

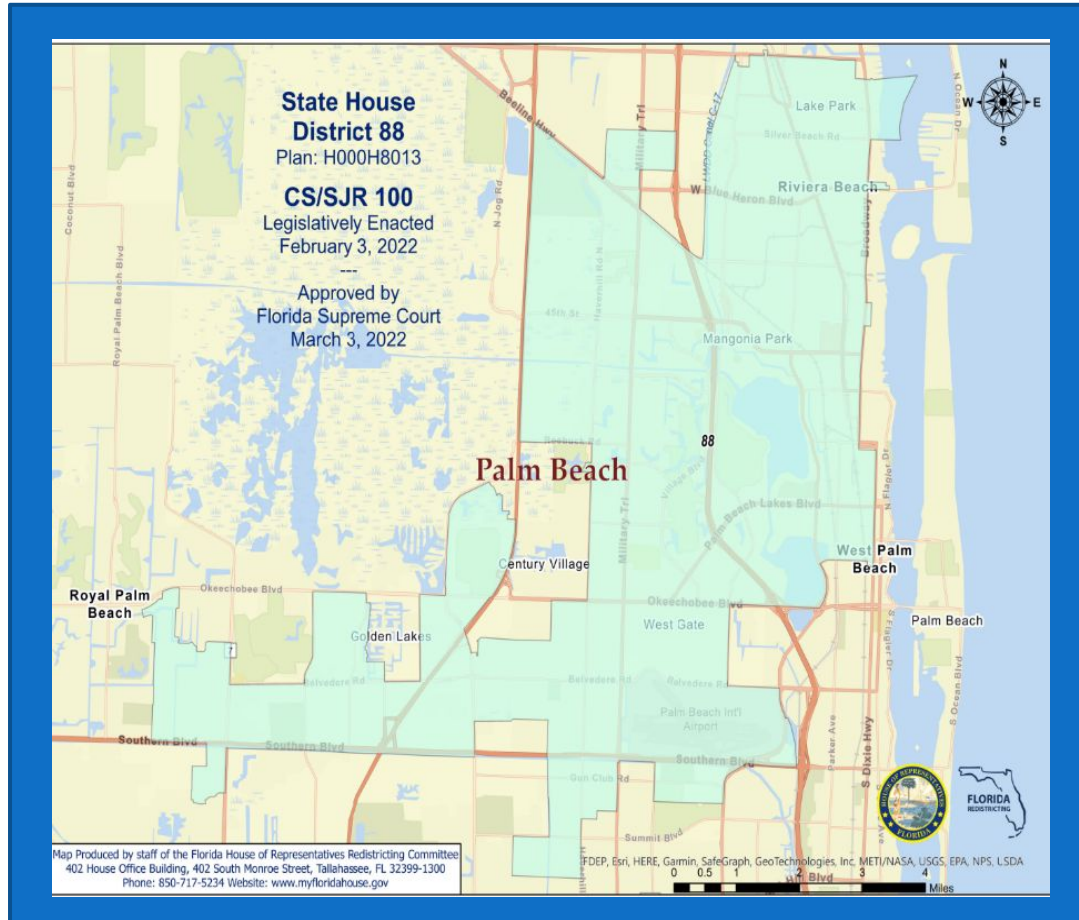
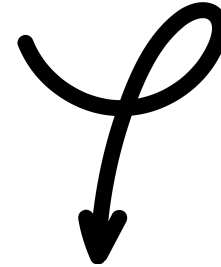
Florida Legislative Session Recap 2026



