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<b>Tab 9</b>	<b>SB 684 by McClain;</b> Similar to H 00961 Electronic Signatures Associated with Total Loss Vehicles and Vessels				
<b>Tab 10</b>	<b>SB 880 by Jones;</b> Similar to H 00329 Specialty License Plates/Miami Northwestern Alumni Association				
<b>Tab 11</b>	<b>SB 1080 by DiCeglie;</b> Compare to H 00543 Transportation				
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**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**TRANSPORTATION**  
**Senator Massullo, Chair**  
**Senator Avila, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026

**TIME:** 9:30—11:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Massullo, Chair; Senator Avila, Vice Chair; Senators Arrington, Davis, Jones, Martin, McClain, Truenow, and Wright

TAB	OFFICE and APPOINTMENT (HOME CITY)	FOR TERM ENDING	COMMITTEE ACTION
<b>Senate Confirmation Hearing:</b> A public hearing will be held for consideration of the below-named executive appointment to the office indicated.			
<b>St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority</b>			
	Dipola, Mario (Ponte Vedra Beach)	01/01/2029	
	Primrose, Nicholas (St. Augustine)	01/01/2029	
1	Dedge, Gerald, Jr. (St. Augustine)	01/04/2027	
<b>Greater Orlando Aviation Authority</b>			
2	James, Jason (Apopka)	04/16/2028	
<b>Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority</b>			
3	Powell, Cody (Riverview)	07/01/2026	
<b>Florida Inland Navigation District</b>			
	Boehning, Stephen W. (Vero Beach)	01/09/2029	
	Morgan, Thomas A. (Cocoa)	01/09/2027	
	Davenport, James "Buddy" (New Smyrna Beach)	01/09/2029	
4	Blow, John Carl (St. Augustine)	01/09/2029	
<b>Florida Transportation Commission</b>			
5	Lastra, Alex (Miami)	09/30/2027	
<b>Tampa Port Authority</b>			
6	Conner, William Theodore (Tampa)	11/25/2029	

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
7	<b>SB 382</b> Truenow (Identical H 243)	Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles; Defining the term "electric motorcycle"; providing penalties for knowingly modifying an electric bicycle; prohibiting a person from operating a class 3 electric bicycle without a certain license; requiring a minimum number of questions in the test bank for a Class E driver license to cover safe electric bicycle and motorized scooter operation, etc.	
		TR 01/20/2026 ATD FP	

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8	<b>SB 654</b> DiCeglie (Compare H 521)	Traffic Infraction Enforcement; Revising the periods during which a county or municipality may enforce school zone speed limits, and the violations for which such enforcement is authorized, through the use of a speed detection system; prohibiting the use of a traffic infraction detector for remote surveillance; requiring district school board authorization and a public hearing process before a school district may place or install, or contract with a vendor to install, operate, and maintain, school bus infraction detection systems; revising the periods for which a county or municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue certain uniform traffic citations, etc.  TR 01/20/2026 ATD FP	
9	<b>SB 684</b> McClain (Similar H 961)	Electronic Signatures Associated with Total Loss Vehicles and Vessels; Requiring insurance companies to implement certain control processes and procedures for certain electronic signatures; deleting a requirement that electronic signatures on odometer disclosures submitted through insurance companies be executed in a specified manner, etc.  TR 01/20/2026 BI RC	
10	<b>SB 880</b> Jones (Similar H 329)	Specialty License Plates/Miami Northwestern Alumni Association; Directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Miami Northwestern Alumni Association license plate; specifying design elements for the plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate, etc.  TR 01/20/2026 ATD FP	
11	<b>SB 1080</b> DiCeglie (Compare H 543, S 1274)	Transportation; Authorizing the Department of Transportation to make direct payments to a first-tier subcontractor under certain circumstances; requiring the department and a surety to enter into a takeover agreement that requires the surety's completion contractor to meet certain requirements and that requires the surety to follow certain contract procedures when the surety is engaged by the department under certain circumstances, etc.  TR 01/20/2026 CM RC	

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Other Related Meeting Documents



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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Mario Dipola***

is duly appointed a member of the

**St. Augustine Airport Authority,  
St. Johns County, Group Four**

for a term beginning on the Thirtieth day of September, A.D.,  
2025, until the First day of January, A.D., 2029 and is subject to  
be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.



*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Thirteenth day of November, A.D., 2025.*

Secretary of State

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**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
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September 30, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Chapter 2021-246, Laws of Florida:

Mr. Mario Dipola  
624 Millers Dam Court  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082

as a member of the St. Augustine Airport Authority, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Leonard Tucker, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 30, 2025, for a term ending January 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ron DeSantis in black ink.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of St. Johns

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

the St. Johns County Airport Authority

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2025.

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath—see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

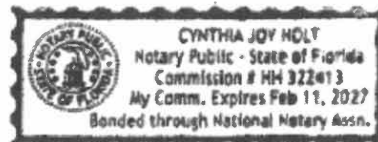
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## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

624 Millers Dam Court

Street or Post Office Box

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 32082

City, State, Zip Code

Mario Dipola

Print Name

Signature

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. Please type or print in blue or black ink.

10/22/2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Dipola Mario Anthony  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 225 Water Street, Suite 2200 Jacksonville  
Street Office # City  
FL 32202
- Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 624 Millers Dam Court, Ponte Vedra Beach St. Johns  
Street City County  
FL 32082
- Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☐ Residence ☒
4. Fax # (optional) N/A Email Address: @GreshamSmith.com
5. Date of Birth: Place of Birth: Olympia, WA, USA
6. Social Security Number:
7. Driver License Number: Issuing State: FL
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No ☒ If "Yes" explain:  
N/A

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:  
N/A

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: N/A

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 2001
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:  
A. County of Registration: St. Johns B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican
12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

I was on the NFTPO's Citizens Advisory Committee, but resigned per by-laws to serve this Airport Authority role.

Served in ITE leadership & regularly assist leaders | committeeman for St. Johns County REC | Smart North FL Industry Advisory Group

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?  
Yes ☒ No ☐

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# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF

Duval

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

**Mario Dipola**

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.



Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of October, 2025



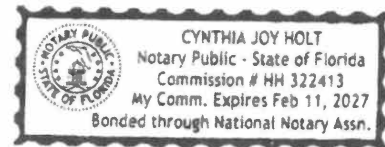
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Cynthia Joy Holt  
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: Feb 11, 2027

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**  
**Office of Gubernatorial Appointments**  
**Appointments Questionnaire**

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.



**PERSONAL INFORMATION**1. Salutation: Mr. First: Mario Middle: Anthony Last: Dipola2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Juliana Last: Dipola3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Dip

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
624 Millers Dam Court	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082	11/9/22 to Present
280 Odoms Mill Boulevard	Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082	4/8/15 to 11/9/22

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 2001

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	St. Cloud High School	2003	H.S.
Undergraduate	University of Central Florida	2008	Civil Engineering
Graduate	University of Florida	2013	MBA
Other			

\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Gresham Smith Job Title State Transportation Leader - North Florida

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Gresham Smith	State Leader - North Florida	January 2025 - Present
Gresham Smith	Senior Transportation Engineer	May 2021 -January 2025
Prosser , Inc.	Senior Traffic Engineer	December 2018 - May 2021
Florida Department of Transportation	District 2 Safety Engineer	June 2017-December 2018
Florida Department of Transportation	Safety Services Engineer	November 2014 - June 2017

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
Florida Department of Transportation (District 1)	Varies: PE Trainee, Consultant PM	June '09 - Nov '14

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒

Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☐ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings you attended \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings you missed \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for your absence \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Gresham Smith   State Transportation Leader - North Florida	Consultants to FDOT, other agencies	
(no contractual relationship to my knowledge with St. Johns County Airport Authority)		

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain. I am a member of the St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee.

I would like to continue in that role, but if required to resign, I would resign as committeeman, but would then desire to continue meetings as an attendee if allowed. I also serve the North Florida TPO as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee, and would likewise ensure compliance.

## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I aim to serve God, my family, and my community through my love of people. I am interested in transportation, innovation, and business development, as evidenced in my experience. I have served in leadership positions in ITE, the North Florida TPO, and Smart North Florida. I serve my community as a committeeman, and have volunteered at functions like Night to Shine. I've grown a successful transportation team and hold high ethical standards, & I understand Sunshine Laws as a prior FDOT leader. My desire is to grow our community & expand the airport's reach, potentially leveraging grants, developing technologies like eVTOL, & incubating industry.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.  
IMSA Field Technician Level I & II (2018). Certified Public Manager, FSU Askew School of Public Administration, 7/19/18. Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE) certification 12/9/2019. Road Safety Professional Level 1 certification 3/26/20 & Level 2i on 3/14/22. Associate - Gresham Smith in 2021. Senior Associate at Gresham Smith in 2023. State Leader at Gresham Smith 2025.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. Support regional economic growth. Ensure high-quality service for cargo, passengers, pilots, & tenants. Oversee operations, maintenance, & development of the airport. Ensure safe, efficient, & secure travel. Regulate air traffic coordination. Manage commercial leasing, terminal services, & infrastructure improvements. Manage budget, collect fees, & enforce regulations. Partner with St. Johns County, private companies, & potentially future potential airlines/tenants.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I live in the best county, the best state, the best nation, & the best time in history. I share a pro-business, pro-freedom vision and am optimistic for the future of our airport. North Florida will support space expansion by the end of this decade, and innovation will continue through AI, automation, machine learning, and electric vehicles. eVTOL has the potential to revolutionize our transportation system, and I'd be honored for Governor DeSantis to place his trust in me.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Professional Engineer	8/12/13	Florida Board of Professional Engineers	76418

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Crosswater Community Church	Member	August 2023 - Present
Institute of Transportation Engineers (Member, First Coast Chapter board/pres '19-'22)		'19-Pres.
North Florida Transportation Planning Organization - Citizens Advisory Committee (see next line)...		
...continued...	Member, Chair '24)	2019-Present
JAX Chamber Transportation & Logistics Council	(Member)	2021
Smart North Florida	Industry Advisory Group	2024-Present

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Nathan Wade	Cole Engineering Services	Friend	[REDACTED]@CESICorp.com
Ben Combs	Peters and Yaffee	Friend & Former Coworker	[REDACTED]@PetersandYaffee
Will Lyon	Prime AE	Friend & Former Boss	[REDACTED]@gmail.com

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list their name. Christian Whitehurst (St. Johns County County Commissioner, District 1)



**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Initial here. MD

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. MD

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. MD

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Mario Middle Anthony Last Dipola Suffix

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)**

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Nicholas Primrose***

is duly appointed a member of the

**St. Augustine Airport Authority,  
St. Johns County, Group Five**

for a term beginning on the Thirtieth day of September, A.D.,  
2025, until the First day of January, A.D., 2029 and is subject to  
be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.



*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Thirteenth day of November, A.D., 2025.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Byrd", is written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of State

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GOVERNOR

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September 30, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Chapter 2021-246, Laws of Florida:

Mr. Nicholas Primrose  
132 Thornton Court  
St. Augustine, Florida 32092

as a member of the St. Augustine Airport Authority, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Reba Ludlow, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 30, 2025, for a term ending January 1, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

District Board of Trustees, St. Johns River State College  
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Laura A. Parko

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath— see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

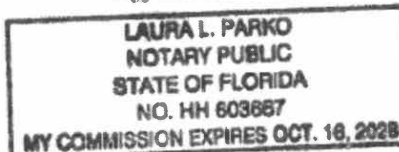
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Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

132 Thornton Ct.

Street or Post Office Box

St. Augustine, FL 32092

City, State, Zip Code

NICHOLAS PRIMEOSE

Print Name

Signature

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

10/6/2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Primrose Nicholas Allen

Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: 2831 Talleyrand Ave. Jacksonville

Street Office # City  
Florida 32206

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

3. Residence Address: 132 Thornton Ct., St. Augustine St. Johns

Street City County  
Florida 32092

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☐ Residence ☒

4. Fax # (optional) Email Address: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

5. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Place of Birth: Louisiana

6. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

7. Driver License Number: [REDACTED] Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" explain:

I go by "Nick"

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization:

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 2010

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: St. Johns B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DUVAL

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

NICHOLAS PRIMROSE

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]

Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025.

Laura L. Parko

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

LAURA L. PARKO  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
NO. HH 603667  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 16, 2028

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 10/16/2028

Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Salutation: Mr. First: Nicholas Middle: Allen Last: Primrose
2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Paige Last: Primrose
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

I go by "Nick"

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
132 Thornton Ct., St. Augustine, Florida		9/2021 - Present
2075 Salt Myrtle Ln., Fleming Island, Florida		9/2020 - 9/2021
224 W. 5th Ave., Tallahassee, Florida		7/2019 - 9/2020
2500 Merchants Row Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida		8/2017 - 7/2019
5353 Shea St., Orlando, Florida		3/2017 - 8/2017
5399 Starboard St., Orlando, Florida		4/2016 - 3/2017
2048 Shroud St., Orlando, Florida		8/2013 - 4/2016

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 2010

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
225 N. Columbus Dr., Chicago, IL		5/2009 - 6/2010
5921 N. Winthrop Ave., Chicago, IL		5/2008 - 5/2009

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Mayfield High School (Mayfield Village, Ohio)	2004	
Undergraduate	Lake Forest College (Lake Forest, Illinois)	2008	B.A., Political Science
Graduate	DePaul University (Chicago, Illinois)	2010	M.P.A.
Other	Barry University (Orlando, Florida)	2013	J.D.

\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

**EMPLOYMENT**1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Jacksonville Port Authority Job Title Chief, Regulatory Compliance

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Jacksonville Port Authority	Chief, Regulatory Compliance	9/2020 - Present
Executive Office of the Governor	Deputy General Counsel	8/2017 - 9/2020
National Republican Senatorial Committee	Florida EDO	8/2018 - 11/2018
Farmers Insurance	Attorney	8/2016 - 8/2017
Wooten Kimbrough, PA	Attorney	8/2012 - 8/2016

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☐ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
State Representative, District 18	March 2023 - August 2024	Lost in Primary

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Chair, Florida Elections Commission	August 2021 - March 2023		Statewide
Director, SelectFlorida	December 2023 - Present		Statewide
Trustee, St. Johns River State College	January 2025 - Present		State College

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board 10+

Number of meetings you attended All

Number of meetings you missed None

Reason(s) for your absence \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Chair, Florida Elections Commission	August 2021 - March 2023	Confirmed

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation
Chair, Florida Elections Commission	March 2023	Run for State Representative

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension
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## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Your Relationship to the Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Relationship to you**

**Their Relationship to Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☒ No ☐

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Agency Lobbied**

**Principal(s) you represented**

I registered to lobby the Legislature on behalf of the Executive Office of the Governor

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I have a wealth of knowledge in both legal, administrative, executive management, and governmental affairs. I've reviewed legislative and administrative rules ensuring compliance and implementation of relevant policies. Most recently, I've been involved in economic development and workforce education preparing Florida for the future.

