminal Justice committee. [HB 249](#) is on 2nd reading calendar in the House.



[SB 150](#) (Rep. Steube) / [HB 477](#) (Rep. Boyd) creates crimes of trafficking in fentanyl and

synthetic drugs and increases penalties for some drug related offenses. This is the priority legislation for the Florida Sheriffs Association. [SB 150](#) is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judiciary committee on Wednesday, 4/19/17. [HB 477](#) has been placed on the special order calendar for Tuesday 4/18/17 and will be heard on 2nd reading.

Last week, the Governor and Attorney General announced a series of opioid workshops to hear from Florida's communities on the impact of the Opioid Epidemic. Workshops scheduled are:

- May 1, 3-4:30 p.m., West Palm Beach police headquarters, 600 Banyan Blvd., West Palm Beach.
- May 2, 9-10:30 a.m., Bradenton Area Convention Center, 1 Haben Blvd., Palmetto.
- May 2, 3-4:30 p.m., Orange County Commission Chambers, 201 S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando.
- May 3, 9-10:30 a.m., Jacksonville City Hall, St. James Building, 117 W. Duval St., Jacksonville.

#### Questions/More information:

To learn more about this issue and related legislative information contact Lisa M. Hurley, Esq. via email @ [lhurley@fl-counties.com](mailto:lhurley@fl-counties.com) or visit the **OPIOID EPIDEMIC** Legislative page [here](#).



## Bills in the News: Opioid Epidemic

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### FAC Priority: Medical Marijuana



[SB 406](#) (Sen. Bradley) is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, 4/18/17 during a meeting of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. [HB 1397](#) (Rep. Rodrigues) is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, 4/18/17 in the House Appropriations Committee.

#### Legislation and FAC Contact

To learn more about this issue and related legislative information contact Susan Harbin, Esq. via email @ [sharbin@fl-counties.com](mailto:sharbin@fl-counties.com) or visit the **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** Legislative page [here](#).

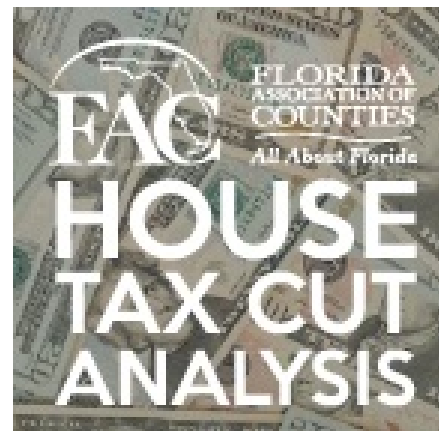
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### FAC Priority: Tax Reform

**House Proposed Tax Cut Package - [HB 7109](#)** - The proposed 2017 House tax cut package has yet to receive any further committee references. Based on [FAC's analysis](#) of the proposed tax cut concepts, Counties will experience an estimated \$33 million recurring impact statewide.

**10% Assessment Limit on Non-Homestead Property - [SB 76](#)** (Sen. Lee) was unanimously passed on Wednesday, 4/12/17 by the Senate Rules Committee and now it heads to the Senate Floor.

**Additional Homestead Exemption** - Please review FAC's new County by County impact analysis of [SJR 1774](#) (Sen. Lee) and [HB 7105](#) (Rep. LaRosa) [here](#).



**Renewable Energy** - [SB90](#) (Sen. Brandes) was passed unanimously on 4/13/2017 by the Senate Finance and Tax committee.

**Local Business Taxes** - [SB330](#) (Sen. Stuebe) was unanimously passed by the Senate Finance and Tax committee on 4/13/17

**Questions / More Information:**

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## FAC Priority: Comprehensive Water Reform



[HB 285](#) (Rep. Fine) -Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Inspections has been placed on the special order calendar for Tuesday, 4/18/17 and will be heard on 2nd reading. In its current form, [HB 285](#) would require DOH to create a database of existing septic systems including location and operational condition. The amended bill also requires a disclosure form at the point of sale of indicating that a septic system exists

on the property and recommending that the purchaser request the latest inspection report or request an inspection and assessment of the system if a report is not available. [SB 1748](#) (Sen. Stewart) is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation committee on Wednesday, 4/19/17.

[SB532](#) (Sen. Galvano) related to public notices of pollution was passed on the Senate Special Order Calendar for 2nd reading on Thursday, 4/13/2017 and has been scheduled for 3rd reading on Tuesday, 4/18/17.

[SB 10](#) (Sen. Bradley) – Relating to Water Resources passed off the Senate floor and is now in House messages.

**Questions / More information:**

To learn more about this issue and related legislative information contact Susan Harbin, Esq. via email @ [sharbin@fl-counties.com](mailto:sharbin@fl-counties.com) or visit the **COMPREHENSIVE WATER** Legislative page [here](#).

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## FAC Priority: Beach Re-nourishment

[SB 1590](#) (Sen. Latvala) – Relating to Coastal Management passed unanimously on 4/13/17 in the Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources.