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Legislative Session

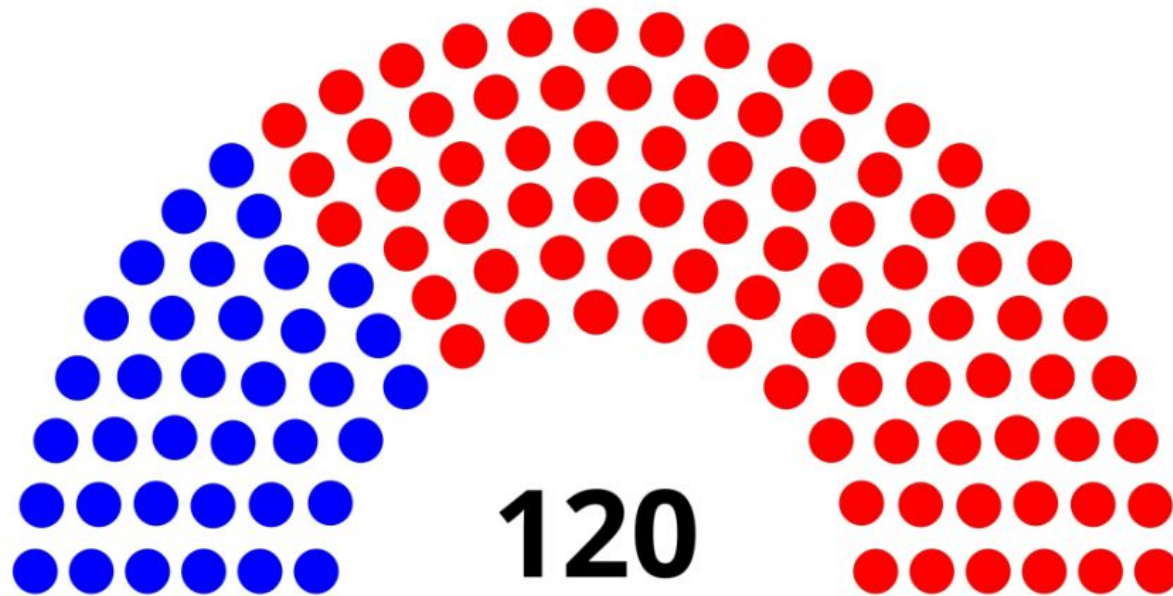
- 60 days, January to March
- Extended to June 2nd
- 1,896 Bills Filled, 236 Passed, 122 Signed.
- 2,846 Appropriation projects





The Florida House

- 120 member body
 - 87 Republicans
 - 33 Democrats
- ALL seats up for election 2026





Rep. Edmonds Committee Assignments

Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee - Ranking Member

Education & Employment Committee

Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee

PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee

State Administration Budget Subcommittee

Select Committee on Property Taxes

Legislation



HB 253 Veterans Dental Care Grant Program

HB 4035 Palm Beach County

HB 311 Tax Credits for Contributions to Assist Homebuyers

HB 171 Responsible Firearm Safety Awareness Month

HB 195 Payment Scam Task Force

HB 345 Funding for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program

HB 727 Instructional and Personnel and School Administrator Salaries

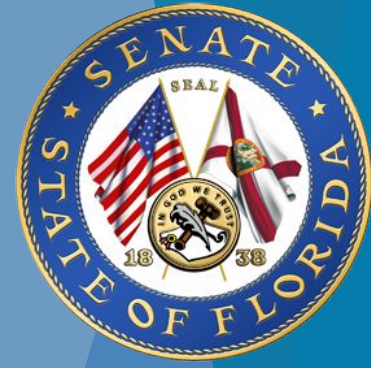
HB 775 Homeowner's Insurance Premium Reductions

Representative Edmonds Appropriations



- ▶ Town of Lake Park Traffic Safety Upgrade - \$800,000
- ▶ Mangonia Park Mill and Repaving Program - \$500,000
- ▶ City of Riviera Beach Law Enforcement Training Center - \$500,000
- ▶ Town of Lake Park Final Septic-to-Sewer Conversion - \$500,000
- ▶ West Palm Beach Membrane Pilot Testing for Use of Alternative Water Supply - \$375,000
- ▶ Riviera Beach Utility Special District – New Water Treatment Plant Construction - \$1.5M
- ▶ Mangonia Park Addie Greene Regional Park Improvements - \$220,000
- ▶ Gulfstream Goodwill Industries Behavioral Health Services - \$438,992

Senate District 24



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Senator Bernard's Committee Assignments

- Ethics and Elections, Vice Chair
- Agriculture
- Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development
- Criminal Justice
- Finance and Tax
- Fiscal Policy
- Regulated Industries
- Joint Administrative Procedures Committee
- Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining



Legislation

- CS/SB 554 Nonprofit Corporations

- Local Bills:

4063: West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund

4065: West Palm Beach Firefighter Pension Fund



Budget & Appropriations

- Over \$41 million in funding secured in the legislative budget

Highlights

- City of Riviera Beach Law Enforcement Training Center---500,000
- Boys & Girls Club & Teen Workforce Readiness Center of West Palm Beach---1,500,000
- Roosevelt Elementary School Program Enhancements---440,000
- Palm Beach County Australian Avenue Drainage Improvements---2,000,000
- Palm Beach County Peanut Island Coast Guard Facility and Bunker Restoration—650,000
- YMCA of the Palm Beaches Community Center---1,500,000
- Cox Science Center and Aquarium Expansion--\$3,000,000
- Multi-Mission Aircraft - Emergency Response Expansion for Palm Beach County---3,000,000
- Youth Center at The Lord's Place Family Campus---500,000
- Mangonia Park Addie Greene Regional Park Improvements---220,000
- Mangonia Park- Mill and Repaving Program—500,000
- Riviera Beach Utility Special District New Water Treatment Plant Construction ---1,500,000



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- West Palm Beach Membrane Pilot Testing for Use of Alternative Water Supply—375,500
- West Palm Beach Fire Department Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Package—163,275
- West Palm Beach-Old Okeechobee Rail Safety Intersection Improvements(Fern Crossing)—3,000,000
- Downtown West Palm Beach Signalization Upgrades-Phase 3—3,000,000
- Palm Beach Atlantic University LeMieux Center for Public Policy—2,000,000
- Gulfstream Goodwill Industries Behavioral Health Services—438,992
- Goodwill Works Vocational Training for the Unemployed—500,000
- Connections Autism School & Vocational Center Expansion—1,000,000
- Arc of Palm Beach County—Completion of Special Needs Shelter—1,500,000

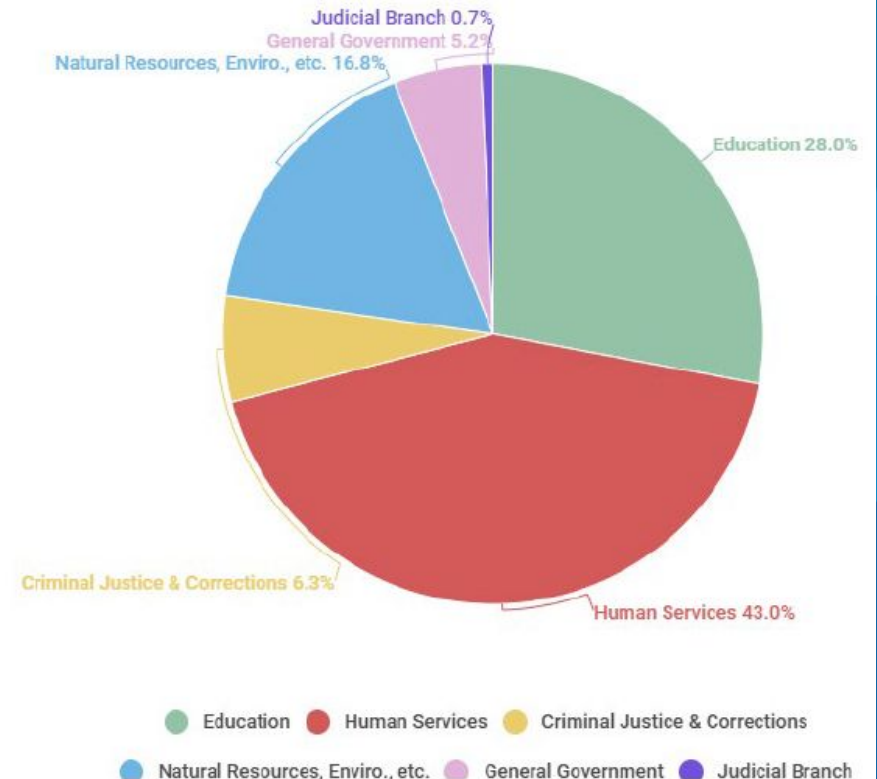


Budget

- ▶ Total Budget: \$114.5B (including reserves & multi-year funds)
- ▶ Key Allocations:
 - \$49.2B – Health & Human Services
 - \$32.B – Education (K–12 & Higher Ed)
 - \$19.2B – Transportation, Environment & Infrastructure
 - \$7.2B - Criminal Justice & Corrections
 - \$5.9B - General Government
 - \$832.7M - Judicial Branch