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2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. A board member must be fiduciary for the organization ensuring fiscal responsibility and implementation of policies towards advancement of the overall mission. Additionally, the board should hold professionals accountable to the current policies and decision-making.

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I find public service incredibly important and a rewarding opportunity. I believe I have a unique background and experience that would be useful in helping advocate for policies that would continue to advance Florida.

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Licensed Attorney	9/2013	Florida Bar	104804

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
The Federalist Society	Local Leadership/Member	2010 - Present
Orange County Young Republicans	President	2016 - 2017
James Madison Institute	Leaders Fellow	2015 - 2016
Leadership Florida	Connect Class XI	2019 - Present
Maverick PAC	Future 40 Committee/Member	2022 - Present
St. Johns County Chamber, Public Policy Committee		2024 - Present

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Michael Sasso	Sasso & Sasso, P.A.	Friend	
Patrick Kilbane	Ullmann Wealth Partners	Friend	
Andres Malave	Jones Walker	Friend	

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list their name.



**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Initial here. NAP

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. NAP

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. NAP

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Nicholas Middle Allen Last Primrose Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)**

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Gerald Dedge, Jr.***

is duly appointed a member of the

**St. Augustine Airport Authority,  
St. Johns County, Group Two**

for a term beginning on the Thirtieth day of September, A.D.,  
2025, until the Fourth day of January, A.D., 2027 and is subject  
to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of  
the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Tenth day of December, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

September 30, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Chapter 2021-246, Laws of Florida:

Mr. Gerald Dedge Jr.  
102 Neptune Road  
St. Augustine, Florida 32086

as a member of the St. Augustine Airport Authority, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Dennis Clarke, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 30, 2025, for a term ending January 4, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ron DeSantis in black ink.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of St. Johns

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

St. Johns County Airport Authority  
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 21 day of November, 2025.

Roxanne L. Buchheit  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

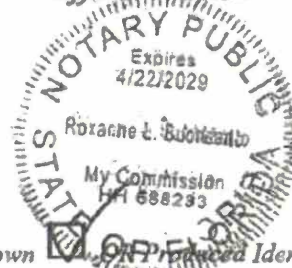
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Affix Seal Below



Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐  
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

102 NEPTUNE ROAD

Street or Post Office Box

ST Augustine FL 32084

City, State, Zip Code

Gerald Dodge

Print Name

Signature

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# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

6 October 2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Dedge Gerald Howard  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: N/A  
N/A Street Office # City

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number  
3. Residence Address: 102 Neptune Road, Saint Augustine Saint Johns

Street City County  
Florida 32086 904-449-3206

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☐ Residence ☒

4. Fax # (optional) N/A Email Address: [REDACTED]@icloud.com

5. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Place of Birth: Jacksonville

6. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

7. Driver License Number: [REDACTED] Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes" explain:  
N/A

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: N/A

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1958

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: Saint Johns B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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|--|----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

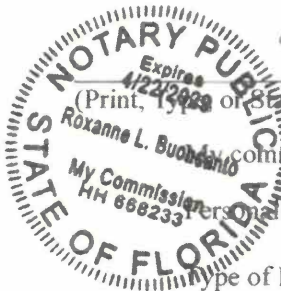
Gerald Howard Dodge

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

  
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October, 2025.

  
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



Roxanne L. Buonsanto

(Print, Last Name First) of Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My Commission expires: 04/22/2029

Personally Known ☐ OR Produced Identification ☒

Type of Identification Produced: Florida drivers license

(seal)





Date Completed:  
8 October 2025

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**  
**Office of Gubernatorial Appointments**  
**Appointments Questionnaire**

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Salutation: Mr. First: Gerald Middle: Howard Last: Dedge Jr
2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Cheri Last: Dedge
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

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4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
102 Neptune Road, Saint Augustine, Florida	32086	Dec 1991-present

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5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1958

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
Bad Kissengen, Germany / Stationed		June 1979-March 1981
Fort Rucker, Alabama / Stationed		March 1983-April 1984
Udair Army Airfield/Baghdad Iraq / Deployed		May 2009-May 2010

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**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	N.B.Forrest High School	1976	General
Undergraduate	Vincennes University	2009	AS
Graduate			
Other	Emory Riddle	98% Complete	

*\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Are you retired? Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Saint Johns County Sheriffs Office	Captain	November 2020-August 2021
Florida National Guard	Command Chief Warrant Officer	September 2003-October 2020

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain. After retiring from the guard I went from a reserve deputy of 23 years to a full time employee

in charge of multiple units including air, marine, traffic, and beach. I was working 13 to 14 hours a day and was not very happy so the director and I came that understanding and I decided to retire.

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☒ No ☐

Did you serve in combat? Yes ☒ No ☐ Branch and Component Army/Florida National Guard

Dates of Service April 1979 Date and Type of Discharge January 2021/Honorable

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings you attended \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings you missed \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for your absence \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain. In 1981 I was charged for disorderly conduct for urinating on the side of the road in the rural area of Clay County. I was 22 an

fresh off active duty. I paid 100.00 dollar fine

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒



3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you). \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition


9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Your Relationship to the Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

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10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Relationship to you**

**Their Relationship to Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

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11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Agency Lobbied**

**Principal(s) you represented**

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12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).



13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I served 40.9 years in the

United States Army and Florida National Guard as a Army aviator.

I have over 12,000 hours of helicopter and fixed wing time and held several key positions in the

Florida National Guard such as State Aviation Standardization Officer, State Aviation Safety Officer,

and standardization instructor pilot. I also was a reserve deputy sheriff with the Saint Johns

County Sheriffs office for 24 years. I started the air unit here flying out of the Saint Augustine airport

my knowledge of this area and the airport would benefit this board.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

Numerous military awards include Legion Of Merit, Meritorious Service medal, Army Commendation  
medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal and the Florida Cross, Florida Commendation medal

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3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. My understanding of an airport authority board would be to focus on enhancing the airports

role as a key transportation hub while ensuring safety, efficiency, and a high quality service for

passengers and stakeholders. The boards aim should be to foster economic growth and community

engagement through strategic partnerships and innovative practices while maintaining a safe operating enviornment.

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I have served my country and state for over 40 years and still have the desire to serve  
and give back to my community.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Commercial Pilot	March 1983	FAA	3254851
Flight Instructor	October 2011	FAA	3254851CFI
Remote Pilot	Jun 2017	FAA	4021120

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Saint Johns County Veterans Council	Director	October 2020-present
Florida National Guard Foundation	Vice President	Jan 2022-present
Fraternal Order of Police	Associate Member	November 2023-present
Association of the United States Army	Member	Lifetime
National Guard Association	Member	Lifetime
Military Officer Association of America	Member	Jan 2021-present

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
MG Emmitt Titshaw	TAG Florida	Friend	[REDACTED]@comcast.net
Mr. Bill Dudley	SJC Veterans Council	Friend	[REDACTED]@aol.com
COL Perry Hagaman	COS Florida	Friend	[REDACTED]@gmail.com

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list their name. Commissioner Christian Whitehurst

## **CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here. GHD

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. GHD

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. GHD

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Gerald Middle Howard Last Dedge Suffix Jr

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)**

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I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Jason James***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Greater Orlando Aviation Authority**

for a term beginning on the Eighteenth day of July, A.D., 2025,  
until the Sixteenth day of April, A.D., 2028 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the First day of October, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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July 11, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Chapter 99-455, Laws of Florida:

Mr. Jason James  
2124 White Jasmine Court  
Apopka, Florida 32712

as a member of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, succeeding Tim Weisheyer, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective July 18, 2025, for a term ending April 16, 2028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Ron DeSantis in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a cursive 'D' and 'S'.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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County of Seminole

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

**the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority**

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 9 day of September, 2025.

[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath- see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

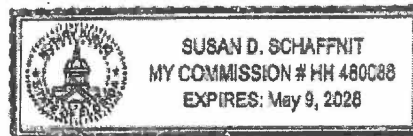
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Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☐ Office ☒

357 Cranes Roost Blvd #2010  
Street or Post Office Box

Altamonte Springs, FL 32701  
City, State, Zip Code

Jason James  
Print Name

[Signature]  
Signature

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Date Completed

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Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: 307 Cranes Roost Blvd 2010 Altamonte Springs  
Street Office # City  
FL 32701  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

3. Residence Address: 2124 White Jasmine Ct, Apopka Orange  
Street City County  
FL 32712  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☒ Residence ☐

4. Fax # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@mechanicalone.com

5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: Florida

6. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes" explain:  
No

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1980

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:  
A. County of Registration: Orange B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:  
No

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Yes ☐ No ☐

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**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
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- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Seminole

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Jason James

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]  
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of July, 2025

[Signature]  
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 5/9/28

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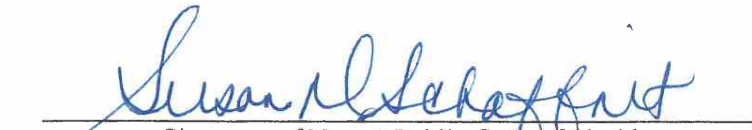
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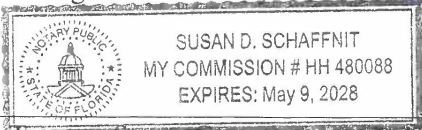
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Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5 day of August, 2025.

  
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Salutation: Mr. ☐ First: Jason Middle: Lee Last: James
2. Marital Status: Married ☐ Spouse information, if applicable: First: Tanya Last: James
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

NONE

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
2124 White Jasmine Court	Apopka FL 32712	2018 to Present
134 Kristen Cove	Longwood FL 32750	2016 to 2018
1833 Lake Villa Drive	Tavares FL 32778	2009 to 2016

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1980

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
NONE		

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Lake Brantley	1999	General
Undergraduate	UCF	2005	Psychology
Graduate			
Other			

*\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Mechanical One Job Title Founder/President

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Mechanical One	Founder/President	2021 to Present
One Stop Services	Business Development	2015 to 2021

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
NONE		

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

NONE

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒

Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☒ Branch and Component Not Applicable

Dates of Service Not Applicable Date and Type of Discharge Not Applicable

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
NONE			

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
NONE		

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
NONE			

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board NONE

Number of meetings you attended NONE

Number of meetings you missed NONE

Reason(s) for your absence NONE

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
NONE			

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
NONE		

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation
NONE		

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension
NONE		

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

Civil 2022 Dismissed. Prior employer tried to prevent me from going into business, I had full release.

Civil 2025 Pending. Copy of prior civil 2022 from a minority shareholder. I had full release.

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

NONE

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

NONE

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Your Relationship to the Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

NONE

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Relationship to you**

**Their Relationship to Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

NONE

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Agency Lobbied**

**Principal(s) you represented**

NONE

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).



13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. Born and raised in Central Florida. Founder/owner of a local business that employees over 1,000 people across Florida.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

2024 Hispanic Chamber Metro Orlando Ignite Awarded

2024 Orlando Business Journeal Fast 50, #1 Fastest growing company

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. To be a steward of the community by keeping the community first in decisions that impact it's people and guests.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I want to have a positive impact on the local and state community that has done so much for my family and I.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Cert Class A HVAC	2019	DBPR	CAC1820196
Cert Plumbing	2018	DBPR	CFC1430061
220 General Lines Prop & Cas Insurance	2004	FDFS	E125764

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
ACCA	Member	2023 to present
Hispanic Chamber of Metro Orlando	Trustee	2021 to present

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Chuck Shaffer	Seacoast Bank	Friend/Professional	@seacostbank.com
Pedro Turushina	Hispanic Chamber	Friend/Professional	@hispanicchamber.net
Charlie Lowe	Sunrise Bank	Friend/Professional	@sunrisebank.com

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list their name. NONE

## **CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. NONE

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here. JJ

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. JJ

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. JJ

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Jason Middle Lee Last James Suffix

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)**

**If you need more space, add additional pages at the end of the document.**

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Cody Powell***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway  
Authority**

for a term beginning on the Nineteenth day of September, A.D.,  
2025, until the First day of July, A.D., 2026 and is subject to be  
confirmed by the Senate during the next regular session of the  
Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Nineteenth day of November, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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September 19, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 348.52(2), Florida Statutes:

Mr. Cody Powell  
6151 Cliff House Lane  
Riverview, Florida 33578

as a member of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority, succeeding John Weatherford, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 19, 2025, for a term ending July 1, 2026.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority Board member  
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 23rd day of October, 2025.

[Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath— see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name

Title

Court

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges— see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below



Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☐ Office ☒

P.O. Box 2581

Street or Post Office Box

Brandon, FL 33509

City, State, Zip Code

COPY

Cody Powell

Print Name

Signature



# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

10-23-2025

Date Completed

1. Name: MR Powell Cody Houston  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 208 Lake Parsons Green Brandon  
Street Office # City  
FL 33511  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 6151 Cliff House Lane Riverview Hillsborough  
Street City County  
FL 33578  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☐ Residence ☒
4. Fax # (optional) Email Address: @powellrealty.com
5. Date of Birth:  Place of Birth: Houston, Texas
6. Social Security Number
7. Driver License Number:  Issuing State: Florida
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☐ If "Yes" explain:
9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:
- If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization:
10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1999
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:  
A. County of Registration: Hillsborough B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican
12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:  
No
13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?  
Yes ☒ No ☐

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## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer, supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

**List continued on next page.**

## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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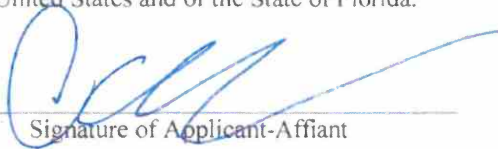
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Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Cody H. Powell

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.



Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th day of October, 2025.

Katherine C. Daniels

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

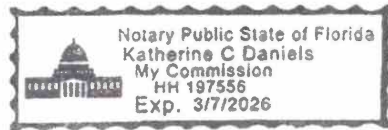
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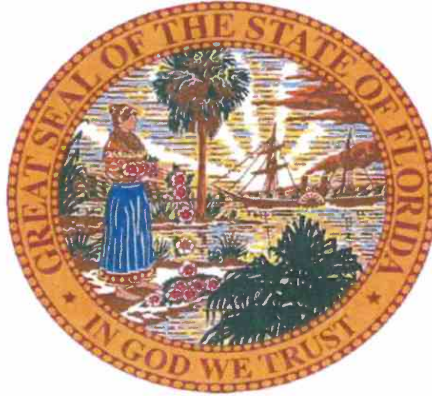
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Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_



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Date Completed:  
10-23-2025

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**  
**Office of Gubernatorial Appointments**  
**Appointments Questionnaire**

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**1. Salutation: Mr. ☐ First: Cody Middle: Houston Last: Powell2. Marital Status: Divorce ☐ Spouse information, if applicable: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒*If "yes", explain.*

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
6151 Cliff House Lane	Riverview, FL 33578	July 1, 2023 to Present
11324 Grand Park Ave	Riverview, FL 33578	July 1, 2020 to July 1 2023
101 Julie Lane	Brandon, FL 33511	July 1 2015 to July 1 2020

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1999

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Trinity Christian Academy	2004	
Undergraduate	University of North Florida	2009	Business
Graduate			
Other			

*\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*



**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Self Employed Job Title Broker/Owner

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Powell Realty	Broker/Owner	2010-Present

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒

Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☒ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
Hillsborough County Commissioner	June 2024	Lost

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Planning Commission	October 2018	4 years	Local
Land Use Appeals Board	2017	4 years	Local
Affordable Housing Board	October 2019	3 years	Local
Hillsborough TPO	November 2021	1 year	Local

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board 105

Number of meetings you attended 95

Number of meetings you missed 10

Reason(s) for your absence illness and death in family

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea or nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain. DUI 2007

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2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

DUI 2007. Divorce in 2020

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Your Relationship to the Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

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10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

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11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Agency Lobbied**

**Principal(s) you represented**

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12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I served on several local board in Hillsborough County. Started on the land use appeals board. From there I was appointed to the Hillsborough Planning Commission. As Planning Commissioner I rose to become the Vice-Chair. During my 4 year tenure I was the Planning Commission Rep for the Hillsborough TPO Board, Affordable Housing Board, River Board, and Community Land Trust. The knowledge and experience gained on these boards has qualified me to now serve on THEA.

