



**Regular Session: County Lobbyist Call  
Monday, April 24, 2017**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Davin Suggs, FAC's Director of Public Policy, made the following announcement:

- Week 8!
- Please refer to previous editions of County Lobbyists notes and FAC Legislative Bulletins for information on bills not discussed this week.
- **LEGISLATIVE ALERTS** for this week have been included.
- **Red** - means an upcoming event, bill hearing, etc...
- **Green** - refers to last action on a bill from the previous week.

**LEGISLATIVE PREEMPTION ALERT #1**

**A tax shift is not a tax cut:**

**Vote No on Senate Resolution to Increase the Homestead Exemption**

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading and Final Vote by the Full House of Representatives.**

*Increasing the Homestead Property Tax Exemption*

[HJR 7105](#) by the House Ways and Means Committee and Rep. LaRosa proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the homestead exemption by \$25,000, creating a super-exemption of \$75,000 for the first \$100,000 of the value of homestead property. While homestead property owners may appreciate the exemption, it shifts the tax burden to our local business and non-homesteaded property owners.

- **This is a tax SHIFT not a tax CUT.** The tax burden will be placed on local business owners and non-homestead property owners who must choose between more taxes or fewer services.
- **Small counties hit the hardest:** Florida's 29 fiscally constrained counties that are at or near the 10 mill cap will have no choice but to cut the limited services they are barely able to provide today.
- **Citizens will get less with less:** The additional exemption means that counties that choose to maintain their current millage rates must make tough choices about the services provided to their citizens.

**LOCAL IMPACT:**

To view your local impact please view [FAC's County by County Analysis](#) of the proposed legislation.

## HOW CAN I HELP “STOP” THIS LEGISLATION?

- CALL YOUR DELAGATION MEMBERS of the [FLORIDA HOUSE](#) and share your local perspective.
- E-MAIL YOUR DELAGATION MEMBERS of the [FLORIDA HOUSE](#) and share your local perspective.

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## **2017 PRIORITIES UPDATE**

### **OPIOID ABUSE – LISA HURLEY, ESQ.**

[SB 788](#) (Sen. Clemons)– related to marketing practices for substance abuse services **was heard and passed on Wednesday, 4/19/17 in the Senate Rules Committee.** The bill is now headed to the Senate floor. The House companion [HB 807](#) **has been placed on the House Special Order Calendar for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Tuesday, 4/25/17.**

[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](#) **was passed on Monday, 4/17/17 by the Senate Criminal Justice committee and is now scheduled to be heard by the Senate Rules committee on 4/25/17.** [HB 249](#) and Similar [HB 61](#) **have been placed on the special-order calendar for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Tuesday, 4/25/17.**

[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](#) **was passed by the Senate Judiciary committee on Wednesday, 4/19/17 and is now scheduled to be heard by the Senate Appropriations committee on Tuesday 4/25/17.** [HB 477](#) **was passed by the full House on 4/20/17.**

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### **MEDICAL MARIJUANA –SUSAN HARBIN, ESQ.**

[SB 406](#) (Sen. Bradley) **was heard and passed on Tuesday, 4/18/17 during a meeting of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services.** **The bill is scheduled to be heard during the Senate Appropriations committee on Tuesday 4/25/17.** [HB 1397](#) (Rep. Rodrigues) **was heard and passed on Tuesday, 4/18/17 in the House Appropriations Committee.** **The bill is scheduled to be heard during the House Health and Human Services committee on Monday, April 24, 2017.**

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#### **TAX REFORM / LOCAL REVENUE ENHANCEMENT – LAURA YOUMANS, ESQ.**

**House Proposed Tax Cut Package - [HB 7109](#) - The proposed 2017 House tax cut package has been placed on the House Special Order Calendar for 4/25/17. 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 - [HB 21](#) (Rep. Burton) has been substituted for [SB 76](#) (Sen. Lee) and has been scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and final passage on Wednesday 4/26/2017**

**Additional Homestead Exemption - Please review FAC's new County by County impact analysis of [SJR 1774](#) (Sen. Lee) and [HB 7105](#) (Rep. LaRosa) [here](#). [HB 7015](#) has been placed on Special Order for 4/25/17**

**Renewable Energy - [SB 90](#) (Sen. Brandes) was passed unanimously on 4/20/2017 by the Senate Appropriations committee and is now headed to the Senate floor. [HB 1351](#) (Rep. Rodrigues) was passed unanimously by the House Commerce committee on 4/19/17 and has now placed on the House special order calendar for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Tuesday, 4/25/17.**

**Local Business Taxes - [SB 330](#) (Sen. Stuebe) is scheduled to be heard in Senate Appropriations on 4/25/17. [HB 487](#) (Rep. Renner) is scheduled to be heard in the House Government Accountability committee on 4/25/17 as well.**

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#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ERIC POOLE**

No update

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#### **BEACH RENOURISHMENT – SUSAN HARBIN, ESQ.**

**[SB 1590](#) (Sen. Latvala) – Relating to Coastal Management passed unanimously on 4/20/17 in the Senate Appropriations committee.**

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#### **COMPREHENSIVE WATER – SUSAN HARBIN, ESQ.**

[HB 285](#) (Rep. Fine) - Relating to Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Inspections has been passed by the Full House as of 4/20/17. [SB 1748](#) (Sen. Stewart) was heard and passed in the Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation committee on Wednesday, 4/19/17.