Proportional Allocation by Section



Budget and Taxes

TRANSPORTATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Affordable Housing

- SHIP Program Funding
- SAIL Program
- Hometown Heroes Program
- My Safe Florida

Transportation Policy

- Rail & Transit Funding (South Florida Impact)



Housing & Development

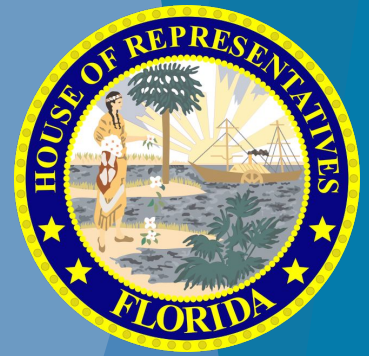
HB 399

HB 399 makes it harder for cities and counties to block housing development and gives developers a stronger legal path to build.

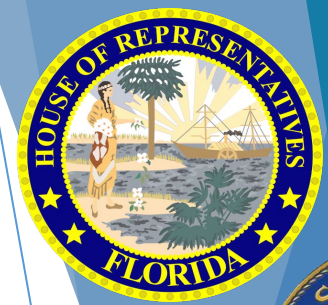
-Cities cannot deny housing projects just because they don't "fit" the neighborhood in some cases

SB1434

This bill is designed to increase housing supply by making it easier to build on underused or contaminated land (brownfields) in urban areas

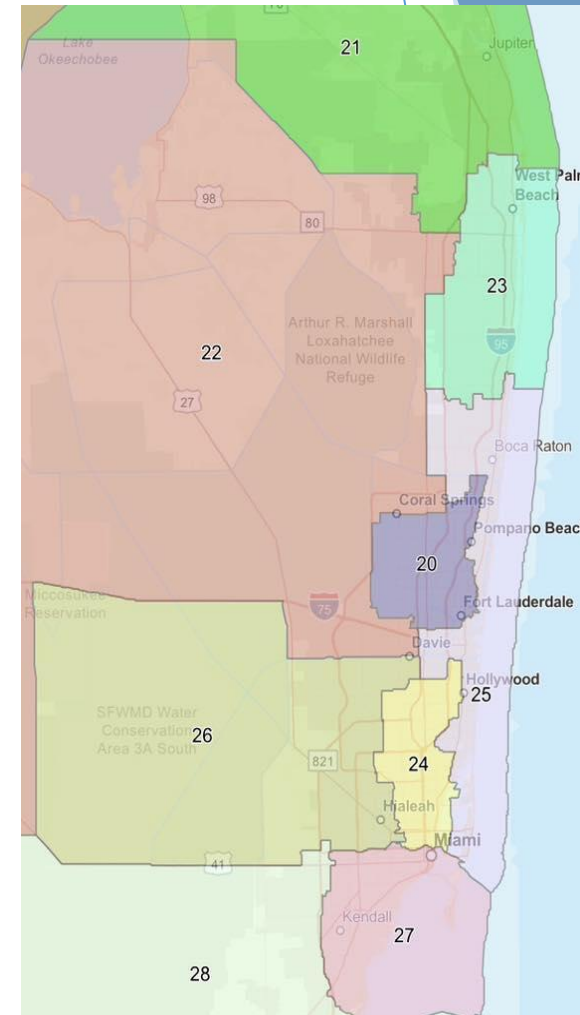
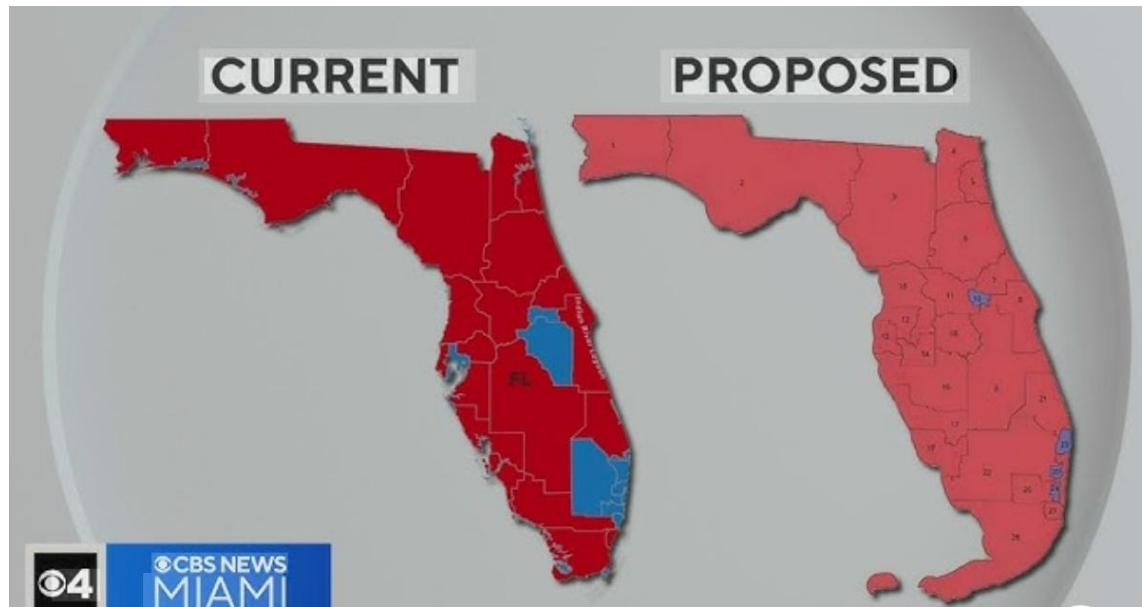