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2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

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3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. To provided knowledge and expertise on transportation matters to my fellow board members and agency staff.

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4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I would like to use my skills and knowledge I have gained and learned to help lead our organization into the future.

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5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Real Estate Broker	4-14-2010	DBPR	BK3232624
CAM License	8-22-2012	DBPR	CAM40444

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Citizens Bank and Trust	Advisory Board	October 2024

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Hung Mai	FTC	Friend	[REDACTED]@aol.com
Jake Creamer	Florida Farm Bureau	Friend	[REDACTED]@barbascremer.com
Steve Emerson	Alafia Rep Club	Friend	[REDACTED]@ec.rr.com

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", list their name.

## **CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here. CHP

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. CHP

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. CHP

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Cody Middle Houston Last Powell Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)**

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Stephen W. Boehning***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Florida Inland Navigation District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Sixth day of September,  
A.D., 2025, until the Ninth day of January, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Nineteenth day of November, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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September 26, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 374.983, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Stephen Boehning  
505 53<sup>rd</sup> Square  
Vero Beach, Florida 32968

as a member of the Florida Inland Navigation District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 26, 2025, for a term ending January 9, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Indian River

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Florida Inland Navigation District Commissioner - Indian River

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature Stephen W. Boehning

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 6th day of November, 2020.

[Signature]

Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath—see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

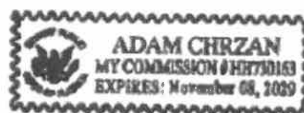
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(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges—see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

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Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☐ Office ☒

1443 20th Street, Suite F

Street or Post Office Box

City of Vero Beach, FL 32968

City, State, Zip Code

Stephen W. Boehning

Print Name

Stephen W. Boehning

Signature

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

11/5/2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Boehning Stephen  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 1443 20th Street, Suite F, Vero Beach  
Street Office # City  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 505 53rd Sq, Vero Beach, Indian River  
Street City County  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☒ Residence ☐
4. Fax # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@coastalwde.com
5. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: Peekskill, New York
6. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State: Florida
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes" explain:  
No
9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_
- If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1998
11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:  
A. County of Registration: Indian River B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican
12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:  
No
13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?  
Yes ☒ No ☐



# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

**List continued on next page.**



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## List continued from previous page.

- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF INDIAN RIVER

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

STEPHEN W. BOEHNING

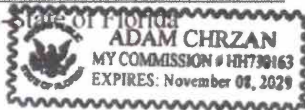
who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

  
Signature of Applicant/Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.



Signature of Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Personally Known

OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Completed:  
1/6/2025

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**  
**Office of Gubernatorial Appointments**  
**Appointments Questionnaire**

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**1. Salutation: Mr. ☐ First: Stephen Middle: W Last: Boehning2. Marital Status: Married ☐ Spouse information, if applicable: First: Denise Last: Boehning3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
505 53rd SQ	Vero Beach, Florida 32968	more than past 10 yrs

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1998

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
93 Park Road	Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750	9-1-1990 / 8-1-1998
102 Riveredge Road	Tinton Falls, NJ 07724	11-12-1984 / 9-1-1990

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Red Bank Catholic, Red Bank, NJ	1985	college preparatory
Undergraduate	Widener University, Chester, PA	1989	Civil Engineering
Graduate	Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ	2004	Ocean Engineering
Other	St Vincent dePaul Regional Seminary, Boyton Beach, FL	n/a	Theology

\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering LLC Job Title President/Principal Engineer

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering LLC,	President/Principal Engineer,	4/2008 to present

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain. position terminated when local office of out-of-state company closed due to economic downturn of 2008.

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒

Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☐ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Florida Inland Navigation District, 2021	2021 to present		state

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board approximately 26

Number of meetings you attended approximately 20

Number of meetings you missed approximately 6

Reason(s) for your absence illness or family obligation

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation
Engineer Appointee - County Code Enforcement Board	June 2021	appointment to FIND Board

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒



3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you). \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering LLC	President/Prof. Engineer	Consulting Engineer to Indian River County
Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering LLC	President/Prof. Engineer	Subconsulting Engineer to City of Sebastian
Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering LLC	President/Prof. Engineer	Consulting Engineer to Town of Indian River Shores
Coastal Waterways Design & Engineering LLC	President/Prof. Engineer	Consulting Engineer to Town of Orchid

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
CoastalWide LLC	Spouse	Owner	Consulting Services to City of Sebastian
CoastalWide LLC	Spouse	Owner	Consulting Services to Town of Indian River Shores
CoastalWide LLC	Spouse	Owner	Consulting Services to City of Vero Beach
CoastalWide LLC	Spouse	Owner	Consulting Services to City of Southwest Ranches

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## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently a FIND appointee serving the Indian River District. I have served on multiple committees of FIND and in the position of FIND Secretary and FIND Treasurer. As a coastal engineer and floodplain manager with emergency management and coastal resiliency experience, I can continue to provide the District with broad coastal and inland waterway perspective. As an appointee of the District for the past 4 years I have served on a board that has overseen the responsible management of our inland waterways.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

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3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. To meet the intent of legislation by, as a board, undertaking what is necessary to construct, maintain, and operate the Florida east coast inland waterways; to provide programming that alleviates waterway problems; to develop and direct long-term maintenance plans for the waterway and dredge material management areas; to act as a local sponsor for US Army Corps authorized projects; and to support local communities with funding for projects that benefit navigation.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. To provide public service to my state/region in a capacity that matches my expertise. To provide representation of my County at the state/regional level.

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5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Professional Engineer	08/28/1997	Florida DPBR	52201

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Florida Floodplain Managers Association - Coastal Issues Committee	Chair	2011 to present
Indian River Code Enforcement Board	Chair and Engineer Appointee	2008 to 2021

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
James Gray	Sebastian Inlet District	colleague	[REDACTED]@sitd.us
Erin Grall	Florida Senator	state senator	[REDACTED]@ErinGrall.com
Janet Zimmerman	FIND	boards executive director	[REDACTED]@aicw.org

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list their name. Erin Grall

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Initial here. SWB

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. SWB

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. SWB

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Stephen Middle William Last Boehning Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***Thomas A. Morgan***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Florida Inland Navigation District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Sixth day of September,  
A.D., 2025, until the Ninth day of January, A.D., 2027 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Sixth day of November, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State





**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following appointment under the provisions of Section 374.983, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Thomas Morgan  
142 South Twin Lakes Road  
Cocoa, Florida 32926

as a member of the Florida Inland Navigation District, filling a vacant seat previously occupied by Jerry Sansom, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 26, 2025, for a term ending January 9, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf



# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) Commissioner for Brevard County

(Full Name of Office – Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature: [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 1 day of October, 2025.

[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath – see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

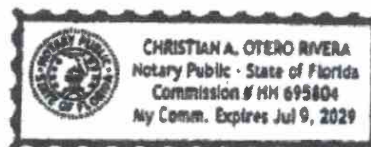
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Personally Known ☐ OR Produced Identification ☒

Type of Identification Produced Florida Driver License

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

1425 Twin Lakes Rd  
Street or Post Office Box

Cocoa, FL 32926  
City, State, Zip Code

Thomas A Morgan  
Print Name

[Signature]  
Signature

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. Morgan, Thomas, Anthony

Mr./Mrs./Ms.

Last

First

Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: N/A

Street

Office #

City

Post Office Box

State

Zip Code

Area Code/Phone Number

3. Residence Address: 142 S. Twin Lakes Rd./Cocoa/Brevard

Street

City

County

Post Office Box

State

Zip Code

Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address:

Business ☐

Residence ☒

4. Fax # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@bellsouth.net

5. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: Plainfield, NJ

6. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes" explain:  
No

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1979

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: Brevard

B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:  
No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_



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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF BREVARD

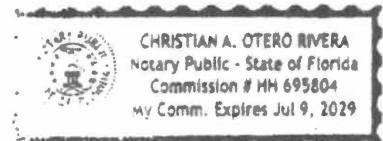
Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

Thomas A. Morgan,  
who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

[Signature]  
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 07 day of October, 20 25.

[Signature]  
Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



Christian A. Otero Rivera  
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: July 09, 2029

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification ✓

Type of Identification Produced: Florida Drivers License.

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**  
**Office of Gubernatorial Appointments**  
**Appointments Questionnaire**

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**1. Salutation: Mr. First: Thomas Middle: Anthony Last: Morgan2. Marital Status: Single Spouse information, if applicable: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
142 S. Twin Lakes Rd. Cocoa, Fl.	32926	June 2024 to present

1629 N. Victoria Park Rd. Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.	33305	April 1993 to May, 2024.
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5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1979

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
N/A		

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Coral Springs HS	1980	General Studies
Undergraduate	St. Thomas University	1984	Sports Admin.
Graduate	Florida International University	2000	Parks & Recreation
Other			

\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.



**EMPLOYMENT**1. Are you retired? Yes ☒ No ☐2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Miami-Dade Parks Job Title Chief of Operations

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Miami-Dade Parks Dept.	Chief of Operations	2018 to 2024
Miami-Dade Parks Dept.	Senior Region Manager	2012-2018

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☐ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings you attended \_\_\_\_\_

Number of meetings you missed \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for your absence \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. Possess extensive marina, park, and special event experience

to include; marina mgmt., planning, project mgmt., budgeting, businee planning, and security.

Select, internally approve, and oversee FIND Grants and other Park/Marina grant projects.

Knowledge of all aspects of marina ops/mgmt., to include; wet/dry slip mgmt., boat ramp ops, leased operations, channel mgmt, and environmental requirements.

Coordinate/oversee pre and post tropical weather preparations and recovery.

Interests include; boating , snarkling, fishing, paddle boarding, hiking, and family time.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

Throughout my career, received comendations and recognition for jobs well done,

such as; Supervisor of the Quarter Award and comendations from Marine Patrol and Police.

Additionally, received recognition for post pandemic plans for reopening marinas, boat ramps, parks, and beaches.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. To be the "local sponsor" for Intracoastal Waterway projects and to provide

assistance to local municipalities to develop waterway access and improvment

projects. To foster public access and collaboration among government entities, with the outcome of sustaining the Intracoastal Waterway's marine environment.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. \_\_\_\_\_

I am a lifelong career public servant that will be able to skillfully utilize my knowledge and experience to enhance Intracoastal Waterway and public marina and boat ramp experiences. I seek to provide the most practical, economic, and conservation related solutions in Brevard County for public enjoyment.



5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
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6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
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N/A

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Bob Young/Bill360/Friend/		@att.net	
John Birtzen/Retired marina manager/Friend/		@hotmail.com	
Gary Schwack/Orlando Health/Friend/		@yahoo.com	

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list their name. Janet Zimmerman

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

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5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Thomas Middle Anthony Last Morgan Suffix Mr.

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**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

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## Acknowledgement by Individual

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*Brevard*The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 07 day ofOctober, 20 25, by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarizationThomas A. Morgan (name of person acknowledging).☐ Personally known to me☒ Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced

*Florida Drivers License*

Notary Signature

*C. Otero*

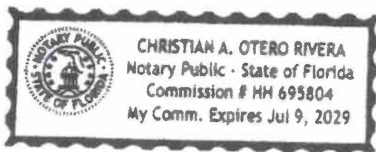
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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
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I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

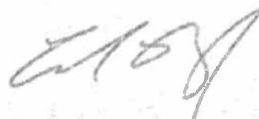
***James R. Davenport***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Florida Inland Navigation District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Sixth day of September,  
A.D., 2025, until the Ninth day of January, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Twenty-Fourth day of October, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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September 26, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 374.983, Florida Statutes:

Mr. James "Buddy" Davenport  
106 Grandview Drive  
New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168

as a member of the Florida Inland Navigation District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 26, 2025, for a term ending January 9, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis", written over a horizontal line.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

CHAIR, FLORIDA ISLAND NAVIGATION DISTRICT  
(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature X Jane B. Dupont

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 1 day of October, 2025

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Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath—see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

106 GRANDVIEW DR.  
Street or Post Office Box

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FL 32168  
City, State, Zip Code

JAMES R. DAVENPORT  
Print Name

Jane B. Dupont  
Signature



# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

Date Completed

1. Name: MR. DAVENPORT JAMES RAMOS  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: 1305 STATE ROAD 44, 1410 SMYRNA BEACH  
Street Office # City  
FL 32168  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

3. Residence Address: 106 GRANDVIEW DRIVE, NSB VOLUSIA  
Street City Country  
FL 32168  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☐ Residence ☒

4. Fax # (optional) [REDACTED] Email Address: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

5. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Place of Birth: N. LITTLE ROCK, AR

6. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

7. Driver License Number: [REDACTED] Issuing State: FL

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒ If "Yes" explain:

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1975

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: VOLUSIA B. Current Party Affiliation: REP.

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Volusia

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

JAMES R. DAUGHERT

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

X [Signature]  
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1 day of October, 2025

[Signature]

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



Laura Bruno

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**1. Salutation: Mr. First: James "Buddy" Middle: Ramos Last: Davenport2. Marital Status: Single ☒ Spouse information, if applicable: First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
106 Grandview Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168		1975-present

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1974

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
4416 West Drive	N. Little Rock, AR 72118	Birth to present

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	N. Little Rock High School	1969	College Prep.
Undergraduate	Univ. of AR	1974	B.S.
Graduate	Daytona State College	1974	Financial Degree
Other			

*\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

**EMPLOYMENT**1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer State Farm Job Title Agent

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
State Farm	Agent	1975 - Present

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
Utilities Comm. City of NSB	Commissioner and Chairman	2018-2025

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☒ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_



**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Volusia County Commissioner	4/2/2021	2021-Present	FL Inland
			Navigation
			District

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board Monthly

Number of meetings you attended All but one

Number of meetings you missed One

Reason(s) for your absence On vacation out of the country

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office



5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Volusia County Commissioner	2021-2024	Yes; confirmed
F.I.N.D.		

