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Dear FLATLS Council Members:

The Florida Legislature officially wrapped up the 2016 Session on time this year. As Session concluded on Friday, March 11th, legislators made their way back to their respective districts to prepare for the upcoming elections in November. We plan to spend time over the upcoming months helping as much as we can along the campaign trail. An up to date list of those who have filed to run for both the House and Senate can be found [here](#).

Out of the approximate seventy bills that we monitored relating to trial lawyers, ten of those passed both the House and Senate and were sent to the Governor. This year's budget was approximately \$82.3 billion dollars, with \$524 million going to the judicial branch. Of that amount the Governor recently vetoed approximately \$4.3 million in court projects.

A wide variety of issues were among the near seventy bills we monitored concerning trial courts. Term limits for Supreme Court and DCA judges was an issue. We spent the last weeks of the Session speaking to legislators on the issue. The opinion of members we spoke with was in opposition to the concept of term limits for judges. Ultimately the bill died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

We are still unsure, but there have been rumors of a Special Session to take place in the spring or summer of this year. We look for this Special Session to have little to no impact on the Trial Lawyers Section, but of course will keep you all up to date. Likely issues are the gambling compact and healthcare.

We also select a TLS Legislator of the Year from both the House and Senate to be awarded at the annual summer meeting. With the 2017 Session moved back to its usual time of committee meetings (beginning in January and Session in March) due to it being an election year, we will also be spending the summer as well as the fall monitoring issues, meeting with legislators, working on campaigns, and assisting with legislation on trial court issues.

BILLS ENROLLED:

Below are bills which have passed both the House and Senate but have not been signed by the Governor yet.

SB 668 – Relating to Family Law

By Stargel

General Family Law; Requiring a court to consider certain alimony factors and make specific written findings of fact under certain circumstances; requiring a court to make specified findings before ruling on a request for alimony; specifying a premise that a minor child should spend approximately equal amounts of time with each parent; revising a finite list of factors that a court must evaluate when establishing or modifying parental responsibility or a parenting plan; prohibiting a court from changing the duration of alimony, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016

10/28/15 SENATE Filed

11/04/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Appropriations

02/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 02/09/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S

02/09/16 SENATE Not considered by Judiciary

02/11/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 02/16/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S

02/16/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 6 Yeas, 4 Nays

02/18/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/19/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice
SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, 02/24/16, 1:30 pm, 37 S

02/24/16 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; 5 Yeas, 2 Nays

02/25/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations

SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 03/01/16, 10:00 am, 412

K

03/01/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 13 Yeas, 6 Nays

SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/03/16

03/03/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/04/16

03/04/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Adopted (224698); Passed (Vote: 24 Yeas / 14 Nays)

SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

HOUSE In Messages

HOUSE Referred to Calendar

HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/07/16

03/07/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0455; Amendments Failed (917477, 779935); Placed on Third Reading, 03/08/16

03/08/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Amendment Failed (723335); Passed (Vote: 74 Yeas / 38 Nays)

SENATE Ordered enrolled

SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR:

Below are bills that have been presented to the Governor to be signed into law.

The Governor has fifteen days upon receiving them to review and sign them before they automatically become law.

SB 100 - Relating to Petroleum Restoration Program

by Simpson

General Petroleum Restoration Program; Revising the eligibility requirements of the Abandoned Tank Restoration Program; deleting provisions prohibiting the relief of liability for persons who acquired title after a certain date; revising the conditions for eligibility and methods for payment of costs for the low-risk site initiative; revising the eligibility requirements for receiving rehabilitation funding; reducing the number of sites that may be proposed for certain advanced cleanup applications, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

08/06/15 SENATE Filed

08/21/15 SENATE Referred to Environmental Preservation and Conservation; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

09/28/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Environmental Preservation and Conservation, 10/07/15, 2:00 pm, 37 S

10/07/15 SENATE Favorable by Environmental Preservation and Conservation; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

10/07/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

10/20/15 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

10/21/15 SENATE Now in Appropriations

11/19/15 SENATE Temporarily Postponed by Appropriations

01/29/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/03/16, 9:00 am, 412 K

02/03/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Appropriations; 19 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/05/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/05/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

02/05/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/10/16

02/10/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (588916); Ordered Engrossed; Placed on Third Reading, 02/11/16

02/10/16 SENATE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

02/11/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 40 Yeas / 0 Nays)

02/18/16 HOUSE In Messages

03/01/16 HOUSE Referred to Calendar

03/01/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/03/16

03/03/16 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0697; Read Second Time; Amendment Adopted (594423); Placed on Third Reading, 03/04/16

03/04/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 115 Yeas / 0 Nays)

03/04/16 SENATE In returning messages

03/10/16 SENATE Received from Messages; Concurred with Amendment (594423); Passed (Vote: 39 Yeas / 0 Nays)

03/10/16 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled

03/10/16 SENATE Engrossed Text (E2) Filed

03/10/16 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

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BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW:

Below are bills which have already been signed into law.