[SB 532](#) (Sen. Galvano) related to public notices of pollution was passed off the Senate Floor on 4/18/17 and is now in House messages.

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

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### **2017 EMERGING ISSUES UPDATE**

#### Health & Human Services / Public Safety

- 1. Clerks of the Circuit Court** – Lisa Hurley ([lhurley@fl-counties.com](mailto:lhurley@fl-counties.com))  
[SB 2506](#) (Senate Appropriations) / [HB 7051](#) (Rep. Byrd) - Relating to Clerks of the Circuit Court  
[SB 2506](#), will be included as a part of the upcoming budget conference.  
[HB 7051](#) has been placed on the special-order calendar for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 4/25/17.
- 2. Drones** - Eric Poole ([epoole@fl-counties.com](mailto:epoole@fl-counties.com))  
[SB 832](#) (Sen. Young) / [HB 1027](#) (Rep. Yarborough) - Relating to Drones  
[HB 1027](#) was passed off the House floor on 4/20/17.  
[SB 832](#) was heard and passed on 4/19/17 by the Senate Communications, Energy, and Utilities committee. The bill is scheduled to be heard by the Senate Rules committee on 4/25/17.
- 3. Civil Citation Program for Juveniles** – Lisa Hurley ([lhurley@fl-counties.com](mailto:lhurley@fl-counties.com))  
[SB 196](#) (Sen. Flores) / [HB 205](#) (Rep. Ahern) - Relating to Juvenile Civil Citation & Similar Diversion Programs:  
[HB 205](#) was passed by the House Judiciary committee on 4/20/17 and is now headed to the House floor. The bill was substantially amended to removed mandatory civil citations and merely encourages the use of such diversion programs and provides for the expunction of juvenile records who successfully complete the program.

#### Finance, Tax & Administration

1. **House and Senate Budget:** FAC staff anticipates that budget conference meeting will begin around the middle of this week and continue through the weekend.
2. **Public Records** – Laura Youmans ([lyoumans@fl-counties.com](mailto:lyoumans@fl-counties.com))  
[SB 80](#) (Sen. Stuebe) / [HB 163](#) (Rep. Burgess) - Relating to Public Records  
  
[SB 80](#) and [HB 163](#) have both been passed as of 4/20/17 and will be submitted to the Governor.
3. **Worker's Compensation** – Laura Youmans ([lyoumans@fl-counties.com](mailto:lyoumans@fl-counties.com))  
[SB 1582](#) (Sen. Bradley) / [HB 7085](#) (Rep. Burgess) - Worker's Compensation  
  
[SB 1582](#) (Sen. Bradley) was passed in the Senate Rules committee on 4/19/17 and is now headed to the Senate floor. [HB 7085](#) (Rep. Burgess) was passed off the House floor on 4/19/17 and will now await action by the Senate.
4. **Local Referenda** – Laura Youmans ([lyoumans@fl-counties.com](mailto:lyoumans@fl-counties.com))  
[HB 139](#) (Rep. Ingoglia) / [SB 278](#) (Sen. Stuebe) - Relating to Local Tax Referenda:  
  
[SB 278](#) was heard and passed on Monday, 4/17/17 by the Senate Community Affairs committee. [HB 139](#) has been placed on the House special order calendar for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 4/25/17.
5. **Local Government Fiscal Transparency** – Laura Youmans ([lyoumans@fl-counties.com](mailto:lyoumans@fl-counties.com))  
[HB 7065](#) (House Ways & Means Comm.)  
  
The bill was heard and passed by the House Government Accountability Committee on 4/25/17. The bill has now been placed on the House special order calendar for 4/25/17.

#### Growth Management and Transportation

1. **UBER** - Eric Poole ([epoole@fl-counties.com](mailto:epoole@fl-counties.com))  
[SB 340](#) (Sen. Brandes) / [HB 221](#) (Rep. Sprowls) - **Relating to Transportation Network Companies**  
  
The bills have been passed by both chambers will now be presented to the Governor.
2. **Public Works Contracting** - Eric Poole ([epoole@fl-counties.com](mailto:epoole@fl-counties.com))  
  
[SB 534](#) (Sen. Perry) / [HB 599](#) (Rep. Williamson) - **Relating to Public Works Projects**  
  
[HB 599](#) was passed off the House floor on 4/19/17 and now awaits action by the Senate. [SB 534](#) was heard and passed by the Senate Appropriations committee on 4/20/17 and now heads to the Senate floor.
3. **Community Redevelopment Agencies** - Susan Harbin ([sharbin@fl-counties.com](mailto:sharbin@fl-counties.com))

[SB 1770](#) (Sen. Lee) / [HB 13](#) (Rep. Raburn) - Relating to Community Redevelopment Agencies

[SB 1770](#) failed to pass the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. [HB 13](#) was heard and passed by the House Government Accountability committee and has been placed on the House special order calendar for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on 4/25/17.