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you). \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

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9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Your Relationship to the Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

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10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Relationship to you**

**Their Relationship to Business**

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11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Agency Lobbied**

**Principal(s) you represented**

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12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. Living on the Intracoastal Waterway for 35 years and watching the changes. Founding member of the Marine Discovery Center, an educational non-profit to educate children and the public to the waterway. Member of the Smyrna Yacht Club and a boat owner for more than 40 years.

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\_\_\_\_\_

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years. Congratulations from community members. Recognized as a Community Philanthropist by the Smyrna Cares organization. Elected Secretary and then Chair of the F.I.N.D. Board.

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3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. I have already served as Volusia County Commissioner to the F.I.N.D. Board for four years, during which time I was elected Chair of the F.I.N.D. Board.

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4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. I have truly worked very hard on the Board and have successfully represented Volusia County.

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\_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Insurance Agent	1975	FL CFO	A061930

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Elks	Member	Current
Kiwanis	Member	Current
Masons	Member	Current
Marine Discovery Center	Founding Member	Current
Margarita Ball Society of Volusia County	Founding Member	Current
Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce	Member for almost 50 years	Current

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Sid Wilson		Friend	[REDACTED]
Phil Pyster		Friend	[REDACTED]@gmail.com
Efren Chavez	Utilities Comm. NSB	Colleague	[REDACTED]@nsbufl.com

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If "yes", list their name. Suzanne McCabe

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/s/First James Middle Ramos Last Davenport Suffix

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**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

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I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***John Carl Blow***

is duly appointed a member of the  
**Florida Inland Navigation District**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Sixth day of September,  
A.D., 2025, until the Ninth day of October, A.D., 2029 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Tenth day of October, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State

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**RON DeSANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
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500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 374.983, Florida Statutes:

Mr. John "Carl" Blow  
100 Santa Monica Avenue  
St. Augustine, Florida 32080

as a member of the Florida Inland Navigation District, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective September 26, 2025, for a term ending January 9, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis", written over a horizontal line.

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

RD/kf

# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of St Johns

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

Florida Inland Navigation District - Commissioner for St Johns County

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2025.

[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath—see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

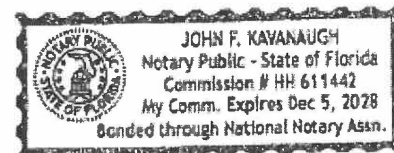
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Type of Identification Produced FLC B400-463-5408-0

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

100 Santa Monica Avenue

Street or Post Office Box \_\_\_\_\_

St Augustine, FL 32080-5417

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

John Carl Blow

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature [Signature]

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation. The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**. Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate. **Please type or print in blue or black ink.**

10-06-2025

Date Completed

1. Name: Mr Blow John Carl  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: 100 Santa Monica Avenue St Augustine  
Street Office # City  
FL 32080-5417  
State Zip Code  
Post Office Box St Augustine St Johns County  
State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

3. Residence Address: 100 Santa Monica Avenue St Augustine St Johns County  
Street City County  
FL 32080-5417  
State Zip Code  
Post Office Box St Augustine St Johns County  
State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☒ Residence ☐

4. Fax # (optional) None Email Address: j..... @gmail.com

5. Date of Birth: March 1, 1954 Place of Birth: Jacksonville, FL

6. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Driver License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Issuing State: Florida

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒ If "Yes" explain:  
I have had the same name since birth.

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:  
N/A

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: N/A

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1954

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:  
A. County of Registration: St Johns B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:  
NO

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?  
Yes ☒ No ☐

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# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

## PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION REQUEST

As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

- |  |    |   |
|--|----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

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COUNTY OF

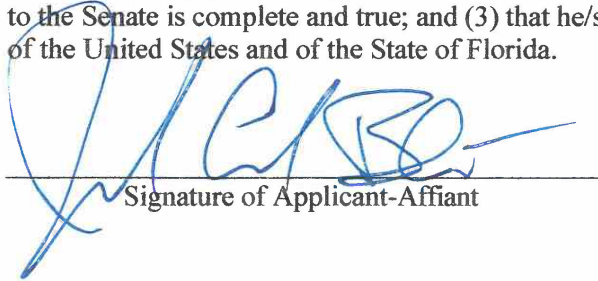
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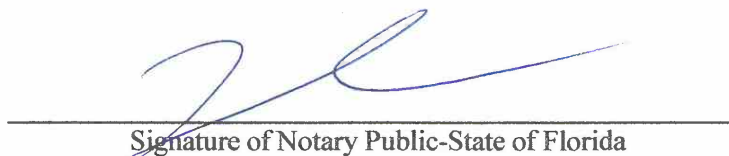
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John Carl Blow

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

  
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of OCTober, 2025.

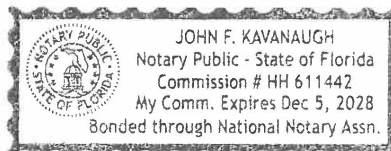
  
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John F. KAVANAUGH  
(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: DEC 05 2028

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ OR Produced Identification ☒

Type of Identification Produced: FL DL



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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Salutation: Mr. First: John Middle: Carl Last: Blow
2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Lynne Last: Blow
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

N/A

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
100 Santa Monica Avenue	St Augustine, FL 32080-5417	March 1998 to Current

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1954 (Born in Jacksonville FL)

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
NONE		

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	The Bolles School, Jax FL	1972	High School Diploma
Undergraduate	University of North Florida, Jax FL	1980	BBA - Real Estate
Graduate	University of North Florida, Jax FL	1981	BS - Building Constr
Other			

*\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*



**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Are you retired? Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer None Job Title N/A

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
I have been self employed managing my commercial real estate investments for over ten years.		
These real estate investments are single tenant properties and some of them I developed from raw undeveloped land. Prior to that I worked for real estate developers building shopping centers and apartments. In the early 1990 I was an environmental contractor removing petroleum underground storage tanks and performing removal and treatment of petroleum contaminated soil and ground water.		

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
N/A		

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

N/A

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

N/A

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☒ No ☐

Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☒ Branch and Component Navy

Dates of Service 08/17/1980 - 08/29/1980 Date and Type of Discharge Honorable

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
St Augustine Port Waterway & Beach District	- Nov/2002	- One 4 yr Term	Special Taxing District

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
St Augustine Port Waterway & Beach District	- Nov/2010	Defeated

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
St Augustine Planning & Zoning Board	- 2004 to present	- Four Year Terms	- City of St Augustine
St Johns County Industrial Development Authority	- 2012 to 2016	-	St Johns County
FL Inland Navigation District	Jan 2009 to Jan 2025	4 yr	Special Taxing District
St Augustine Port Waterway & Beach District	4 yr		Special Taxing District

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board 12 to 16 per year per Organization

Number of meetings you attended On Average 14 per year per Organization

Number of meetings you missed On Average 2 per year per Organization

Reason(s) for your absence Business commitment or illness

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
N/A			

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Commissioner, Florida Inland Navigation District	Jan 2009 to Jan 2025	Confirmed

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation
N/A		

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension
N/A		

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

N/A

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Your Relationship to the Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

N/A

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Business**

**Relationship to you**

**Their Relationship to Business**

**Business Relationship to the Agency**

N/A

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

**Name of the Agency Lobbied**

**Principal(s) you represented**

N/A

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I currently serve on the Florida Inland Navigation District Board. During my

service I have held the office of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Chairman. I also served

on the board of our local Port Authority. I grew up boating on the Intracoastal Waterway and my

Father was in the marine transportation business operating tugs and barges on the ICW. I hold a

US Coast Guard captains license and I own a boat that I operate on the Intracoastal Waterway. My

work experience as both a general contractor, an environmental contractor and a real estate broker

makes me an effective and productive member of the Florida Inland Navigation District Board.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

City of St Augustine 2011: City Commission recognized my work to have the US Army Corps of

Engineers perform emergency dredging at the St Augustine Ocean Inlet channel so vessels could

access the Intracoastal Waterway without fear of running aground.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. The Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) partners with the Army Corps of Engineers to

maintain the Intracoastal Waterway. Taxes collected by FIND supplement federal funding for dredging.

FIND also uses taxes collected for grants to cities and counties to improve public access to the

waterway. The FIND Board administers a \$42 mil annual budget based on a millage rate that has

not been increased in the last 27 years. FIND administrative expenses are only 1.1% of the budget.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. Maintaining the Intracoastal Waterway has a \$21.6 billion dollar impact on the 12

counties on the east coast of Florida. Use of the waterway by over 216,000 boats supports 236,576

jobs and those boaters spend \$2.6 billion per year. As a FIND board member I want to make sure

the waterway is maintained and by helping local governments maintain and improve marine

infrastructure that both residents and visitors can use to access the Intracoastal Waterway.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Real Estate Broker	1977	Florida	BK176699
Certified General Contractor	1982	Florida	CGC020862
Certified Pollutant Storage Syst Contractor	1991	Florida	PCC054963

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

N/A

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
The Florida Bar	Non-Attorney 7th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee B	10/2015 to 10/2018
The Florida Bar	Non-Attorney 7th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee B	Current

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Lad Daniels	Former City Council Jax Member	Friend	@lcdaniels.com
Barry Goldstein	Goldstein Commercial Properties	Friend	@bellsouth.net
Corey Sakryd	City of St Augustine	Friend	@citystaug.com

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list their name. N/A



## **CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
None  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws. Initial here. JCB

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. JCB

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. JCB

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First John Middle Carl Last Blow Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**appointments@eog.myflorida.com**

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

**Alex Lastra**

is duly appointed a member of the  
**Florida Transportation Commission**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Second day of July, A.D.,  
2025, until the Thirtieth day of September, A.D., 2027 and is  
subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the next regular  
session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the Eighth day of August, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Section 20.23, Florida Statutes:

Mr. Alex Lastra  
3123 Gifford Lane  
Miami, Florida 33133

as a member of the Florida Transportation Commission, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective July 22, 2025, for a term ending September 30, 2027.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of

MIAMI-DADE

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

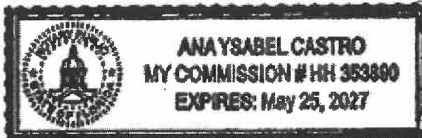
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FLOR CASTRO

(Affix Seal Below)

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of ☒ physical presence

Or ☐ online notarization this 24 day of JULY, 2025



Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

ANA CASTRO

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known ☒ or Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced N/A

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☒ Office ☐

3123 Bifford Lane

Street or Post Office Box

Miami, Florida 33133

City, State, Zip Code

Print Name

Signature

FLOR CASTRO



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# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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7/23/25.

Date Completed

1. Name: MR. LASTRA ALEX  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden

2. Business Address: 1825 Ponce de Leon Blvd. #216 Coral Gables  
Street Office # City  
FLORIDA 33134

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number  
3. Residence Address: 3123 Gifford Lane Miami MIAMI-DADE  
Street City County  
FLORIDA 33133

Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number

Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☒ Residence ☐

4. Fax # (optional) Email Address: alex@desarrollofla.com

5. Date of Birth: Place of Birth: TAMPA, FLORIDA

6. Social Security Number:

7. Driver License Number: Issuing State: FLORIDA

8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes No ☒ If "Yes" explain:

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization:

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1968 (birth)

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: MIAMI-DADE B. Current Party Affiliation: REPUBLICAN

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

I AM A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LATIN BUILDERS ASSOCIATION.

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

- |  |    |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a current | or | <input type="checkbox"/> spouse of a former |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

**List continued on next page.**

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_



# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF

Miami - Dade

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

ALEX CASTRO

who, after being duly sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of July, 2025.

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Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida

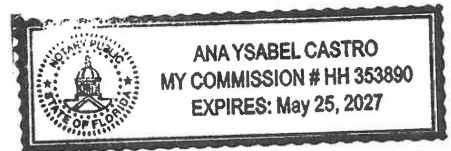
ANA CASTRO

(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: MAY 25, 2027

Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: N/A



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December 4, 2024

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS**  
**Office of Gubernatorial Appointments**  
**Appointments Questionnaire**

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

- The questionnaire **MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL**
- Answer "none" or "not applicable" where appropriate
- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Salutation: Mr. First: Alex Middle: P Last: Lastra
2. Marital Status: Married Spouse information, if applicable: First: Barbara Last: Ferrer
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

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4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
3123 Gifford Lane	Miami, FL 33133	May, 2016-Current
901 Brickell Key Dr.	Miami, FL 33131	May, 2014-May, 2016
4041 Collins Avenue	Miami Beach, FL	January, 2008-May, 2014

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1968

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Christopher Columbus High School	1986	
Undergraduate	Florida International University	1991	Business/Finance
Graduate			
Other			

*\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.*

**EMPLOYMENT**

1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Self Employed-Desarrollo Florida Job Title Managing Member

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Desarrollo Florida LLC	Real Estate Development/Consulting (Self Employed)	Managing Member 06/18- current
Atlantic Pacific Development	Real Estate Development (Market Rate)	Senior Managing Director 06/03-06/18

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒

Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☐ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Commissioner	May, 2021	5/21-current	

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board approximately 20

Number of meetings you attended all meetings

Number of meetings you missed I do not believe any

Reason(s) for your absence  

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Florida Transportation Commission	2 years	approved

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain. January, 2003 Miami, FL DUI Guilty

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☐

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings?

Yes ☒ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

January, 2003

Miami, FL

DUI

Guilty

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation

Nature of Violation(s)

Disposition



9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☒ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Miami Dade DTPW, we secured the Development Rights for a Workforce Housing development on Miami Dade County land.		

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☒ No ☐

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented
Miami Dade County DTPW	My business interest (Desarrollo Florida)

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. \_\_\_\_\_

I have been in the residential real estate industry in Florida for over 30 years.

My family has a long history of construction and development experience

and I was born into the industry.

I believe my past experience could add a relevant voice in the concerns

facing affordable/workforce housing in Florida.

2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years.

Developer of the Year (Market Rate) on two different occasions by the Latin Builders Association.

3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. \_\_\_\_\_

As a Florida Transportation Commission, we serve as an oversight and monitoring board to the

Florida Department of Transportation.

4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. Due to my long history of being involved in residential real estate development

and construction i believe i bring a result oriented personality that will look for

solutions and alternatives to deal with this grave issue we face in Florida of lack

of affordable and workforce housing.

5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
I am a State Certified General Contractor.			

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Latin Builders Association	many roles including President	2005-current

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Gus Cabrera	Evergreen	friend	
Fatima Perez	Koch Industries	friend	
Juan Carlos Vila	Visualscape	friend	

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list their name.

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Initial here. AL

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. AL

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. AL

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First Alex Middle P Last Lastra Suffix

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)**

**If you need more space, add additional pages at the end of the document.**

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Elections**

I, Cord Byrd, Secretary of State,  
do hereby certify that

***William Theodore Conner***

is duly appointed a member of the

**Tampa Port Authority,  
Hillsborough County, Seat Three**

for a term beginning on the Twenty-Sixth day of November,  
A.D., 2025, until the Twenty-Fifth day of November, A.D.,  
2029 and is subject to be confirmed by the Senate during the  
next regular session of the Legislature.

*Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the  
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this  
the First day of December, A.D., 2025.*



Secretary of State



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

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October 24, 2025

Secretary Cord Byrd  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Byrd:

Please be advised I have made the following reappointment under the provisions of Chapter 05-332, Laws of Florida:

Mr. William "Ted" Conner  
3000 Bayport Drive  
Suite 1000  
Tampa, Florida 33607

as a member of the Tampa Port Authority, subject to confirmation by the Senate. This appointment is effective November 26, 2025, for a term ending November 25, 2029.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron DeSantis".

Ron DeSantis  
Governor

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# OATH OF OFFICE

(Art. II, § 5(b), Fla. Const.; § 92.50, Florida Statutes)

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Hillsborough

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution of the State, and that I will well and faithfully perform the duties of

the Tampa Port Authority

(Full Name of Office - Abbreviations Not Accepted)

on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

[NOTE: If you affirm, you may omit the words "so help me God." See § 92.52, Fla. Stat.]

Signature [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me by means of physical presence ☒ OR online notarization ☐  
this 17 day of November, 2025

[Signature]  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath or of Notary Public

(To be completed only by judges administering oath - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

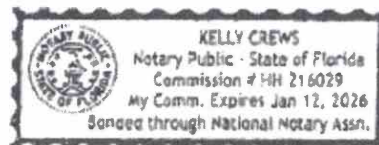
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Court \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by officer administering oath, other than judges - see § 92.50, Florida Statutes.)

Affix Seal Below



Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCEPTANCE

I accept the office listed in the above Oath of Office.

Mailing Address: Home ☐ Office ☒

3000 Bayport Dr. Ste 1000  
Street or Post Office Box

Tampa FL 33607  
City, State, Zip Code

William Theodore Coates  
Print Name

[Signature]  
Signature



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Date Completed

1. Name: Mr. William Theodore Conner  
Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last First Middle/Maiden
2. Business Address: 3000 Bayport Dr. Suite 1000 Tampa  
Street Office # City  
Florida 33607 [REDACTED]  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
3. Residence Address: 3004 W. Bay View Ave Tampa Hillsborough  
Street City County  
Florida 33611 [REDACTED]  
Post Office Box State Zip Code Area Code/Phone Number
- Specify the preferred mailing address: Business ☒ Residence ☐
4. Fax # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: [REDACTED]@OldRepublicTitle.com
5. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Place of Birth: Knoxville, TN
6. Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
7. Driver License Number: [REDACTED] Issuing State: Florida
8. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes" explain:

9. Are you a United States citizen? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "No" explain:

If you are a naturalized citizen, date of naturalization: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1961

11. Are you a registered Florida voter? Yes ☒ No ☐ If "Yes" list:

A. County of Registration: Hillsborough B. Current Party Affiliation: Republican

12. Are you an officer, director, or administrator of a Florida state, county, or regional professional or occupational organization or association that relates to your profession or occupation or the board to which you have been appointed? If "Yes" explain:

No

13. If required by law or administrative rule, will you file financial disclosure statements?

Yes ☒ No ☐

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As a general matter, applications for all positions within state government are public records which may be viewed by anyone upon request. However, there are some exemptions from the public records law for certain personal identifying information. If an exemption from the public records law applies to your submission, please check the appropriate boxes below.

**I attest that I am an individual covered under Section 119.071, F.S., as (check the appropriate item (only one)):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> current             | or | <input type="checkbox"/> former             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> child of a current  | or | <input type="checkbox"/> child of a former  |

**and I hereby request the exemption (check applicable exemption category):**

- ☐ Addiction treatment facility (licensed pursuant to ch. 397, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, nurse, or clinical employee (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.s.)
- ☐ Child advocacy center (meeting the standards set forth in ch. 39, F.S.) director, manager, supervisor, or clinical employee; or member of a Child Protection Team as set forth in s. 39.303, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.t.)
- ☐ Clerk of circuit court, deputy clerk of circuit court, or clerk of circuit court personnel (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.y.)
- ☐ Code enforcement officer (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.i.)
- ☐ County attorney, assistant county attorney, deputy county attorney, city attorney, assistant city attorney, or deputy city attorney (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.w.)
- ☐ County tax collector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.n.)
- ☐ Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services inspector or investigator (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.v.)
- ☐ Dept. of Business and Professional Regulation investigator or inspector (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.m.)
- ☐ Dept. of Children and Family Services personnel whose duties involve investigation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, fraud, theft, or other criminal activities (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Financial Services investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, workers' compensation coverage requirements and compliance, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.b.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties support the investigations of child abuse or neglect, determination of benefits, or the investigation, inspection, or prosecution of health care practitioners (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Dept. of Health personnel whose duties include, or result in, the determination or adjudication of eligibility for social security disability benefits, the investigation or prosecution of complaints filed against health care practitioners, or the inspection of health care practitioners or health care facilities licensed by the Dept. of Health (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.o.)
- ☐ Dept. of Juvenile Justice juvenile probation officer, juvenile probation supervisor, detention superintendent, assistant detention superintendent, senior juvenile detention officer, juvenile detention officer supervisor, juvenile detention officer, house parent I or II, house parent supervisor, group treatment leader, group treatment leader supervisor, rehabilitation therapist, or social services counselor (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.k.)

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## FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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- ☐ Dept. of Revenue personnel or local government personnel whose duties relate to revenue collection and enforcement or child support enforcement. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Domestic violence centers (certified under ch. 39, F.S.) staff or domestic violence advocate as defined in s. 90.5036(1)(b), F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.u.)
- ☐ Emergency medical technician or paramedic certified under ch. 401, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.q.)
- ☐ Firefighter certified in compliance with s. 633.408, F.S. (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.d.)
- ☐ Florida Gaming Control Commission member (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.x.)
- ☐ Guardian ad litem (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.j.)
- ☐ Human resource, labor relations, or employee relations director, or assistant director, manager, or assistant manager of any local government agency or water management district with personnel-related duties (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.h.)
- ☐ Impaired practitioner consultant whose duties result in a determination of a person's skill and safety to practice a licensed profession (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.p.)
- ☐ Inspector general employee or internal audit department employee whose duties include auditing or investigating waste, fraud, abuse, theft, exploitation, or other activities that could lead to criminal prosecution or administrative discipline (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.r.)
- ☐ Judge (district court of appeal, circuit court or county court, or justice of the Florida Supreme Court (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial assistant (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.e.)
- ☐ Judicial or quasi-judicial officer (general or special magistrate, judge of compensation claims, administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings, or child support enforcement hearing officer) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.g.)
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel, including correctional officers and correctional probation officers (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.a.)
- ☐ Office of Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Investigations, investigative personnel whose duties include the investigation of fraud, theft, other related criminal activities, or state regulatory requirement violations (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.c.)
- ☐ Person employed by the U.S. Department of Defense who is authorized to access information that is deemed "secret" or "top secret" by the Federal Government or who is a servicemember of a special operations force (s. 119.071(5).k.)
- ☐ Prosecutor (state attorney, assistant state attorney, statewide prosecutor, or assistant statewide prosecutor) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.f.)
- ☐ Public defender or criminal conflict and civil regional counsel (includes assistant public defenders and assistant criminal conflict and civil regional counsel) (s. 119.071(4)(d)2.l.)
- ☐ U.S. attorney or assistant attorney, U.S. appellate judge, U.S. district court judge, or U.S. magistrate (s. 119.071(5).i.)
- ☐ Victim of sexual battery, aggravated child abuse, aggravated stalking, harassment, aggravated battery, or domestic violence (s. 119.071(2).j.)
- ☐ Other (list applicable statute): \_\_\_\_\_

# FLORIDA SENATE CONFIRMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF

Hillsborough

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public of Florida, personally appeared

William Theodore Conner

who, after being duty sworn, say: (1) that he/she has carefully and personally prepared or read the answers to the foregoing questions; (2) that the information contained in said answers and any submitted addendums to the Senate is complete and true; and (3) that he/she will, as an appointee, fully support the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

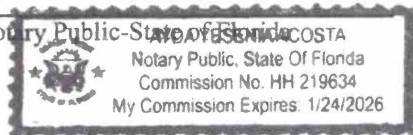
W. T. Conner

Signature of Applicant-Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025

[Signature]

Signature of Notary Public-State of Florida



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

My commission expires: 1/24/2026

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**Office of Gubernatorial Appointments**  
**Appointments Questionnaire**

On behalf of Governor DeSantis, thank you for your interest in serving the state of Florida. This file **must** be downloaded to your computer before being filled out. There is no save feature included with the online version of this form. Any information entered to the online version of this form will be lost when downloaded. After the .pdf is downloaded and filled out, it can be saved to your computer for upload and to retain a copy for your records. If the board application page is not working, this questionnaire can be submitted via the email address below.

[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)

The information from this questionnaire will be used by the Governor's office and, where applicable, the Florida Senate in considering action on your confirmation.

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- Please type or print in black or blue ink

Please be mindful that Florida has a very broad public records law and applications that are submitted for appointment may be subject to review by the public in accordance with Art. 1, s. 24 of the Florida Constitution. Additionally, some positions that are appointed by the Governor may require you to complete a financial disclosure form if appointed. Please contact the Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding financial disclosure at (850) 488-7864.



**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. Salutation: Mr. ☐ First: William Middle: Theodore Last: Conner
2. Marital Status: Married ☐ Spouse information, if applicable: First: Carol Last: Conner
3. Have you ever been known by any other legal name? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

4. Please list all of your places of residence for the last ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
3004 W Bay View Ave	Tampa, FL 33611	May, 2014 / Present

5. Since what year have you been a continuous resident of Florida? 1961

6. List all of your former and current residences outside of Florida that you have maintained at any time during adulthood.

Address	City, State, & Zip Code	Dates: From/To
None		

**EDUCATION**

Type of School	Name and Location of School	Year Graduated	Field of Study
High School	Eau Gallie High School, Melbourne FL	1974	General Studies
Undergraduate	University of Florida, Gainesville FL	1977	Business Administration
Graduate	Univ. of Florida, College of Law, Gainesville FL	1980	Juris Doctor
Other	N/A		

\*If you have additional education that you would like to include, please attach additional pages at the end of this document.

**EMPLOYMENT**1. Are you retired? Yes ☐ No ☒2. Please list your current employer and job title. If retired, please provide your most recent employer and job title. Current Employer Old Republic National Title Insurance Co Job Title Sr. Vice President, Deputy General Counsel

3. Please list any employers and job titles held within the past ten (10) years from most current to previous.

Employer	Job Title	Dates: From/To
Old Republic National Title Ins. Co.	Sr. V.P, Deputy General Counsel	April 2014/Current

4. Have you ever been employed by any state, district, or local government agency in Florida that were not listed above? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Employing Agency	Position	Period(s) of Employment
N/A		

5. Have you ever been asked to resign or been terminated from any form of employment? Yes ☐ No ☒If "yes", explain. N/A6. Have you ever been the object of any administrative or civil action based upon discrimination in the workplace? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain and indicate the disposition of the administrative or civil action.

N/A7. Are you or have you ever been a member of the Armed Forces of the United States? Yes ☐ No ☒Did you serve in combat? Yes ☐ No ☐ Branch and Component \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_



**PUBLIC SERVICE**

1. Have you ever been elected to any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date of Election(s)	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
N/A			

2. Have you ever been a candidate for any public office in this state? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Candidacy	Election Results
N/A		

3. Have you ever been appointed to any public office in this state? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Appointment	Term of Office(s)	Level of Government
Commissioner, Seat #3	Oct. 14, 2019	Nov. 16, 2017-Nov. 15, 2021	Tampa Port Authority

I continue to serve since the conclusion of my term in order to fill the vacant seat.

If you have been appointed to any public office, answer the following:

Number of meetings held during your tenure on the board 66

Number of meetings you attended 61

Number of meetings you missed 5

Reason(s) for your absence Business travel took me out of Tampa

4. Have any members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)) been appointed to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee in the state of Florida? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Name of Appointee	Relation to You	Date of Appointment	Title(s) of Office
N/A			

5. Have you ever been appointed to any office that required confirmation by the Florida Senate?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Term(s) of Appointment	Confirmation Result
Commissioner, Port Tampa Bay	Nov. 16, 2017-Nov. 15, 2021	Confirmed

6. Have you ever resigned from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Resignation	Reason for Resignation
N/A		

7. Have you ever been suspended by the Governor of the state of Florida or any Governor from any position, elected or appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Title(s) of Office	Date(s) of Suspension	Reason for Suspension
N/A		

## **ETHICAL DISCLOSURE**

1. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or indicted for violation of any federal, state, county, or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance? This would include any time you have ever been convicted, entered a guilty plea of nolo contendere for any criminal violation (exclude traffic violations for which a fine or civil penalty of \$150 or less was paid.) Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. N/A

2. If you have ever been convicted of a crime and that record is sealed or expunged, select one of the following: Sealed ☐ Expunged ☐ Not Applicable ☒

3. Are you currently facing investigation, charges, or indictment for any violation of law?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. N/A

4. Have you ever been a party or involved in any civil or criminal legal proceedings?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain (Do not include any information where no allegations of wrongdoing were alleged against you).

N/A

5. Are you the plaintiff or defendant in any action pending before any judicial or administrative tribunal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. N/A

6. Have you ever been refused a fidelity, surety, performance, or other bond?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. N/A

7. In the last five years, has any business in which you, a spouse, a relative, or a business associate been a party to any administrative agency proceeding or civil litigation relevant to the position in which you wish to be appointed to? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain.

N/A

8. Has probable cause ever been found that you were in violation of the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S.? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", list:

Date(s) of Violation	Nature of Violation(s)	Disposition
<u>N/A</u>		

9. Have you, or any business of which you have been an owner, officer, or employee, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local government agency in Florida, including the office or agency to which you have been appointed to or are seeking appointment?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Your Relationship to the Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Old Republic Nat'l. Title Ins. Co.	Employee, officer	Regulated by OIR, policies issued to counties

10. Have members of your immediate family (spouse, child, parent(s), sibling(s)), or businesses of which members of your immediate family have been owners, officers, or employees, held any contractual or other direct dealings during the last four (4) years with any state or local governmental agency in Florida, including the agency to which you have been appointed or are seeking appointment? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Business	Relationship to you	Their Relationship to Business	Business Relationship to the Agency
Patel, Green and Assoc.	Wife	Employee, minority owner	Contractor for FDOT and numerous counties

11. Have you ever been a registered lobbyist or have you lobbied at any level of government at any time during the last five (5) years? Yes ☐ No ☒

a. Did you receive any compensation other than reimbursement for expenses? Yes ☐ No ☐

If "yes", explain.

Name of the Agency Lobbied	Principal(s) you represented
N/A	

12. Dual Office Holding? Yes ☐ No ☒

Article II, section 5(a) of the Florida Constitution prohibits any person from holding more than one office under the government of the state, counties, and municipalities at the same time, except for certain exclusions stated therein (notary public, military officer, member of a statutory body having only advisory powers, etc.).