HB 43 - Relating to Churches or Religious Organizations

by Plakon, Cortes (B) CoSponsors: Broxson, Costello, Drake, Hill, Mayfield, Sullivan, Van Zant, Fant
General Churches or Religious Organizations: Provides that churches or religious organizations, related organizations, or certain individuals may not be required to solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for related purposes if such action would violate sincerely held religious belief; prohibits certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities. Effective Date: July 1, 2016
08/10/15 HOUSE Filed
08/27/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
10/07/15 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 4 Nays
10/07/15 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
01/26/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 01/28/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
01/28/16 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Judiciary Committee
02/02/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/04/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/04/16 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 12 Yeas, 5 Nays
02/04/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/26/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/01/16
03/01/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (28115, 317591); Amendments Withdrawn (734961, 145209); Placed on Third Reading, 03/02/16
03/01/16 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
03/02/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 82 Yeas / 37 Nays)
03/02/16 SENATE In Messages
03/02/16 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules
03/02/16 SENATE Withdrawn from Judiciary, Community Affairs, Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0110; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/03/16
03/03/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Amendment Failed (767712); Passed (Vote: 23 Yeas / 15 Nays)
03/03/16 HOUSE Ordered enrolled
03/03/16 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
03/03/16 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 03/10/16 to act on this bill)
03/10/16 Approved by Governor, Chapter No. 2016-50

SB 110 - Relating to Churches or Religious Organizations

by Bean
General Churches or Religious Organizations; Providing that churches or religious organizations, related organizations, or certain individuals may not be required to solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges for related purposes if such action would violate a sincerely held religious belief; prohibiting certain legal actions, penalties, or governmental sanctions against such individuals or entities, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016
08/11/15 SENATE Filed
08/21/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Community Affairs; Rules
01/21/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 01/26/16, 1:00 pm, 110 S
01/26/16 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 7 Yeas, 3 Nays
01/27/16 SENATE Now in Community Affairs
02/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Community Affairs, 02/09/16, 10:00 am, 301 S
02/09/16 SENATE Favorable by Community Affairs; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay
02/09/16 SENATE Now in Rules
02/12/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/17/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S
02/17/16 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 7 Yeas, 3 Nays
02/18/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/18/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/23/16
02/23/16 SENATE Temporarily Postponed on Second Reading
02/23/16 SENATE Retained on Calendar
02/29/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/02/16
03/02/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0043; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0043

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HB 111 - Relating to Jury Service

by Combee

General Jury Service: Provides that certain persons incapable of caring for themselves may be permanently excluded from jury service upon request; provides requirements for such request. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

08/28/15 HOUSE Filed

09/10/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

10/20/15 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee

01/26/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 01/28/16, 9:00 am, 404 H

01/28/16 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/28/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

02/19/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/23/16

02/23/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/24/16

02/24/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)

03/01/16 SENATE In Messages

03/01/16 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Health Policy; Rules

03/02/16 SENATE Withdrawn from Judiciary, Health Policy, Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0206; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)

03/02/16 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

03/02/16 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

03/03/16 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 03/10/16 to act on this bill)

03/10/16 Approved by Governor, Chapter No. 2016-52

SB 206 - Relating to Jury Service

by Clemens

General Jury Service; Providing that certain persons permanently incapable of caring for themselves may be permanently excused from jury service upon request; providing requirements for such a request, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

09/01/15 SENATE Filed

09/15/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Health Policy; Rules

01/15/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 01/20/16, 10:00 am, 110 S

01/20/16 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/21/16 SENATE Now in Health Policy

02/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Health Policy, 02/09/16, 10:00 am, 412 K

02/09/16 SENATE Favorable by Health Policy; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/09/16 SENATE Now in Rules

02/12/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 02/17/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S

02/17/16 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/18/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

02/18/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/23/16

02/23/16 SENATE Retained on Special Order Calendar

02/24/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Amendment Withdrawn (280770); Placed on Third Reading, 03/02/16

03/02/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 0111; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0111

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HB 131 - Relating to Unattended Persons and Animals in Motor Vehicles

By Young

General Unattended Persons and Animals in Motor Vehicles: Providing immunity from civil liability for damage to a motor vehicle related to the rescue of a person or animal under certain circumstances; providing applicability, etc. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

09/02/15 HOUSE Filed

09/24/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
10/13/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 10/20/15, 1:00 pm, 404 H
10/20/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
10/22/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
10/28/15 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
11/12/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 11/19/15, 9:00 am, 404 H
11/19/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/20/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
11/24/15 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
01/22/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/26/16
01/26/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; amendment Adopted (710679); Placed on Third Reading, 01/27/16
HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
01/27/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 118 Yeas / 0 Nays); Immediately certified
SENATE In Messages
SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules
01/28/16 SENATE Withdrawn from Criminal Justice, Judiciary, Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0308; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/02/16 HOUSE Ordered enrolled
HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
03/01/16 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/08/16)
03/08/16 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2016-18

SB 308 - Relating to Persons or Domestic Animals Unattended in Motor Vehicles

by Benacquisto

General Persons or Domestic Animals Unattended in Motor Vehicles; Providing immunity from civil liability for forcible entry into a motor vehicle to remove an elderly person, disabled adult, minor, or domestic animal in certain circumstances; providing a definition, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

09/17/15 SENATE Filed
10/06/15 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules
11/17/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/18/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
11/19/15 SENATE Now in Judiciary
12/01/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 8 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/03/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
12/03/15 SENATE Now in Rules
01/11/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 01/14/16, 10:00 am, 110 S
01/14/16 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/15/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
01/19/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/21/16
01/21/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/28/16
01/28/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Substituted for HB 0131; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0131