**Questions / More Information**

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**Bills in the News: Beach Re-nourishment**

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# Other Legislative Issues of Note

The following provides information regarding legislation that may significantly impact Florida's counties.

## Health & Human Services / Public Safety

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### Florida Criminal Justice Reform Task Force: [SB 458](#) / [HB 387](#)

- [SB 458](#) (Sen. Brandes) was passed unanimously on 4/5/17 by the Senate Appropriations committee.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/criminal-justice-reform-task-force](http://fl-counties.com/criminal-justice-reform-task-force)

### Relating to Sentencing: [SB 1068](#) / [HB 157](#)

- [SB 1068](#) (Sen. Brandes) was unanimously passed on 4/13/17 by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/sentencing](http://fl-counties.com/sentencing)

### Clerks of the Circuit Court: [SB 2056](#)

- [SB 2506](#), which provides for additional funds for clerks and a mechanism to adjust for budget fluctuations during the year, was passed off the Senate Floor, received by the House which took up the bill and amended the legislation and ultimately agreed to include the subject matter of the bill as a part of the upcoming budget conference.
- [HB 7051](#) revises the way in which clerk of court budgets would be approved. Specifically, it removes the duties of LBC regarding budgets of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation & clerks of court; revises duties of the corporation; revises budgeting requirements for court-related costs of clerks of court; requires cost of certain changes in court rules & administrative orders to be reviewed by Criminal Justice Estimating Conference; revises duties of JAC relating to budgets & payroll of clerks of court. [HB 7051](#) passed out of the House Judiciary committee on 4/13/17 and is now headed to the House Floor.
- FAC webpage: [fl-counties.com/clerks-circuit-court](http://fl-counties.com/clerks-circuit-court)

### Drones - [SB 832](#) / [HB 1027](#)

- [HB 1027](#) has been placed on the House special order calendar for 4/18/17 and will be heard on 2nd reading.
- [SB 832](#) is scheduled to be heard on 4/19/17 by the Senate Communications, Energy, and Utilities committee.
- FAC webpage: [fl-counties.com/drones](http://fl-counties.com/drones)

### Civil Citation Program for Juveniles - [SB 196](#) / [HB 205](#)

- [SB 196](#) was passed on 4/13/17 by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice.
- FAC webpage: [fl-counties.com/civil-citation-program-juveniles](http://fl-counties.com/civil-citation-program-juveniles)

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## Finance, Tax & Administration

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### Public Records – [SB 80](#) / [HB 163](#)

- [SB 80](#) and [HB 163](#) have both been placed on the House special order calendar for 4/18/17 and will be heard on 2nd reading.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/public-records](http://fl-counties.com/public-records)

### Constitutional Officers – [SJR 134](#) / [HJR 721](#)

- [SJR 134](#) relating to Sheriffs is scheduled to be heard again by the Senate Judiciary committee on 4/19/17. [HJR 721](#) is also expected to be heard again by the House Government Accountability committee on 4/19/17
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/constitutional-officers](http://fl-counties.com/constitutional-officers)

### **Worker's Compensation – [SB 1582](#) / [HB 7085](#)**

- [SB 1582](#) (Sen. Bradley) was passed in the Appropriations committee on 4/10/17. The Senate version would cap attorneys' fees at \$250 and would require individual insurers to file their own rate requests rather than the requests being filed by the National Council on Compensation Insurance. The bill now includes language that would deem multiple myeloma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma to be occupational diseases for firefighters for purposes of workers' compensation.
- [HB 7085](#) (Rep. Burgess) is on Special Order Calendar for 4/18/17. Among other provisions, the House version of the workers' compensation reform would limit claimants' attorney's fees to \$150.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/workers-compensation](http://fl-counties.com/workers-compensation)

### **Local Referenda – [HB 139](#) / [SB 278](#)**

- [SB 278](#) is scheduled to be heard on Monday, 4/17/17 by the Senate Community Affairs committee.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/local-referenda](http://fl-counties.com/local-referenda)

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## **Growth Management, Environmental & Transportation**

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### **Vacation Rentals - [SB 188](#) / [HB 425](#)**

- [SB 188](#) will be heard again on Monday, 4/17/2017, during the Senate Community Affairs committee meeting.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/vacation-rentals](http://fl-counties.com/vacation-rentals)

### **Relating to Transportation Network Companies: [SB 340](#) / [HB 221](#)**

- [SB 340](#) has been placed on the special order calendar for 4/18/17 and will be heard on 2nd reading.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/transportation-network-companies](http://fl-counties.com/transportation-network-companies)

### **Public Works Contracting: [SB 534](#) / [HB 599](#)**

- [HB 599](#) has been placed on the special order calendar for 4/18/17 and will be heard on 2nd reading.
- FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/utility-transmission-lines](http://fl-counties.com/utility-transmission-lines)

### **Community Redevelopment Agencies - [SB 1770](#) / [HB 13](#)**

- [SB 1770](#) is scheduled to be heard on 4/18/17 by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development.
  - FAC Webpage: [fl-counties.com/community-redevelopment-agencies](http://fl-counties.com/community-redevelopment-agencies)
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