13. Are there any other possible conflicts of interest or perceived conflicts of interest that could hinder your ability to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. N/A

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## **EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

1. Please state your experiences and interests or elements of your personal history that qualify you for appointment to this board. I have served as a Port Tampa Bay Commissioner since Oct. 2019. I am vice-chair after election by fellow Commissioners. Six years of experience allows me to more be more effective in oversight of governance and compliance activity of PTB. As a Board certified real estate lawyer I understand the many real estate lease issues of PTB. As regulatory counsel for a major Florida title insurance underwriter I work in the areas of governance and compliance. I support responsible economic growth in the area with the addition of jobs and services provided by the Port.

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2. Please list any awards or recognitions that you have received within the past ten (10) years. Volunteer of the year - West Florida FIRST Lego League.

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3. Describe your understanding of the role of a member on the board that you are applying to be considered for. The Port Tampa Bay Commission serves multiple roles. The most significant are to (1) provide governance oversight of operations and compliance and (2) consider and act on significant contracts and leases.

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4. Please explain why you want to serve as a Gubernatorial appointee and share anything else that you think may be helpful. Port Tampa Bay serves as a major economic engine for Central Florida. My experience as a Florida Bar board certified specialist in real estate and as Deputy General Counsel/ Chief Compliance Officer for a national title insurer provides the credentials to demonstrate Gov. DeSantis appointed a highly qualified individual to this important post. I want to continue to hold staff to a high standard of physical and cybersecurity and financial responsibility.

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5. Have you held or do you hold an occupational or professional license or certificate in the state of Florida?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list:

Type of License/Certification	Original Issue Date	Issuing Authority	License Number
Florida Bar Member	May 29, 1981	Florida Bar	0320625
Board Certified Real Estate	August 1, 1995	Florida Bar	

6. Have you ever had any disciplinary action taken against a license or certification issued to you, including a fine, probation, revocation, or disbarment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. N/A

7. Please identify all association memberships and offices (including any business, professional, occupation, civil, fraternal organizations, or any profit or not-for-profit board) that you currently hold or have held in the past ten (10) years including volunteer positions.

Name of Association	Role in the Association	Dates of your Membership
Florida Land Title Association	Member, Chair Governmental Affairs	2009-2016
Florida Bar Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Committee	Chair - Problem Study	2009-2016
American Land Title Association, State Regulatory & Leg. Comm. NAIC Liason Comm.		2012-Present
Tampa Yacht & Country Club	Member	2016-Current

8. List three people who have known you well within the past five (5) years. Please exclude relatives:

Name	Organization	Relation to you	Phone Number and Email Address
Nick Iarossi	Capital City Consulting	Lobbyist	[REDACTED]@cccfla.com
George R. Moraitis, Jr.	Moraitis, Karney, Moraitis & Quailey	Professional colleague.	[REDACTED]@mcklaw.com
James Terpening, Shutts & Bowen;	Neighbor		[REDACTED]@shutts.com

9. Did someone refer you to apply to be considered for appointment to this board? Yes ☒ No ☐

If "yes", list their name. Nick Iarossi

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

1. Do you know of any reason why you would not be able to attend fully to the duties of the office or position to which you have been or could be appointed? Yes ☐ No ☒

If "yes", explain. N/A

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2. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, Florida's public records and open meeting laws.

Initial here. WTC

3. If appointed, I agree to follow, as applicable to the position, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, Part III, Chapter 112, F.S. Initial here. WTD

4. I understand that any appointment tendered to me will be contingent upon the results of a background investigation, and I am aware that withholding information or making false statements on this application may be the basis for non-appointment by the Executive Office of the Governor and criminal penalties. I agree to these conditions, and I declare that I have read the foregoing application and any attachments and the facts stated within them are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Initial here. WTC

5. By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and understand that an electronic signature has the same force and effect as a written signature. ☒

/s/First William Middle Theodore Last Conner Suffix

***Please save this document to upload with your board application.***

**If you have any questions, please call (850) 717-9243 or email**

**[appointments@eog.myflorida.com](mailto:appointments@eog.myflorida.com)**

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

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BILL: SB 382

INTRODUCER: Senator Truenow

SUBJECT: Electric Bicycles, Scooters, and Motorcycles

DATE: January 16, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Shutes	Vickers	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2. _____	_____	ATD	_____
3. _____	_____	FP	_____

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## I. Summary:

SB 382 makes various changes to statutory provisions governing the operation of electric bicycles, scooters, and motorcycles. Specifically, the bill includes the following provisions:

- Requires a valid driver or learner's license for the operation of a Class 3 electric bicycle.
- Creates a non-criminal traffic infraction for modifying an electric bicycle.
- Creates the requirement for a verbal warning prior to issuing a noncriminal traffic infraction for specified offenses.
- Creates a definition for the term "electric motorcycle."
- Updates crash report requirements to incorporate crash data involving electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and electric motorcycles.
- Updates driver education requirements to include certain content relating to electric bicycles, motorized scooters and other vulnerable road users.
- Alters driver examination requirements to require that a specified number of questions must address electric bicycle and motorized scooter safety.

The bill will have an indeterminate fiscal impact on private and governmental sectors. See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement for details.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2027.

## II. Present Situation:

### Electric Bicycle Regulations

An electric bicycle is defined as a bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts which meets the requirements of one of the following three classifications:

- “Class 1 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- “Class 2 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- “Class 3 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.<sup>1</sup>

Florida law provides that an electric bicycle or an operator of an electric bicycle shall be afforded all the rights and privileges, and be subject to all of the duties, of a bicycle or the operator of a bicycle, including those of traditional bicycle regulations.<sup>2</sup> An electric bicycle is a vehicle to the same extent as a bicycle.<sup>3</sup> Florida law allows local governments to adopt ordinances governing the operation of electric bicycles on streets, highways, sidewalks, and sidewalk areas under or within the local government’s jurisdiction.<sup>4</sup> It prevents a municipality, county, or agency of the state having jurisdiction over a bicycle path, multiuse path, or trail network from restricting or prohibiting the operation of an electric bicycle on a bicycle path, multiuse path, or trail network.<sup>5</sup> It also prevents a municipality, county, or agency of the state having jurisdiction over a beach or dune, from restricting or prohibiting the operation of an electric bicycle on such beach or dune.<sup>6</sup>

An electric bicycle, or an operator of an electric bicycle, is not subject to the provisions of law relating to financial responsibility, driver or motor vehicle licenses, vehicle registration, title certificates, off-highway motorcycles, or off-highway vehicles.<sup>7</sup>

Beginning in January 2021, manufacturers and distributors of electric bicycles were mandated to apply a label to be permanently affixed in a prominent location to each electric bicycle. The label contains the classification number, top assisted speed, and motor wattage of the electric bicycle.<sup>8</sup> A person is prohibited from tampering with or modifying an electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability or engagement of an electric bicycle, unless the label indicating the classification number is replaced under certain requirements.<sup>9</sup>

Under Federal Law, an electric bicycle must comply with the equipment and manufacturing requirements for bicycles adopted by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission under 16 C.F.R. part 1512.

An electric bicycle must operate in the following manner:

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<sup>1</sup> Section 316.003(23), F.S.

<sup>2</sup> Section 316.20655(1), F.S.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> Section 316.20655(2), F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section 316.20655(3), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Section 316.20655(4), F.S.

- The electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the rider stops pedaling or when the brakes are applied;
- Operators may ride an electric bicycle where bicycles are allowed, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, roadways, shoulders, bicycle lanes, and bicycle or multiuse paths.<sup>10</sup>

A local government may adopt an ordinance providing one or more minimum age requirements to operate an electric bicycle and may adopt an ordinance requiring an operator of an electric bicycle to possess a government-issued photographic identification while operating the electric bicycle.<sup>11</sup> Also, a local government may provide training on the safe operation of electric bicycles and compliance with the traffic laws of this state that apply to electric bicycles.<sup>12</sup>

### **Motorized Scooter Regulations**

A motorized scooter is defined as any vehicle or micromobility device that is powered by a motor with or without a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to travel on not more than three wheels, and which is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. The term does not include an electric bicycle.<sup>13</sup>

The operator of a motorized scooter or micromobility device generally has all of the rights and duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Local governments may adopt an ordinance governing the operation of micromobility devices and motorized scooters on streets, highways, sidewalks, and sidewalk areas under the local government's jurisdiction.<sup>14</sup>

A motorized scooter or micromobility device is not required to satisfy registration and insurance requirements.<sup>15</sup> Similarly, a person is not required to have a driver license to operate a motorized scooter or micromobility device.<sup>16</sup> A local government may adopt an ordinance providing one or more minimum age requirements to operate a motorized scooter or micromobility device and may adopt an ordinance requiring a person who operates a motorized scooter or micromobility device to possess a government-issued photographic identification while operating the motorized scooter or micromobility device.<sup>17</sup> A local government may provide training on the safe operation of motorized scooters and micromobility devices and compliance with the traffic laws of this state that apply to motorized scooters and micromobility devices.<sup>18</sup>

### **Definition of Motorcycle and Moped**

A motorcycle is defined as any motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground. The term includes an autocycle, but does not include a tractor, a moped, an electric bicycle, or any vehicle in which the operator is enclosed by a cabin unless it meets the requirements set forth by the National

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<sup>10</sup> Section 316.20655(6) and (7), F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Section 316.20655(8), F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Section 316.20655(9), F.S.

<sup>13</sup> Section 316.003(48), F.S.

<sup>14</sup> Section 316.2128(1), F.S.

<sup>15</sup> Section 316.2128(2), F.S.

<sup>16</sup> Section 316.2128(3), F.S.

<sup>17</sup> Section 316.2128(7), F.S.

<sup>18</sup> Section 316.2128(8), F.S.

Highway Traffic Safety Administration for a motorcycle.<sup>19</sup> Any person who is under the age of 16 years old is prohibited from operating a motorcycle that has motor that is more than 150 cubic centimeters displacement.<sup>20</sup>

A moped is defined as any vehicle with pedals to permit propulsion by human power, having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels, with a motor rated not in excess of 2 brake horsepower and not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 30 miles per hour on level ground and with a power-drive system that functions directly or automatically without clutching or shifting gears by the operator after the drive system is engaged. If an internal combustion engine is used, the displacement may not exceed 50 cubic centimeters. The term does not include an electric bicycle.<sup>21</sup>

### **Written Reports of Crashes and Crash Report Forms**

Section 316.066, F.S., provides that a Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form must be completed and submitted to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) within 10 days after an investigation is completed by the law enforcement officer. The Florida Crash Report Long Form must include the following information:

- The date, time, and location of the crash;
- A description of the vehicles involved;
- The names and addresses of the parties involved, including all drivers and passengers, and the identification of the vehicle in which each was a driver or a passenger;
- The names and addresses of witnesses;
- The name, badge number, and law enforcement agency of the officer investigating the crash; and
- The names of the insurance companies for the respective parties involved in the crash.<sup>22</sup>

In any crash for which a Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form is not required and which occurs on the public roadways of this state, the law enforcement officer must complete a short-form crash report or provide a driver exchange-of-information form, to be completed by all drivers and passengers involved in the crash, which requires the identification of each vehicle that the drivers and passengers were in.<sup>23</sup> The short-form crash report contains the same information as listed above in the long-form.

Every crash report required to be made in writing must be made on the appropriate form approved by DHSMV and must contain all the information from the long and short forms.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Section 316.003(47), F.S.

<sup>20</sup> Section 316.2085, F.S.

<sup>21</sup> Section 316.003(44), F.S.

<sup>22</sup> Section 316.066, F.S.

<sup>23</sup> Section 316.066(c), F.S.

<sup>24</sup> Section 316.068, F.S.

### **Learner's Driver License and Examination Questions**

An applicant must be at least 15 years old to apply and obtain a Class E learner's license. A signed and notarized Parental Consent Form is also required if the applicant is under the age of 18. If a person is 18 or older, they may apply for a Class E driver's license.<sup>25</sup>

The applicant must show proof of completion of a department approved driver education traffic safety course (DETS). Department approved driver education courses cover topics regarding traffic laws and regulations, rules of the road, safe driving techniques, and the effects of drugs and alcohol on driving. The specific content varies by course, with requirements for first-time drivers under 18 including a six-hour DETS course, while other programs focus on areas like basic driver improvement or traffic law and substance abuse education.<sup>26</sup>

The applicant must pass the Class E knowledge exam which consists of 50 multiple choice questions about traffic laws and traffic signs. A passing score of 80% is required.<sup>27</sup>

In addition, the applicant must pass a vision and hearing test at a department driver license office or a county tax collector's office, provide proof of identification, social security number, and proof of address.<sup>28</sup>

For the applicant of a Class E driver license, the examination questions shall include all of the following:

- A test of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic;
- His or her knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, including laws regulating driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol level, and driving while intoxicated;
- His or her knowledge of the effects of alcohol and controlled substances upon persons and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances; and
- At least 25 questions within the bank of test questions must address bicycle and pedestrian safety.<sup>29</sup>

The department may issue a learner's driver license to a person who is at least 15 years of age and who:

- Passed the written examination for a learner's driver license;
- Passed the vision and hearing examination administered as stated above under s. 322.12 (c), F.S.
- Satisfactorily completed a driver education course approved by DHSMV which meets or exceeds the Department of Education Driver Education/Traffic Safety-Classroom 1900300

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<sup>25</sup> DHSMV, *2026 Legislative Bill Analysis: SB 382* (October 24, 2025) at p. 5 (on file with the Senate Committee on Transportation).

<sup>26</sup> *Id.*

<sup>27</sup> *Id.*

<sup>28</sup> *Id.*

<sup>29</sup> Section 322.12(3)(c), F.S.

- course version description, and which includes content on sharing the road with bicycles, including electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other vulnerable road users; and
- Meets all other requirements set forth in law and by rule of the department.<sup>30</sup>

### **Driver Education Licensing Assistance**

The Driver Education Licensing Assistance Program (DELAP) is designed to assist high school students become safety-conscious and competent drivers. This is accomplished by a blend of classroom and behind the wheel experiences. The course is open to all enrolled high school students who are at least 15 years old.<sup>31</sup>

Not all counties within Florida have an active DELAP program and many utilize alternative training to educate first time drivers. Currently, 36 school boards conduct DELAP training in Florida. Florida Virtual School utilizes the Driver Improvement Certificate Issuance System to update course completions and make the information available through the Department's Online Registration and Identity Operating Network.<sup>32</sup>

Florida's Department of Education (FLDOE) defines a driver education course whose standards and objectives are superior to the TLSAE objectives described in s. 322.095, F.S. Furthermore, Florida mandates that each school district offers driver education.<sup>33</sup>

### **Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Enforcement**

According to DHSMV, the FHP policy regarding enforcement authorizes members to make custodial arrests or issue notices to appear, uniform traffic citations, written warnings, or faulty equipment notices, as appropriate to the violation.<sup>34</sup> Verbal warnings are not utilized by the Florida Highway Patrol and written warnings are utilized as a form of documentation for the traffic stop and action.<sup>35</sup> The enforcement policy encourages leniency for newly enacted laws with an emphasis on educating the public about those laws. Written warnings are not submitted to the Department and are not included in a driver's record.<sup>36</sup>

## **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

### **Definition of Electric Motorcycle (Sections 1, 7 and 8)**

The bill amends s. 316.003, F.S., to define an “electric motorcycle” as any motorcycle powered by an electric motor of 750 watts or more that is capable of a speed greater than 28 miles per hour. It also includes the “electric motorcycle” in the definition of “motorcycle.”