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SB 396 - Relating to Nonresident Plaintiffs in Civil Actions

By Bradley

General Nonresident Plaintiffs in Civil Actions; Repealing specified provisions relating to requirements for a nonresident plaintiff in a civil action to post security for costs, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

09/30/15 SENATE Filed
10/09/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Rules
11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 11/17/15, 3:30 pm, 110 S
11/17/15 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays
11/18/15 SENATE Now in Rules
11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 12/03/15, 1:00 pm, 110 S

12/03/15 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
12/04/15 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
01/19/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/21/16
01/21/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 01/28/16
01/28/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 37 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/02/16 HOUSE In Messages
02/18/16 HOUSE Referred to Calendar
02/19/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/23/16
02/23/16 HOUSE Substituted for HB 4029; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/24/16
02/24/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 117 Yeas / 0 Nays)
03/01/16 SENATE Ordered enrolled
SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
03/03/16 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 03/10/16 to act on this bill)
03/10/16 Approved by Governor, Chapter No. 2016-43

HB 4029 - Relating to Nonresident Plaintiffs in Civil Actions

by Sprowls

General Nonresident Plaintiffs in Civil Actions: Repeals requirement that nonresident plaintiff in civil action post security for costs. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

10/06/15 HOUSE Filed
10/30/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
11/18/15 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
12/02/15 HOUSE Favorable by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 1 Nay
HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
01/11/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 01/13/16, 3:30 PM, 404 H
01/13/16 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/13/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/19/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/23/16
02/23/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Substituted for SB 0396; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0396

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HB 549 - Relating to Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts

by Burton

General Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts: Authorizes investigative agency to institute civil proceeding for forfeiture in circuit court in certain circumstances; revises grounds for an action; authorizes court to order forfeiture of other property of defendant up to value of unavailable property in certain circumstances; authorizes DLA to bring an action for certain violations; provides for civil penalties for natural persons & other persons; authorizes party to specific civil action to petition for entry of consent decree or settlement agreement & provides requirements; revises provisions relating to subpoena confidentiality; provides that investigative agency has authority to stipulate to protective orders with respect to documents & information submitted in response to subpoena; provides for distribution of forfeiture proceeds to victims. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

11/03/15 HOUSE Filed
11/16/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
12/02/15 HOUSE Favorable by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
01/11/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Justice Appropriations Subcommittee, 01/13/16, 1:00 pm, 17 H
01/13/16 HOUSE Favorable by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
02/02/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/04/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/04/16 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/19/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/23/16

02/23/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/24/16
02/24/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 111 Yeas / 0 Nays)
03/01/16 SENATE In Messages
 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice;
 Appropriations
03/04/16 SENATE Withdrawn from Criminal Justice, Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice,
Appropriations; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 0850; Laid on Table, Refer to SB 0850; Read
Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/07/16
03/07/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)
 HOUSE Ordered enrolled
 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
03/09/16 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 03/24/16 to act on this bill)

SB 850 - Relating to Offenses Concerning Racketeering And Illegal Debts

by Bradley

General Offenses Concerning Racketeering and Illegal Debts; Specifying the earliest date that incidents constituting a
pattern of racketeering activity may have occurred; authorizing an investigative agency to institute a civil proceeding
for forfeiture in a circuit court in certain circumstances; authorizing a court to order the forfeiture of other property of
the defendant up to the value of unavailable property in certain circumstances; deleting the definition of "investigative
agency" for purposes of provisions relating to civil investigative subpoenas, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

11/13/15 SENATE Filed

12/03/15 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice;
Appropriations

01/27/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/01/16, 4:00 pm, 37 S

02/01/16 SENATE Favorable by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/02/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

02/08/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, 02/11/16, 10:00 am, 37 S

02/11/16 SENATE Not Considered by Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice

02/12/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, 02/17/16,
10:00 am, 37 S

02/17/16 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; 7 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/17/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations

02/22/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations, 02/25/16, 10:00 am, 412 K

02/25/16 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations; 18 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/26/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

03/02/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/04/16

03/04/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0549; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0549

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SB 1042 - Relating to Judgments

By Simmons

General Judgments; Providing that an execution is valid and effective during the life of the order on which it is issued;
specifying that persons to whom a Notice to Appear has been issued may obtain possession of property levied on by
complying with certain procedures; specifying that a jury, if not waived, should be empaneled as soon as possible
after service of a Notice to Appear, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

12/03/15 SENATE Filed

12/17/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Rules

01/07/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 01/12/16, 3:00 pm, 110 S

01/12/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/13/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/15/16 SENATE Now in Rules

 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 01/20/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S

01/20/16 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/21/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/28/16

01/28/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/02/16
02/02/16 SENATE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 36 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/10/16 HOUSE In Messages
02/12/16 HOUSE Referred to Calendar
02/15/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/17/16
02/17/16 HOUSE Substituted for HB 0503; Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 02/18/16
02/18/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)
02/23/16 SENATE Ordered enrolled
 SENATE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
03/02/16 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor must act on this bill by 03/09/16)
03/09/16 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2016-33

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HB 1181 - Relating to Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement - 2016

By Grant

General Bad Faith Assertions of Patent Infringement: Prohibits persons from sending demand letters to targets which make bad faith assertions of patent infringement; specifies what constitutes such letters; repeals provisions requiring that plaintiffs post specified bonds; authorizes award of actual damages; revises provisions authorizing award of punitive damages. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