4. **Vacation Rentals** - Eric Poole ([epoole@fl-counties.com](mailto:epoole@fl-counties.com))

[SB 188](#) (Sen. Stuebe) / [HB 425](#) (Rep. LaRosa) - Relating to Vacation Rentals

[SB 188](#) was heard and passed on Monday, 4/17/2017, during the Senate Community Affairs committee meeting. The bill was amended to allow existing ordinances to be amended to be less restrictive or add measures that reduced the regulatory burdens on veterans that own vacation rental property. [HB 425](#) is scheduled to be heard by the House Commerce committee on 4/24/17.









5. **Cell Towers** – Eric Poole ([epoole@fl-counties.com](mailto:epoole@fl-counties.com))

[SB 596](#) (Sen. Hutson) / [HB 687](#) (Rep. La Rosa) - Relating to Utilities:

While [SB 596](#) passed the Senate Rules committee and is headed to the Senate floor, the House companion ([HB 687](#)) is scheduled to be heard in its last committee of reference, the House Commerce committee on 4/24/17.

**Week Ahead Calendar**

**Monday**

 <b>Commerce Committee</b>	<b>212 K</b>	<b>9:00AM-1:30PM</b>
<a href="#">HB 0425</a> 	<b>Vacation Rentals</b>	<a href="#">La Rosa</a>
<a href="#">HB 0687</a> 	<b>Utilities</b>	<a href="#">La Rosa</a>
 <b>Government Accountability Committee</b>	<b>17 H</b>	<b>9:00AM-1:30PM</b>
<a href="#">HB 0487</a> 	<b>Local Business Tax</b>	<a href="#">Renner</a>
<a href="#">HB 0843</a> 	<b>Pub. Meetings/Meetings Between Two Members of Board or Comm...</b>	<a href="#">Donalds</a>
 <b>Health &amp; Human Services Committee</b>	<b>17 H</b>	<b>2:00PM-5:00PM</b>
<a href="#">HB 1397</a> 	<b>Medical Use of Marijuana</b>	<a href="#">Rodrigues (R)</a>

**S** Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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3:00PM-4:30PM

<a href="#">SB 7030</a>	Retirement	<a href="#">Governmental Oversight and Accountability</a>
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**Tuesday**

**S** Appropriations 412 K 9:00AM-1:00PM

<a href="#">SB 0150</a>	Controlled Substances	<a href="#">Steube</a>
<a href="#">SB 0330</a>	Local Business Taxes	<a href="#">Steube</a>
<a href="#">SB 0406</a>	Compassionate Use of Low-THC Cannabis and Marijuana	<a href="#">Bradley</a>
<a href="#">SB 1312</a>	Construction	<a href="#">Perry</a>

**H** SESSION 10:30AM-N/A

<a href="#">HB 0249</a>	Drug Overdoses	<a href="#">Rommel</a>
<a href="#">HB 0061</a>	Emergency Services for an Unintentional Drug Overdose	<a href="#">Lee Jr. (L)</a>
<a href="#">HB 0807</a>	Practices of Substance Abuse Service Providers	<a href="#">Hager</a>
<a href="#">HB 7051</a>	Clerks of the Circuit Court	<a href="#">Civil Justice &amp; Claims Subcommittee</a>
<a href="#">HB 7065</a>	Local Government Fiscal Transparency	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Committee</a>
<a href="#">HB 0139</a>	Local Tax Referenda	<a href="#">Ingoglia</a>
<a href="#">HB 7105</a>	Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Committee</a>
<a href="#">HB 7107</a>	Homestead Exemption Implementation	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Committee</a>
<a href="#">HB 7109</a>	Taxation	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Committee</a>
<a href="#">HB 1351</a>	Renewable Energy Source Devices	<a href="#">Rodrigues (R)</a>

**S** Rules 110 S 2:00PM-6:00PM








<a href="#">SB 0188</a>	Vacation Rentals	<a href="#">Steube</a>
<a href="#">SB 0588</a>	Drug Overdoses	<a href="#">Passidomo</a>
<a href="#">SB 0832</a>	Drones	<a href="#">Young</a>
<a href="#">SB 0914</a>	Public Meetings	<a href="#">Baxley</a>

**Wednesday**

**S SESSION****10:00AM-6:00PM**

<a href="#">HB 0021</a> 	<b>Limitations on Property Tax Assessments</b>	<a href="#">Burton</a>
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**H SESSION****10:30AM-N/A**

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<a href="#">HB 7107</a>	<b>Homestead Exemption Implementation</b>	<a href="#">Ways &amp; Means Committee</a>
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