<sup>30</sup> Section 322.615, F.S.

<sup>31</sup> DHSMV, *supra* note 25, at 4.

<sup>32</sup> *Id.*

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> *Id.*

<sup>35</sup> *Id.*

<sup>36</sup> *Id.*

The bill also amends ss. 320.01 and 322.01, F.S. to make technical changes to the definition of a “motorcycle” to include an electric motorcycle.

#### **Crash Reports (Sections 2, 3, and 4)**

The bill amends ss. 316.066, 316.068, and 316.069, F.S. to require a crash report if the vehicle involved in the crash is a motorized scooter, electric bicycle, or electric motorcycle. Crashes involving motorized scooters, electric bicycles or electric motorcycles will also be tabulated in crash facts summary reports.

#### **Electric Bicycle Regulations (Section 5)**

The bill amends s. 316.0655, F.S., to provide that tampering with an electric bicycle to change its motor-powered speed capability constitutes a non-criminal traffic infraction, punishable by a fine of \$100. Any person who commits a second or subsequent violation within three years is subject to a \$250 fine.

Any person operating or renting a Class 3 electric bicycle is required to possess a valid learner’s license or driver’s license and must present the same upon request by a law enforcement officer. A person who fails to comply must first receive a verbal warning. Following a verbal warning, a person who fails to comply commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation.

Any person operating an electric bicycle on a shared pathway that is not adjacent to a roadway must yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking or passing a pedestrian.

#### **Operation of Motorcycles/Mopeds (Section 6)**

The bill amends s. 316.2085, F.S. to prohibit a person under 16 from operating a motorcycle that has an electric motor of 750 watts or more of power.

#### **Driver License Examination (Section 9)**

The bill amends s. 322.12, F.S. to require the knowledge examination related to a Class E driver license examination test bank to include at least 25 questions addressing bicycle and pedestrian safety and stipulates that at least five of the 25 questions must specifically cover safe electric bicycle and motorized scooter operation.

#### **Driver License Education Content (Section 10)**

The bill amends s. 322.1615, F.S. to require the Driver Education Traffic Safety (DETS) education course to include content on sharing the road with bicycles, including electric bicycles, motorized scooters, and other vulnerable road users.

#### **Conforming and Drafting Provisions (Sections 11 and 12)**

The bill amends ss. 316.306, F.S., and 655.960, to make various conforming and drafting changes.



**Effective Date (Section 13)**

The bill takes effect July 1, 2027.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:****A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

**E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

A person who unlawfully and knowingly modifies an electric bicycle would commit a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable by a fine of \$100. A person who commits a second or subsequent violation within three years would commit a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable by a fine of \$250.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

According to DHSMV, the provisions in the bill requiring changes to crash reporting would impact the federal funding received under the State Electronic Data Collection (SEDC) Grant.<sup>37</sup> Specifically, DHSMV reports that implementation and timelines could

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<sup>37</sup> The grant award mandates compliance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC). DHSMV noted that the MMUCC allows flexibility for categorizing electric motorcycles, but requires strict adherence to definitions for scooters and bicycles.

affect grant timelines and compliance requirements.<sup>38</sup> However, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

DHSMV has estimated that the bill will require approximately \$24,455 in associated information technology programming and implementation.<sup>39</sup>

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 316.003, 316.066, 316.068, 316.069, 316.20655, 316.2085, 320.01, 322.01, 322.12, 322.1615, 316.306 and 655.960.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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<sup>38</sup> DHSMV, *supra* note 30 at 8.

<sup>39</sup> *Id.*



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The Committee on Transportation (Truenow) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2026, subsection (10) is added  
to section 316.20655, Florida Statutes, to read:

316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

(10) (a) A person operating an electric bicycle on a shared  
pathway that is not located adjacent to a roadway, including a  
shared pathway located in a park or recreational area, shall



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yield to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

(b) A person operating an electric bicycle on a sidewalk or any other area designated for pedestrian use may not operate the electric bicycle at a speed greater than 10 miles per hour if a pedestrian is within 50 feet of the electric bicycle.

(c) A person who fails to comply with this subsection commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318.

Section 2. Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force.—

(1) CREATION.—The Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force, a task force as defined in s. 20.03(5), Florida Statutes, is created adjunct to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. The department shall provide administrative and staff support services related to the functions of the task force.

(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the task force is to examine and recommend improvements to state law and regulatory framework governing electric bicycles in order to encourage the safe operation of electric bicycles and to prevent traffic incidents, injuries, and fatalities involving such bicycles.

(3) MEMBERSHIP; MEETINGS.—

(a) The task force shall be composed of the executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or his or her designee; the secretary of the Department of Transportation, or his or her designee; and the following members, who shall be appointed by the executive director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles:

1. A representative from the Florida Sheriffs Association.
2. A representative from the Florida Police Chiefs



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Association.

3. A representative from the electric bicycle industry.

4. A representative from the Florida League of Cities.

5. A representative from the Florida Association of  
Counties.

6. A representative from the medical field with experience  
relating to treating bicycle and pedestrian injuries.

7. A representative from an organization involved in  
efforts to prevent bicycle, including electric bicycle, injuries  
and fatalities.

(b) Appointments to the task force must be made within 15  
days after the effective date of this act.

(c) The executive director of the department, or his or her  
designee, shall chair the task force. Any vacancy on the task  
force must be filled in the same manner as the original  
appointment.

(d) The task force shall convene no later than 30 days  
after the effective date of this act. The task force shall meet  
at least monthly, but may meet more frequently at the call of  
the chair. At least one meeting of the task force must occur in  
each of the following regions of the state: North Florida,  
Central Florida, and South Florida. All meetings shall be held  
at the time and place designated by the chair.

(e) Members of the task force shall serve without  
compensation but are entitled to receive reimbursement for per  
diem and travel expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida  
Statutes.

(4) REPORT.—The task force shall develop a report that  
includes legislative recommendations for improvements to state



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law and the regulatory framework governing electric bicycles.  
The report must take into account methods to improve traffic  
safety for electric bicycle operators and riders, pedestrians,  
and other vehicle operators through reasonable measures designed  
to reduce traffic incidents, injuries, and fatalities. Before  
October 1, 2026, the task force shall submit the report to the  
Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the  
House of Representatives. Upon submission of the report, the  
task force is dissolved.

(5) REPEAL.—This section expires October 1, 2026.

Section 3. (1) Beginning 30 days after the effective date  
of this act, the Florida Highway Patrol and each police  
department and sheriff's office shall maintain a list of all  
traffic crashes that the respective agency investigates which  
involve an electric bicycle. Any such traffic crash must be  
included in the list, regardless of whether the crash is  
reported on a Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form; short-  
form crash report; or driver exchange-of-information form. The  
list must contain the following information for each traffic  
crash:

(a) Date and time of the crash.

(b) Class of electric bicycle involved in the crash.

(c) Age of the electric bicycle operator involved in the  
crash.

(d) If known, whether the electric bicycle operator  
possessed a valid Florida learner's driver license or driver  
license at the time of the crash.

(2) By October 15, 2026, each police department and  
sheriff's office shall submit a report to the Department of



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Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles which contains the list required under subsection (1) of traffic crashes investigated by the respective police department or sheriff's office from the beginning of the reporting period to September 30, 2026. The report must be submitted in a form and manner determined by the department.

(3) By October 31, 2026, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report summarizing the reports submitted to the department pursuant to subsection (2) and including the list created by the Florida Highway Patrol pursuant to subsection (1). The report must separate the traffic crash data by county and list the reporting law enforcement agencies within each county.

Section 4. Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

===== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T =====

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to electric bicycles; amending s.  
316.20655, F.S.; providing requirements for the  
operation of electric bicycles; prohibiting the  
operation of an electric bicycle above a certain speed  
under certain circumstances; providing penalties;  
creating the Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force  
adjunct to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor





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Vehicles; requiring the department to provide administrative and support staff support services to the task force; providing the purpose of the task force; providing the composition of the task force; requiring the appointment of task force members within a specified timeframe; providing the manner in which task force vacancies must be filled; requiring that the task force convene within a certain timeframe; requiring the task force to meet at least monthly; providing requirements for the time and place of the task force meetings; providing that members of the task force are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses; requiring the task force to develop and submit a certain report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing for the dissolution of the task force; providing for the future expiration of specified provisions; requiring the Florida Highway Patrol and each police department and sheriff's office to maintain a certain list, beginning on a certain date; providing requirements for the list; requiring each police department and sheriff's office to submit a certain report to the department by a specified date; requiring the department to provide a certain report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified date; providing effective dates.

By Senator Truenow

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to electric bicycles, scooters, and  
 3 motorcycles; amending s. 316.003, F.S.; defining the  
 4 term "electric motorcycle"; revising the definition of  
 5 the term "motorcycle"; amending ss. 316.066 and  
 6 316.068, F.S.; requiring certain crash reports to  
 7 include specified information; amending s. 316.069,  
 8 F.S.; requiring the state to maintain certain  
 9 statistics; amending s. 316.20655, F.S.; providing  
 10 penalties for knowingly modifying an electric bicycle;  
 11 prohibiting a person from operating a class 3 electric  
 12 bicycle without a certain license; providing  
 13 requirements for such operation; providing penalties;  
 14 amending s. 316.2085, F.S.; prohibiting certain  
 15 persons from operating certain motorcycles; amending  
 16 ss. 320.01 and 322.01, F.S.; revising the definition  
 17 of the term "motorcycle"; amending s. 322.12, F.S.;  
 18 requiring a minimum number of questions in the test  
 19 bank for a Class E driver license to cover safe  
 20 electric bicycle and motorized scooter operation;  
 21 amending s. 322.1615, F.S.; revising requirements for  
 22 a certain learner's driver license education course;  
 23 amending ss. 316.306 and 655.960, F.S.; conforming  
 24 cross-references; providing an effective date.  
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 26 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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 28 Section 1. Subsections (24) through (112) of section  
 29 316.003, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (25)

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30 through (113), respectively, present subsections (47) and (65)  
 31 are amended, and a new subsection (24) is added to that section,  
 32 to read:  
 33 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when  
 34 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
 35 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
 36 otherwise requires:  
 37 (24) ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLE.—Any motorcycle powered by an  
 38 electric motor of 750 watts or more that is capable of a speed  
 39 greater than 28 miles per hour.  
 40 (48)(47) MOTORCYCLE.—Any motor vehicle having a seat or  
 41 saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not  
 42 more than three wheels in contact with the ground. The term  
 43 includes an electric motorcycle and an autocyycle, but does not  
 44 include a tractor, a moped, an electric bicycle, or any vehicle  
 45 in which the operator is enclosed by a cabin unless it meets the  
 46 requirements set forth by the National Highway Traffic Safety  
 47 Administration for a motorcycle.  
 48 (66)(65) PRIVATE ROAD OR DRIVEWAY.—Except as otherwise  
 49 provided in paragraph (91)(b) (90)(b), any privately owned way  
 50 or place used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having  
 51 express or implied permission from the owner, but not by other  
 52 persons.  
 53 Section 2. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of  
 54 section 316.066, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
 55 316.066 Written reports of crashes.—  
 56 (1)  
 57 (b) The Florida Traffic Crash Report, Long Form must  
 58 include:

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- 59 1. The date, time, and location of the crash.
- 60 2. A description of the vehicles involved, including
- 61 whether the crash involved a motorized scooter, an electric
- 62 bicycle, or an electric motorcycle.
- 63 3. The names and addresses of the parties involved,
- 64 including all drivers and passengers, and the identification of
- 65 the vehicle in which each was a driver or a passenger.
- 66 4. The names and addresses of witnesses.
- 67 5. The name, badge number, and law enforcement agency of
- 68 the officer investigating the crash.
- 69 6. The names of the insurance companies for the respective
- 70 parties involved in the crash.
- 71 (c) In any crash for which a Florida Traffic Crash Report,
- 72 Long Form is not required by this section and which occurs on
- 73 the public roadways of this state, the law enforcement officer
- 74 shall complete a short-form crash report or provide a driver
- 75 exchange-of-information form, to be completed by all drivers and
- 76 passengers involved in the crash, which requires the
- 77 identification of each vehicle that the drivers and passengers
- 78 were in. The short-form report must include:
- 79 1. The date, time, and location of the crash.
- 80 2. A description of the vehicles involved, including
- 81 whether the crash involved a motorized scooter, an electric
- 82 bicycle, or an electric motorcycle.
- 83 3. The names and addresses of the parties involved,
- 84 including all drivers and passengers, and the identification of
- 85 the vehicle in which each was a driver or a passenger.
- 86 4. The names and addresses of witnesses.
- 87 5. The name, badge number, and law enforcement agency of

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- 88 the officer investigating the crash.
- 89 6. The names of the insurance companies for the respective
- 90 parties involved in the crash.
- 91 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 316.068, Florida
- 92 Statutes, is amended to read:
- 93 316.068 Crash report forms.—
- 94 (2) Every crash report required to be made in writing must
- 95 be made on the appropriate form approved by the department and
- 96 must contain all the information required therein, including:
- 97 (a) The date, time, and location of the crash;
- 98 (b) A description of the vehicles involved, including
- 99 whether the crash involved a motorized scooter, an electric
- 100 bicycle, or an electric motorcycle;
- 101 (c) The names and addresses of the parties involved;
- 102 however, in the event of a crash involving a railroad train,
- 103 including crashes covered by s. 316.027, s. 316.061, s. 316.065,
- 104 or s. 316.066, the collection of the information specified in
- 105 this paragraph shall be at the discretion of the law enforcement
- 106 officer having jurisdiction to investigate the crash;
- 107 (d) The names and addresses of all drivers and passengers
- 108 in the motor vehicles involved; however, in the event of a crash
- 109 involving a railroad train, including crashes covered by s.
- 110 316.027, s. 316.061, s. 316.065, or s. 316.066, the collection
- 111 of the information specified in this paragraph shall be at the
- 112 discretion of the law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to
- 113 investigate the crash;
- 114 (e) The names and addresses of witnesses;
- 115 (f) The name, badge number, and law enforcement agency of
- 116 the officer investigating the crash; and

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117 (g) The names of the insurance companies of the motor  
 118 vehicles involved in the crash,  
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 120 unless not available. A member of a railroad train crew or a  
 121 passenger on a railroad train is not a passenger for purposes of  
 122 this section. In the event of a crash involving a railroad  
 123 train, a member of the railroad train crew must furnish the  
 124 information in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (e) and, upon  
 125 request of the law enforcement officer having jurisdiction to  
 126 investigate the crash, the railroad train engineer's or  
 127 conductor's federal certification pursuant to 49 C.F.R. part 240  
 128 or part 242. The absence of information in such written crash  
 129 reports regarding the existence of passengers in the motor  
 130 vehicles involved in the crash constitutes a rebuttable  
 131 presumption that no such passengers were involved in the  
 132 reported crash. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
 133 section, a crash report produced electronically by a law  
 134 enforcement officer must, at a minimum, contain the same  
 135 information as is called for on those forms approved by the  
 136 department.