01/07/16 HOUSE Filed
01/13/16 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
01/22/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 01/26/16, 8:00 am, 404 H
01/26/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/28/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/29/16 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
02/16/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/18/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/18/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/22/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/23/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/01/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 03/03/16
03/03/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Placed on Third Reading, 03/04/16
03/04/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 114 Yeas / 0 Nays)
 SENATE In Messages
 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice; Rules
 SENATE Withdrawn from Judiciary, Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice, Rules; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Substituted for SB 1298; Read Second Time; Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 38 Yeas / 0 Nays)
 HOUSE Ordered enrolled
 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed
03/09/16 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor (Governor has until 03/24/16 to act on this bill)

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Bills Filed with Secretary of State

HB 417 - Relating to Article V Convention for Congressional Term Limits

by Metz CoSponsors: Artiles, Caldwell, Mayfield, O'Toole, Van Zant, Wood

Memorial Article V Convention for Congressional Term Limits: Urges Congress to call Article V convention with sole agenda of proposing amendment to U.S. Constitution to limit consecutive terms of office that member of U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives may serve. Effective Date: Not Specified

10/22/15 HOUSE Filed

11/05/15 HOUSE Referred to Local & Federal Affairs Committee; State Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

12/03/15 HOUSE Favorable by Local & Federal Affairs Committee; 13 Yeas, 0 Nays

HOUSE Now in State Affairs Committee

01/11/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - State Affairs Committee, 01/13/16, 3:30 PM, 17 H

01/13/16 HOUSE Favorable by State Affairs Committee; 14 Yeas, 3 Nays

01/14/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

01/22/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 01/26/16

01/26/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Adopted

01/26/16 SENATE In Messages

01/27/16 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Rules

02/10/16 SENATE Withdrawn from Ethics and Elections, Rules; Substituted for SB 0630; Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading; Read Second Time; Adopted

02/11/16 HOUSE In Messages

02/11/16 HOUSE Ordered enrolled

02/11/16 HOUSE Enrolled Text (ER) Filed

03/09/16 Signed by Officers and filed with Secretary of State

SB 630 - Relating to Article V Convention for Congressional Term Limits

by Bean CoSponsors: Negron

Memorial Article V Convention for Congressional Term Limits; Applying to Congress to call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States with the sole agenda of proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate, etc.

10/22/15 SENATE Filed

11/04/15 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Rules

11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 11/17/15, 3:30 pm, 412 K

11/17/15 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 5 Yeas, 4 Nays

11/18/15 SENATE Now in Rules

11/23/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 12/03/15, 1:00 pm, 110 S

12/03/15 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/04/15 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

02/04/16 SENATE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/10/16

02/10/16 SENATE Read Second Time; Substituted for HB 0417; Laid on Table, Refer to HB 0417

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Bills to Watch For:

Below are the bills that were tracked this Session that did not pass, but could be ones to watch for the 2017 Session.

HB 3 - Relating to Civil Remedies for Criminal Practices

By Hill

General Civil Remedies for Criminal Practices: Designates act "Andy's Law; provides civil remedies for victims of specified offenses relating to terrorism. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

08/03/15 HOUSE Filed

08/27/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

11/25/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 12/02/15, 8:30 am, 404 H - PCS

12/02/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 12 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/03/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/04/15 HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

01/21/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice Subcommittee, 01/25/16, 4:00 pm, 404 H
01/25/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 0 Nays
01/26/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
01/27/16 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
02/02/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/04/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/04/16 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 16 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/04/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/11/16 HOUSE Died on Calendar

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HB 5 - Relating to Civil Remedies Against Insurers

by Hill, Passidomo

General Civil Remedies Against Insurers: Requires written notice of loss as condition precedent to action for third-party bad-faith failure to settle insurance claim; provides that insurer is not liable for claim of bad-faith failure to settle claim if certain conditions are met. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

08/03/15 HOUSE Filed

08/27/15 HOUSE Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Insurance and Banking Subcommittee

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HB 7 - Relating to Employment Discrimination

by Cruz CoSponsors: Richardson, Jenne

General Employment Discrimination: Designates act as "Helen Gordon Davis Fair Pay Protection Act"; provides legislative findings & intent relating to equal pay for equal work for women; recognizes importance of DEO & FHRC in ensuring fair pay; provides duties of DEO & FHRC; creates Governor's Recognition Award for Pay Equity in Workplace. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

08/03/15 HOUSE Filed

08/27/15 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Economic Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee

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SB 16 - Relating to Relief of Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith by the State of Florida

by Joyner

Claims Relief of Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith by the State of Florida ; Providing for the relief of Dennis Darling, Sr., and Wendy Smith, parents of Devaughn Darling, deceased; providing an appropriation from the General Revenue Fund to compensate the parents for the loss of their son, Devaughn Darling, whose death occurred while he was engaged in football preseason training on the Florida State University campus; providing a limitation on the payment of fees and costs, etc. CLAIM WITH APPROPRIATION: \$1,800,000.00 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

07/22/15 SENATE Filed

08/19/15 SENATE Referred to Special Master on Claim Bills; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations

02/04/16 SENATE Recommendation: Favorable by Special Master on Claim Bills

02/04/16 SENATE Now in Judiciary

02/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 02/09/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S

