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# 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW

**City of Chipley**  
**December 16, 2024**

# 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

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- The 2024 General Election was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.
- 20 Senate seats and all 120 House seats were up for election.
- Liberty Partners was busy throughout the summer, meeting and interviewing candidates across the state.
- There were approximately 1,078,000 more registered Republicans than Democrats.

# FEDERAL RACES

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- 1 U.S. Senate seat was on the ballot and Senator Rick Scott won re-election by over 12%
- The 2020 Census yielded Florida an additional Congressional District giving the state 28 seats in the U.S. House
- The Election resulted in **20 Republicans** and **8 Democrats** winning office

# FLORIDA CABINET

## GOVERNOR



Ron DeSantis (R)

## ATTORNEY GENERAL



Ashley Moody (R)

## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



Jimmy Patronis (R)

## COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE



Wilton Simpson (R)

- Governor DeSantis and AG Moody will be term limited in 2026; Commissioner Simpson is eligible for another term
- CFO Patronis recently announced his resignation to pursue election to the vacated Congressional District 1 seat



# FLORIDA SENATE



**28 Republicans**  
**12 Democrats**

# FLORIDA HOUSE



**86 Republicans**  
**34 Democrats**

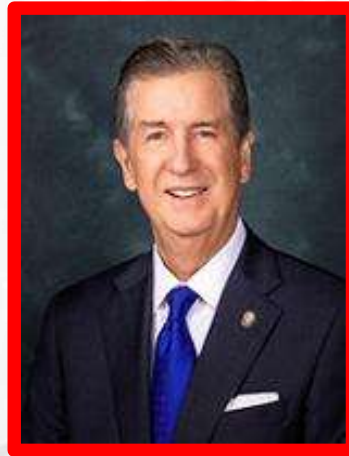
# SENATE 2025-26 LEADERSHIP



**President  
Ben Albritton  
(R-27)**



**President  
Pro Tempore  
Jason Brodeur  
(R-10)**



**Majority  
Leader  
Jim Boyd  
(R-20)**



**Appropriations  
Chairman  
Ed Hooper  
(R-21)**



**Democratic  
Leader  
Jason Pizzo  
(D-37)**

**28 Republicans - 12 Democrats**



# HOUSE 2025-26 LEADERSHIP

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**Speaker  
Danny Perez  
(R-116)**



**Speaker Pro  
Tempore  
Wyman Duggan  
(R-12)**



**Majority Leader  
Tyler Sirois  
(R-31)**



**Budget Chair  
Lawrence  
McClure  
(R-68)**



**Minority Leader  
Fentrice Driskell  
(D-67)**

**86 Republicans - 34 Democrats**

# 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SCHEDULE

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**Organizational Session:** Was held on November 19, 2024

- Senate President-Ben Albritton (R-Naples)
- House Speaker-Danny Perez (R-Miami)

**Interim Committee Weeks:** Began on December 2, 2024 and will continue through the end of February 2025.

**2025 Legislative Session:**

- Convenes on **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**
- Adjourns *Sine Die* on **Friday, May 2, 2025.**



# LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MEETINGS

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- **County Legislative Delegations** are comprised of bipartisan members of the Florida Senate and House of Representatives who represent each of Florida's 67 counties while in Tallahassee.
- The **Washington County Legislative Delegation** is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to hear from constituents prior to the 2025 Legislative Session.

# WASHINGTON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

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Rep. Shane Abbott (R)



Sen. Jay Trumbull (R)

# THE STATE BUDGET PROCESS

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- Agency Budgets were due **October 15** and include Legislative Budget Requests (LBRs) detailing the amount of money needed to perform its functions.
- Governor's recommended budget due at least **30 days prior** to the start of Session and uses the LBRs to complete an overall budget recommendation.
- Each chamber passes an independent appropriations bill and the differences are then reconciled through the **budget conference process**.
- Conference report must be on the desk at least **72 hours** prior to the conclusion of Session per the Florida Constitution.
- Governor has either **7 days, or 15 days** upon receiving the budget to take action and has line-item veto authority (2/3 vote is needed to overturn any veto).



# RECENT STATE BUDGETS

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## FY 2022-2023

Legislature passed:  
\$112.1 billion

Governor Vetoed:  
\$3.1 billion

Final Budget:  
**\$109 billion**

## FY 2023-2024

Legislature passed:  
\$117 billion

Governor Vetoed:  
\$511 million

Final Budget:  
**\$116.5 billion**

## FY 2024-2025

Legislature passed:  
\$117.5 billion

Governor Vetoed:  
\$950 million

Final Budget:  
**\$116.6 billion**

# AN APPROPRIATIONS PROJECT IS FOR

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- Any local government or privately operated program or entity
- A transportation facility not in the DOT's 5-Year Work Program
- An education fixed capital outlay project not recommended by the Board of Governors or the State Board of Education
- A local water project
- A program, research initiative, institute, center or similar entity at a state college or university, not recommended by the Board of Governors or the State Board of Education

# HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS PROJECT REQUEST (APR)

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- House Rules require all appropriation requests to have an APR form submitted and published by February 28.
- The House also requires the principal of the organization or entity to sign an attestation form confirming the accuracy of the APR that is due by March 7.
- No project will be funded at less than half of the requested amount.



# SENATE LOCAL FUNDING INITIATIVE REQUEST (LFIR)

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- Senate Rules require all appropriation requests to have an LFIR form submitted and posted to the Senate website.
- There is no deadline for when a LFIR must be submitted by a Senator.
- The Senate does not require the principal of the organization or entity to sign an attestation form confirming the accuracy of the submitted LFIR form.

# RECENT APPROPRIATION REQUESTS FOR THE CITY OF CHIPLEY

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## **2022 Legislative Session**

- \$500,000 for the Pecan Street Roadway Resurfacing and Improvements

## **2023 Legislative Session**

- \$500,000 for the First Responder Emergency Equipment (FUNDED)
- \$1,000,000 for the Consolidated Government Efficiency Complex
- \$1,500,000 for the I-10/Highway 77 Corridor Infrastructure Expansion Project

## **2024 Legislative Session**

- \$500,000 for the Police Department Equipment Modernization
- \$1,000,000 for the Brickyard Road Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- \$1,500,000 for the I-10/Highway 77 Corridor Infrastructure Expansion Project





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