Redistricting & Voting



HB 991

Requires verification of U.S. citizenship using government-issued IDs, eliminating student and retirement home IDs as valid forms.



Property Tax

- ▶ Property taxes will be on the ballot in November. If passed, these will be the most significant changes:
 - The \$50,000 homestead exemption on primary residences will be raised to \$150,000 in 2027 and \$250,000 in 2028.
 - Starting 2028, the homestead exemption will be increased by the Consumer Price Index.
 - People who move to Florida after December 31st will not receive the tax benefit for five years.
 - Annual assessment increases for non-homestead properties (corporations and second homes) will be capped from the current 10% to 5%.
- ▶ **The REAL ISSUE: Homeowners Insurance Rates**



Education

Freedom
Tax Credit

The Governor opted into the federal Freedom Tax Credit, therefore expanding school choice by directing more funding to private and alternative education options, while putting long-term financial pressure on traditional public schools.

SB182

Creates a statewide program that pairs experienced teachers with newer ones to provide training, support, and mentorship, including stipends for mentor teachers.

HB1279

Updates school and university policies like course requirements, student supports, and funding rules, while also tightening certain higher education eligibility and enrollment rules (ex. caps out of state enrollment in preeminent universities at 5%).

HB1073

Creates a “Bill of Rights” for school board members that gives them stronger access to district documents and more while increasing transparency and limiting practices like employee non-disclosure agreements.



Business



HB1134

A local government DEI ban. Prohibits cities and counties from funding or promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, with potential legal consequences for violations.

SB 484

This bill establishes new regulations for large data centers, requiring them to cover their full energy and infrastructure costs and limiting the ability to shift those costs onto consumers. It also adds oversight on water usage, foreign ownership concerns, and local zoning authority, shaping how and where data centers can develop in Florida.

SB 1296

Union Regulation. This bill imposes stricter requirements for public union certification and limits union activities during work hours.

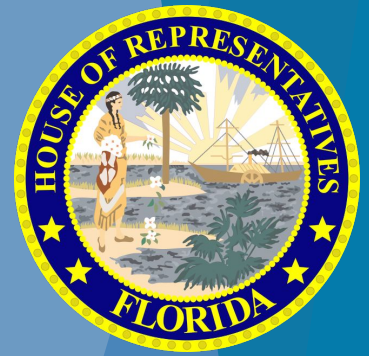
Health Care and More

SB1668

This bill revises how Florida's birth-related neurological injury compensation program coordinates with Medicaid, including requiring the state to recover certain costs. It also clarifies insurer responsibilities and adjusts legal and financial obligations within the program.

HB 697

This bill focuses on prescription drug affordability by updating rules around pricing transparency and insurance coverage. It aims to improve how insurers handle reimbursement and patient access to medications.



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