02/09/16 SENATE Favorable by Judiciary; 9 Yeas, 1 Nay

02/10/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

02/19/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, 02/24/16, 1:30 pm, 412 K
02/24/16 SENATE Favorable by Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; 6 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/25/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations
03/11/16 SENATE Died in Appropriations
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HB 45 - Relating to Prohibited Discrimination

by Raschein CoSponsors: Edwards, Hager, Latvala (C), Murphy, Pilon, Richardson, Rodríguez (J), Fullwood
General Prohibited Discrimination: Creates "Florida Competitive Workforce Act"; prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity or expression; defines terms; provides exceptions for constitutionally protected free exercise of religion. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

08/11/15 HOUSE Filed
08/27/15 HOUSE Referred to Economic Affairs Committee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Economic Affairs Committee
03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Economic Affairs Committee
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SB 74 - Relating to Equal Rights for Men and Women

by Joyner
Concurrent Resolution Equal Rights for Men and Women; Ratifying the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to equal rights for men and women, etc.

08/03/15 SENATE Filed
08/19/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Rules
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HB 163 - Relating to Weapons and Firearms

by Gaetz (M) CoSponsors: Combee, Drake, Eagle
General Weapons and Firearms: Provides for construction of statutes that implicate right to bear arms or engage in self-defense; specifies that law enforcement officer may arrest person for unlicensed carrying of concealed weapon only upon probable cause that such violation is being committed; provides that person licensed to carry concealed weapon may also openly carry such firearm or weapon; provides liability for person or entity who infringes on specified rights; provides exception; provides that certain persons & entities have no immunity; revises legislative findings concerning possession & carrying of weapons & firearms; revises provisions concerning construction of provisions. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

09/14/15 HOUSE Filed
09/24/15 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
10/06/15 HOUSE Favorable by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 4 Nays
10/09/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
10/19/15 HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
10/27/15 Bill to be Discussed During the Office of EDR's Criminal Justice Estimating Impact Conference
11/18/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; 7 Yeas, 6 Nays
11/20/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
11/24/15 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
01/26/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 01/28/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
01/28/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 12 Yeas, 4 Nays
01/28/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C3) Filed
01/28/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
01/29/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/02/16
02/02/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (551347, 456793, 333043, 436295, 301111, 907729, 471769, 354821); Amendments Failed (100077, 969003, 462803, 212899, 459629, 521399, 033617, 802579); Placed on Third Reading, 02/03/16
02/02/16 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed

02/03/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 80 Yeas / 38 Nays)
02/10/16 SENATE In Messages
02/10/16 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules
03/11/16 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice
02/02/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendments Adopted (551347, 456793, 333043, 436295, 301111, 907729, 471769, 354821); Amendments Failed (100077, 969003, 462803, 212899, 459629, 521399, 033617, 802579); Placed on Third Reading, 02/03/16
02/02/16 HOUSE Engrossed Text (E1) Filed
02/03/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 80 Yeas / 38 Nays)
02/10/16 SENATE In Messages
02/10/16 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules
03/11/16 SENATE Died in Criminal Justice

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HB 197 - Relating to Term Limits for Appellate Courts

by Wood, Sullivan CoSponsors: Hill
Joint Resolution Term Limits for Appellate Courts: Proposes amendment to s. 8, Art. V of State Constitution to create term limits for Supreme Court justices & judges of district courts of appeal. Effective Date: Not Specified
09/17/15 HOUSE Filed
09/24/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee
10/27/15 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Civil Justice Subcommittee, 11/03/15, 9:00 am, 404 H - PCS
11/03/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 8 Yeas, 5 Nays
11/04/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
11/09/15 HOUSE Now in Appropriations Committee
01/19/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Appropriations Committee, 01/21/16, 3:00 pm, 212 K
01/21/16 HOUSE Favorable by Appropriations Committee; 13 Yeas, 6 Nays
01/21/16 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
02/02/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/04/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/04/16 HOUSE Favorable by Judiciary Committee; 11 Yeas, 6 Nays
02/05/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
02/19/16 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar, 02/23/16
02/23/16 HOUSE Read Second Time; Amendment Failed (962737); Amendments Withdrawn (206149, 574195); Placed on Third Reading, 02/24/16
02/24/16 HOUSE Read Third Time; Passed (Vote: 76 Yeas / 38 Nays)
03/01/16 SENATE In Messages
03/01/16 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; Rules
03/11/16 SENATE Died in Judiciary

SB 322 - Relating to Term Limits for Appellate Courts

by Hutson
Joint Resolution Term Limits for Appellate Courts; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to create term limits for Supreme Court justices and judges of the district courts of appeal, etc.
09/18/15 SENATE Filed
10/06/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; Rules

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HB 201 - Relating to Legislative and Congressional Redistricting

by Dudley
Joint Resolution Legislative and Congressional Redistricting: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to reassign responsibility for establishing state senatorial, state representative, & congressional district boundaries from Legislature to independent commission. Effective Date: Not Specified

09/18/15 HOUSE Filed
10/07/15 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; State Affairs Committee
10/07/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee
03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Government Operations Subcommittee

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HB 205 - Relating to Florida Healthy Working Families Act

by Williams

General Florida Healthy Working Families Act: Creates "Florida Healthy Working Families Act"; provides powers & duties of executive director of DEO; requires certain employers to provide employees with earned sick & safe leave under certain conditions; provides employer & employee requirements; authorizes employee to file civil action under certain conditions. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

09/18/15 HOUSE Filed
10/07/15 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee
10/07/15 HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee
03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee

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SB 316 - Relating to Limitations on Actions Other than for the Recovery of Real Property

by Stargel

General Limitations on Actions Other than for the Recovery of Real Property; Specifying the date of completion for specified contracts, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

09/17/15 SENATE Filed
10/06/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Regulated Industries; Rules

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HB 329 - Relating to Animals Confined in Unattended Motor Vehicles

by Cortes CS Sponsors: Criminal Justice Subcommittee

General Animals Confined in Unattended Motor Vehicles: Prohibits persons from confining animals in unattended motor vehicles under certain circumstances; provides criminal penalties; provides that authorized individuals may use reasonable force to remove animals under certain circumstances; provides exemption from liability for such individuals; provides exception for transportation of agricultural animals. Effective Date: October 1, 2016

10/07/15 HOUSE Filed
10/30/15 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee
HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee
11/17/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; 9 Yeas, 4 Nays
11/18/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
11/19/15 HOUSE Now in Judiciary Committee
02/02/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Judiciary Committee, 02/04/16, 9:00 am, 404 H
02/04/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Judiciary Committee; 17 Yeas, 0 Nays
02/08/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed
02/09/16 HOUSE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading
03/11/16 HOUSE Died on Calendar

SB 200 - Relating to Animals Confined In Unattended Motor Vehicles

by Hukill

General Animals Confined in Unattended Motor Vehicles; Citing this act as the "Protecting Animal Welfare and Safety Act" or "P.A.W.S. Act"; prohibiting a person from confining an animal in an unattended motor vehicle under certain circumstances; providing a criminal penalty; providing that authorized individuals may use reasonable force to remove

animals under certain circumstances; providing an exemption from liability for authorized individuals; providing an exception for the transportation of agricultural animals, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

08/31/15 SENATE Filed

09/15/15 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary; Rules

01/27/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Criminal Justice, 02/01/16, 4:00 pm, 37 S

02/01/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Criminal Justice; 5 Yeas, 0 Nays

02/02/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

02/03/16 SENATE Now in Judiciary

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SB 352 - Relating to Self-authentication of Documents

by Bradley CS Sponsors: Judiciary

General Self-authentication of Documents; Allowing certified copies of official public documents to be filed electronically; providing a method for authenticating public documents other than by certified copies, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

09/24/15 SENATE Filed

10/06/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Rules

11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 11/17/15, 3:30 pm, 110 S

11/17/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

11/19/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

SENATE Now in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

01/14/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Governmental Oversight and Accountability, 01/19/16, 4:00 pm, 401 S

01/19/16 SENATE Not Considered by Governmental Oversight and Accountability

03/11/16 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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HB 353 - Relating to Discrimination in Employment Screening

by Powell CoSponsors: Berman, Bracy

General Discrimination in Employment Screening: Prohibits public employer from inquiring into or considering applicant's criminal history on initial employment application unless required to do so by law. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

10/12/15 HOUSE Filed

10/30/15 HOUSE Referred to Criminal Justice Subcommittee; Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Criminal Justice Subcommittee

SB 448 - Relating to Discrimination in Employment Screening

by Clemens CoSponsors: Joyner, Thompson

General Discrimination in Employment Screening; Prohibiting a public employer from inquiring into or considering an applicant's criminal history on an initial employment application unless required to do so by law, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

10/06/15 SENATE Filed

10/09/15 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Fiscal Policy

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HB 457 - Relating to Regulation of Political Contributions and Expenditures

by Dudley

Memorial Regulation of Political Contributions and Expenditures: Urges Congress to propose to states an amendment to U.S. Constitution to provide that political contributions & expenditures by corporations be regulated by federal, state, & local governments; & establish that corporations & artificial entities have no constitutional rights.

10/27/15 HOUSE Filed

11/05/15 HOUSE Referred to Local & Federal Affairs Committee; Government Operations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

11/05/15 HOUSE Now in Local & Federal Affairs Committee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Local and Federal Affairs Committee

SB 694 - Relating to Regulation of Political Contributions and Expenditures

by Clemens

Memorial Regulation of Political Contributions and Expenditures; Urging Congress to propose to the states an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that political contributions and expenditures by corporations be regulated by federal, state, and local governments and establish that corporations and other artificial entities are not human beings entitled to constitutional rights, etc.

11/02/15 SENATE Filed

11/18/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Ethics and Elections; Rules

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HB 459 - Relating to Drones

by Fitzenhagen

General Drones: Provides for liability for damage to person or property in this state for which operation of drone was substantial contributing factor. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

10/27/15 HOUSE Filed

11/05/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Civil Justice Subcommittee

SB 642 - Relating to Drones

by Diaz de la Portilla CS Sponsors: Judiciary

General Drones; Providing for liability for injury to a person or property damage in this state for the negligent operation of a drone; defining a term, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

10/26/15 SENATE Filed

11/04/15 SENATE Referred to Judiciary; Commerce and Tourism; Rules

11/09/15 SENATE On Committee agenda - Judiciary, 11/17/15, 3:30 pm, 110 S

11/17/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Judiciary; 5 Yeas, 4 Nays

11/18/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

11/19/15 SENATE Now in Commerce and Tourism

01/14/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Commerce and Tourism, 01/19/16, 1:30 pm, 110 S

01/19/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 6 Yeas, 1 Nay

01/20/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

01/20/16 SENATE Now in Rules

01/22/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 01/27/16, 1:00 pm, 110 S

01/27/16 SENATE Favorable by Rules; 12 Yeas, 1 Nay

01/28/16 SENATE Placed on Calendar, on 2nd reading

03/11/16 SENATE Died on Calendar

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HB 573 - Relating to Allocation of Court Costs

by Stone CS Sponsors: Civil Justice Subcommittee

General Allocation of Court Costs: Removes fixed allocations of proceeds of specified additional court cost & authorizes county commissioners to allocate such proceeds for specified purposes; provides county commissioners with discretion

concerning allocation of additional court cost proceeds carried forward to next fiscal year. Effective Date: October 1, 2016

11/04/15 HOUSE Filed

11/16/15 HOUSE Referred to Civil Justice Subcommittee; Justice Appropriations Subcommittee; Judiciary Committee

HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

12/02/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Civil Justice Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 1 Nay

12/03/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/04/15 HOUSE Now in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

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HB 577 - Relating to Liability Insurance Coverage

by Lee Jr. (L) CS Sponsors: Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

General Liability Insurance Coverage: Adds company employee adjusters to list of persons who may respond to claimant's written request for information relating to liability insurance coverage. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

11/04/15 HOUSE Filed

11/16/15 HOUSE Referred to Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Insurance & Banking Subcommittee

12/02/15 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Insurance & Banking Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

12/04/15 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

12/07/15 HOUSE Now in Regulatory Affairs Committee

01/12/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Regulatory Affairs Committee, 01/14/16, 8:00 am, 404 H

01/14/16 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Regulatory Affairs Committee

01/19/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Regulatory Affairs Committee, 01/21/16, 11:30 am, 404 H

01/21/16 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Regulatory Affairs Committee

02/02/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Regulatory Affairs Committee, 02/04/16, 1:00 pm, 404 H

02/04/16 HOUSE Temporarily Postponed by Regulatory Affairs Committee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Regulatory Affairs Committee

SB 774 - Relating to Liability Insurance Coverage

by Montford

General Liability Insurance Coverage; Adding licensed company adjusters to the list of persons who may respond to a claimant's written request for information relating to liability insurance coverage, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

11/06/15 SENATE Filed

11/19/15 SENATE Referred to Banking and Insurance; Rules

01/04/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 01/11/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S

01/11/16 SENATE Temporarily postponed by Banking and Insurance

01/14/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Banking and Insurance, 01/19/16, 4:00 pm, 110 S

01/19/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Banking and Insurance; 10 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/20/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/20/16 SENATE Now in Rules

01/22/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Rules, 01/27/16, 1:00 pm, 110 S

01/27/16 SENATE Not Considered by Rules

03/11/16 SENATE Died in Rules

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HB 603 - Relating to Employment Practices

by Cruz CoSponsors: Williams, Berman

General Employment Practices: Requires employer to allow employee to take paid family care leave for certain purposes; provides employee requirements; specifies limitations & duties with respect to employer's administration of family care leave; provides family care leave requirements; provides responsibilities and powers of DEO; provides penalty for employer's failure to comply with certain requirements; authorizes employee to bring civil action against employer for violation within specified timeframe; authorizes award of specified compensation, damages, & fees;

provides protections for employee who acts in good faith; prohibits employee from taking certain actions in bad faith; provides penalty; authorizes department to adopt rules; revises Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to prohibit specified employment practices; provides certain rights for employee who is disabled from pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition; reenacts & revises provisions relating to administrative & civil remedies for violations of Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

11/09/15 HOUSE Filed

11/17/15 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Appropriations Committee; Economic Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee

SB 384 - Relating to Employment Practices

by Bullard

General Employment Practices; Citing this act as the "Florida Paid Family Care Leave Act"; requiring an employer to allow an employee to take paid family care leave to bond with a new child upon the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement; requiring an employer to provide notice to employees of the right to paid family care leave; revising the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992 to prohibit specified employment practices on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or a related medical condition, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

09/29/15 SENATE Filed

10/09/15 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Appropriations

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HB 635 - Relating to Social Media Privacy

General Social Media Privacy: Prohibits employer from requesting or requiring access to social media account of employee or prospective employee; prohibits employer from taking retaliatory personnel action against employee as result of employee's refusal to allow access to his or her social media account; prohibits employer from failing or refusing to hire prospective employee as result of prospective employee's refusal to allow access to his or her social media account; authorizes civil action for violation; provides penalty for violation; provides for recovery of attorney fees & court costs; specifies that employer is not prohibited from seeking access to social media accounts used primarily for employer's business purposes. Effective Date: October 1, 2016

11/10/15 HOUSE Filed

11/17/15 HOUSE Referred to Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Economic Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Economic Development & Tourism Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Economic Development and Tourism Subcommittee

SB 186 - Relating to Social Media Privacy

by Clemens

General Social Media Privacy; Prohibiting an employer from requesting or requiring access to a social media account of an employee or prospective employee; prohibiting an employer from taking retaliatory personnel action against an employee as a result of the employee's refusal to allow access to his or her social media account; prohibiting an employer from failing or refusing to hire a prospective employee as a result of the prospective employee's refusal to allow access to his or her social media account, etc. Effective Date: 10/1/2016

08/26/15 SENATE Filed

09/15/15 SENATE Referred to Commerce and Tourism; Judiciary; Rules

10/05/15 SENATE Favorable with CS by Commerce and Tourism; 5 Yeas, 1 Nay

10/07/15 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

10/07/15 SENATE Now in Judiciary

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HB 637 - Relating to Public Lodging Establishments

by Porter

General Public Lodging Establishments: Revises provisions to prohibit operator of public lodging establishment from refusing accommodations to person based solely on such person's age. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

11/12/15 HOUSE Filed

11/17/15 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Civil Justice Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

01/08/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Business & Professions Subcommittee, 01/12/16, 1:30 pm, 12 H

01/12/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 11 Yeas, 0 Nays

01/14/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/15/16 HOUSE Now in Civil Justice Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Civil Justice Subcommittee

SB 900 - Relating to Public Lodging And Food Establishments

by Dean

General Public Lodging and Food Establishments; Prohibiting the operator of a public lodging or food establishment from refusing accommodations to, or removing, a person based solely upon such person's age, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

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11/18/15 SENATE Filed

12/03/15 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Judiciary; Fiscal Policy

03/11/16 SENATE Died in Regulated Industries

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HB 707 - Relating to Fantasy Contests

by Gaetz (M) CoSponsors: Moskowitz, Young

General Fantasy Contests: Provides requirements for operation of fantasy contests; provides penalties; specifies that ch. 849, F.S., relating to gambling offenses, does not apply to fantasy contests. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

11/17/15 HOUSE Filed

11/23/15 HOUSE Referred to Business & Professions Subcommittee; Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Business & Professions Subcommittee

01/08/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Business & Professions Subcommittee, 01/12/16, 1:30 pm, 12 H

01/12/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Business & Professions Subcommittee; 10 Yeas, 3 Nays

01/19/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed

01/21/16 HOUSE Reference to Finance & Tax Committee added; Remaining references: Finance & Tax Committee, Regulatory Affairs Committee

HOUSE Now in Finance & Tax Committee

01/25/16 HOUSE On Committee agenda - Finance & Tax Committee, 01/27/16, 12:00 am, 17 H

01/27/16 HOUSE Favorable with CS by Finance & Tax Committee; 15 Yeas, 3 Nays

02/05/16 HOUSE Committee Substitute Text (C2) Filed

02/08/16 HOUSE Now in Regulatory Affairs Committee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Regulatory Affairs Committee

SB 832 - Relating to Fantasy Games

by Negrón

General Fantasy Games; Creating provisions entitled "Fantasy Games"; requiring certain game operators to register with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and to pay related fees; requiring a game operator to implement certain procedures; requiring a game operator to prevent certain persons from competing in a fantasy game; preventing certain information from being shared with third parties; requiring a game operator to verify the age of a game participant; exempting fantasy games from regulation under ch. 849, F.S., etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

7/1/2016

11/12/15 SENATE Filed

11/19/15 SENATE Referred to Regulated Industries; Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government; Appropriations

01/22/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Regulated Industries, 01/27/16, 9:00 am, 110 S

01/27/16 SENATE Favorable with CS by Regulated Industries; 8 Yeas, 2 Nays
01/29/16 SENATE Committee Substitute Text (C1) Filed
01/29/16 SENATE Now in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
03/11/16 SENATE Died in Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

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HB 711 - Relating to Term Limits

by Pafford

Joint Resolution Term Limits; Increases limits on period for which person may be elected as state senator or state representative & removes limits on period for which person may be elected as U.S. Senator or U.S. Representative.
Effective Date: Not Specified

11/18/15 HOUSE Filed

12/10/15 HOUSE Referred to Government Operations Subcommittee; Transportation & Economic Development
Appropriations Subcommittee; State Affairs Committee

12/10/15 HOUSE Now in Government Operations Subcommittee

03/11/16 HOUSE Died in Government Operations Subcommittee

SB 902 - Relating to Term Limits

by Garcia CoSponsors: Dean, Grimsley

Joint Resolution Term Limits; Proposing amendments to the State Constitution to increase limits on the period for which a person may be elected as a state senator or state representative and to remove limits on the period for which a person may be elected as a United States Senator or United States Representative, etc.

11/18/15 SENATE Filed

12/03/15 SENATE Referred to Ethics and Elections; Rules

01/21/16 SENATE On Committee agenda - Ethics and Elections, 01/26/16, 1:00 pm, 412 K

01/26/16 SENATE Favorable by Ethics and Elections; 7 Yeas, 2 Nays

01/27/16 SENATE Now in Rules

03/11/16 SENATE Died in Rules

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SB 924 - Relating to Planning and Budgeting

by Joyner

General Planning and Budgeting; Removing certain references to the judicial branch from planning and budgeting provisions in ch. 216, F.S.; creating the "Judicial Branch Budgeting Act"; recreating planning and budgeting provisions for the judicial branch; requiring the judicial branch to submit its complete legislative budget requests directly to the Legislature with a copy to the Governor by a certain date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016

11/19/15 SENATE Filed

12/03/15 SENATE Referred to Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal
and Civil Justice; Appropriations

03/11/16 SENATE Died in Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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