137 Section 4. Section 316.069, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 138 read:

139 316.069 State to tabulate and analyze crash reports.—The  
 140 state shall tabulate and may analyze all crash reports and shall  
 141 publish, annually, or at more frequent intervals, statistical  
 142 information based thereon as to the number and circumstances of  
 143 traffic crashes. The state shall maintain separate statistics on  
 144 the number and location of crashes involving tandem trailer  
 145 trucks, motorized scooters, electric bicycles, and electric

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146 motorcycles.

147 Section 5. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 316.20655,  
 148 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (10) and (11) are  
 149 added to that section, to read:

150 316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations.—

151 (3) ~~Beginning January 1, 2021,~~ Manufacturers and  
 152 distributors of electric bicycles shall apply a label that is  
 153 permanently affixed in a prominent location to each electric  
 154 bicycle. The label must contain the classification number, top  
 155 assisted speed, and motor wattage of the electric bicycle.

156 (4) A person may not tamper with or modify an electric  
 157 bicycle ~~so as~~ to change the motor-powered speed capability or  
 158 engagement of an electric bicycle. Any person who knowingly  
 159 modifies an electric bicycle as provided in this subsection  
 160 commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable by a fine  
 161 of \$100. Any person who commits a second or subsequent violation  
 162 of this subsection within 3 years after a previous violation  
 163 commits a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable by a fine  
 164 of \$250, unless the label indicating the classification number  
 165 required in subsection (3) is replaced after such modification.

166 (10)(a) A person may not operate or rent a class 3 electric  
 167 bicycle unless he or she possesses a valid learner's driver  
 168 license or driver license. An operator of a class 3 electric  
 169 bicycle must have his or her learner's driver license or driver  
 170 license in his or her immediate possession at all times when  
 171 operating a class 3 electric bicycle and must present or submit  
 172 the same upon demand of a law enforcement officer or an  
 173 authorized representative of the department.

174 (b) A person who fails to comply with paragraph (a) must

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175 first receive a verbal warning. Following the verbal warning, a  
 176 person who fails to comply with paragraph (a) commits a  
 177 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving  
 178 violation as provided in chapter 318.

179 (11) A person operating an electric bicycle on a shared  
 180 pathway that is not located adjacent to a roadway, including a  
 181 shared pathway located in a park or recreational area, must  
 182 yield to pedestrians and must give an audible signal before  
 183 overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

184 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
 185 316.2085, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

186 316.2085 Riding on motorcycles or mopeds.—

187 (6) A person under 16 years of age may not:

188 (a) Operate a motorcycle that has a motor with more than  
 189 150 cubic centimeters displacement or an electric motor of 750  
 190 watts or more.

191 Section 7. Subsection (26) of section 320.01, Florida  
 192 Statutes, is amended to read:

193 320.01 Definitions, general.—As used in the Florida  
 194 Statutes, except as otherwise provided, the term:

195 (26) "Motorcycle" means any motor vehicle having a seat or  
 196 saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not  
 197 more than three wheels in contact with the ground. The term  
 198 includes an electric motorcycle and an autocycle, as those terms  
 199 are defined in s. 316.003, but excludes a tractor, a moped, or  
 200 any vehicle in which the operator is enclosed by a cabin unless  
 201 it meets the requirements set forth by the National Highway  
 202 Traffic Safety Administration for a motorcycle.

203 Section 8. Subsection (28) of section 322.01, Florida

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204 Statutes, is amended to read:

205 322.01 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

206 (28) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle powered by a motor  
 207 with a displacement of more than 50 cubic centimeters, having a  
 208 seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and designed to travel  
 209 on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, but  
 210 excluding a tractor, tri-vehicle, or moped. The term includes an  
 211 electric motorcycle as defined in s. 316.003.

212 Section 9. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section  
 213 322.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

214 322.12 Examination of applicants.—

215 (3) For an applicant for a Class E driver license, such  
 216 examination shall include all of the following:

217 (c) A test of the applicant's ability to read and  
 218 understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing  
 219 traffic; his or her knowledge of the traffic laws of this state,  
 220 including laws regulating driving under the influence of alcohol  
 221 or controlled substances, driving with an unlawful blood-alcohol  
 222 level, and driving while intoxicated; and his or her knowledge  
 223 of the effects of alcohol and controlled substances upon persons  
 224 and the dangers of driving a motor vehicle while under the  
 225 influence of alcohol or controlled substances. At least 25  
 226 questions within the bank of test questions must address bicycle  
 227 and pedestrian safety. At least 5 of the 25 questions addressing  
 228 bicycle and pedestrian safety must specifically cover safe  
 229 electric bicycle and motorized scooter operation for all road  
 230 users.

231 Section 10. Subsection (1) of section 322.1615, Florida  
 232 Statutes, is amended to read:

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233 322.1615 Learner's driver license.—  
 234 (1) The department may issue a learner's driver license to  
 235 a person who is at least 15 years of age and who:  
 236 (a) Has passed the written examination for a learner's  
 237 driver license;  
 238 (b) Has passed the vision and hearing examination  
 239 administered under s. 322.12;  
 240 (c) Has satisfactorily completed a driver education course  
 241 approved by the department which meets or exceeds the Department  
 242 of Education Driver Education/Traffic Safety-Classroom 1900300  
 243 course version description and which includes content on sharing  
 244 the road with bicycles, including electric bicycles, motorized  
 245 scooters, and other vulnerable road users; and  
 246 (d) Meets all other requirements set forth in law and by  
 247 rule of the department.  
 248 Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 249 316.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
 250 316.306 School and work zones; prohibition on the use of a  
 251 wireless communications device in a handheld manner.—  
 252 (3)(a)1. A person may not operate a motor vehicle while  
 253 using a wireless communications device in a handheld manner in a  
 254 designated school crossing, school zone, or work zone area as  
 255 defined in s. 316.003 ~~s. 316.003(1)(2)~~. This subparagraph applies  
 256 ~~shall only be applicable~~ to work zone areas if construction  
 257 personnel are present or are operating equipment on the road or  
 258 immediately adjacent to the work zone area. For the purposes of  
 259 this paragraph, a motor vehicle that is stationary is not being  
 260 operated and is not subject to the prohibition in this  
 261 paragraph.

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262 2. ~~Effective January 1, 2020,~~ A law enforcement officer may  
 263 stop motor vehicles and issue citations to persons who are  
 264 driving while using a wireless communications device in a  
 265 handheld manner in violation of subparagraph 1.  
 266 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 655.960, Florida  
 267 Statutes, is amended to read:  
 268 655.960 Definitions; ss. 655.960-655.965.—As used in this  
 269 section and ss. 655.961-655.965, unless the context otherwise  
 270 requires:  
 271 (1) "Access area" means any paved walkway or sidewalk which  
 272 is within 50 feet of any automated teller machine. The term does  
 273 not include any street or highway open to the use of the public,  
 274 as defined in s. 316.003(91)(a) or (b) ~~s. 316.003(90)(a) or (b)~~,  
 275 including any adjacent sidewalk, as defined in s. 316.003.  
 276 Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2027.

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

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BILL: SB 654

INTRODUCER: Senator DiCeglie

SUBJECT: Traffic Infraction Enforcement

DATE: January 16, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Johnson	Vickers	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2.			ATD	
3.			FP	

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**I. Summary:**

SB 654 relates to the automated (camera-based) enforcement of traffic infractions and amends the various statutory provisions governing these programs to address a range of issues, including programmatic consistency and transparency.

For traffic infraction detectors, commonly referred to as red light cameras, the bill:

- Authorizes clerks of court to retain 10 percent of the revenues it receives from penalties related to red light cameras, consistent with the processing of other traffic infractions.
- Defines the term “careful and prudent manner” as it relates to right turns on red.
- Authorizes virtual hearings to allow motorists to challenge a notice of violation.
- Requires counties and municipalities to retain certain records for a minimum of two years.
- Prohibits the use of traffic infraction detectors for remote surveillance and limits the use of data recorded by such detectors.

For speed detection systems in school zones, the bill:

- Limits the use of such systems to times when the restrictive school zone speed limit is in effect and requires any applicable flashing beacon to be activated during periods of enforcement.
- Suspends a county or municipal program for not meeting certain reporting requirements.
- Requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to post on its website program data submitted by counties and municipalities.
- Prohibits individuals and vendors from receiving a commission or being paid on a per violation basis, consistent with other camera-enforcement programs.
- Authorizes virtual hearings to allow motorists to challenge a notice of violation.



For school bus infraction detection systems, the bill:

- Requires school board approval of the installation of school bus infraction detection systems on district school buses.
- Authorizes the use of traffic infraction enforcement officers to enforce violations.
- Removes a provision providing that sufficiency of signage may not be used to challenge a violation.
- Removes the preponderance of evidence standard for administrative hearings.
- Requires a school district to provide an annual report on the operation of a school bus camera program at a school board meeting.
- Requires DHSMV to post on its website, program data submitted by school districts.
- Requires traffic infraction enforcement officers to meet specified standards.
- Requires infraction data to be transmitted to the local hearing officer during the same time frames as required for other camera-enforcement programs.

The bill also:

- Clarifies DHSMV's authority to withhold a driver license for the nonpayment of a traffic citation issued using an automated enforcement system.
- Resets the one-year time limitation for camera-enforced traffic violations if an affidavit is submitted transferring liability for the violation to another person.
- Repeals obsolete provisions and makes other technical changes.

While the bill does not fundamentally change the authorization and operation of these programs, provisions of the bill may result in indeterminate fiscal impacts to the private and governmental sectors. *See* Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement for details.

This bill takes effect October 1, 2026.

## **II. Present Situation:**

For ease of organization and readability, the present situation is discussed below with the effect of proposed changes.

## **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

### **Background**

Prior to 2010, some counties and municipalities enacted local ordinances authorizing the use of cameras to enforce red light running. While these ordinances were broadly similar, they varied in the amount of the fine, the nature of the required signage, the notice requirements to a motor vehicle owner for an alleged violation, and the process for a motor vehicle owner to challenge a violation.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Florida House of Representatives, Finance & Tax Council, Post Meeting Staff Analysis of CS/CS/HB 325 (2010), April 19, 2010, pp. 2-5. Available at: <https://www.flhouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loadoc.aspx?FileName=h0325e.FTC.doc&DocumentType=Analysis&BillNumber=325&Session=2010> (last visited January 14, 2026).

In 2010, the Legislature preempted the state the regulation of the use of cameras to enforce the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law,<sup>2</sup> and authorized the use of traffic infraction detectors, commonly known as red light cameras, to enforce red light running.<sup>3</sup>

In 2023, the Legislature authorized the use of speed detection systems to enforce unlawful speed in school zones,<sup>4</sup> and the use of school bus infraction detection systems to enforce the unlawful passing of a stopped school bus.<sup>5</sup>

The table below summarizes the current penalties and the associated distribution schedule for each of the camera-based enforcement programs:

Camera Program	Penalty	Penalty Distribution
Traffic Infraction Detectors (Red Light Cameras) <sup>6</sup>	\$158	\$70 – General Revenue Fund \$10 – Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund \$3 – Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund \$75 – County or Municipality
Speed Detection Systems in School Zones (School Zone Cameras) <sup>7</sup>	\$100	\$20 – General Revenue Fund \$60 – County or Municipality \$3 – Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund \$12 – County School District \$5-County or municipality's School Crossing Guard Recruitment and Retention Program
School Bus Infraction Detection Systems (School Bus Cameras) <sup>8</sup>	\$225 (\$200 +\$25 to the school district)	Paid to school district student transportation safety initiatives, bus driver recruitment and retention, and administration and enforcement costs for the program.

The table below summarizes key data regarding the deployment of camera-based traffic infraction systems for state fiscal year 2024-2025:<sup>9</sup>

Camera Program	Number of Jurisdictions	Number of Cameras	Notices of Violation Issued
Traffic Infraction Detectors (Red Light Cameras)	42	302	923,133

<sup>2</sup> Chapter 316, F.S. This preemption is codified in s. 316.0776, F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Chapter 2010-80, Laws of Fla.

<sup>4</sup> Chapter 2023-174, Laws of Fla.

<sup>5</sup> Chapter 2023-171, Laws of Fla.

<sup>6</sup> Section 316.0083(1)(c) and 318.18(16), F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Sections 316.1896(5) and 318.18(3), F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Sections 316.173(8) and 318.18(5), F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, *Red Light Camera Programs, Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Summary Report*, December 2025, p. 2-3, available at: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/cabinetreports/redlightcameraanalysis2025.pdf> (last visited January 9, 2026), and *School Bus & School Zone Cameras Summary Report, December 2025*, p. 2-3, available at: [https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/cabinetreports/school-bus-school-zone\\_summary\\_fy24-25.pdf](https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/cabinetreports/school-bus-school-zone_summary_fy24-25.pdf) (last visited January 9, 2026).

Speed Detection Systems in School Zones (School Zone Cameras)	7	101	645,104
School Bus Infraction Detection Systems (School Bus Cameras)	5	2635	304,220

### **Program Authorization (Sections 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9)**

#### ***Present Situation***

##### *Traffic Infraction Detectors*

Florida law authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV),<sup>10</sup> counties, and municipalities to use traffic infraction enforcement officers to issue traffic citations for red light running<sup>11</sup> when enforced by traffic infraction detectors.<sup>12</sup> This does not prohibit DHSMV, a county, or a municipality from issuing notification to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation.<sup>13</sup>

However, a traffic infraction enforcement officer may not issue a notice of violation and a traffic citation for failing to stop at a red light while making a right-turn on red, if the driver makes such a turn in a careful and prudent manner at an intersection where right-hand turns are permissible.<sup>14</sup> A notice of violation and a traffic citation may not be issued if the driver came to a complete stop after crossing the stop line and before turning right if permissible at a red light but failed to stop before crossing over the stop line or other point at which a stop is required.<sup>15</sup>

##### *Speed Detection Systems in School Zones*

Florida law authorizes counties and municipalities to use traffic infraction enforcement officers to issue uniform traffic citations for speed violations evidenced by a speed detection system,<sup>16</sup> in excess of 10 miles per hour over the speed limit in a school zone as follows:

- For unlawful speed in a school zone<sup>17</sup> within 30 minutes before, through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled breakfast program.
- For unlawful speed in a school zone which occurs within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled school session.
- For an unlawful speed<sup>18</sup> during the entirety of a regularly scheduled school session.

<sup>10</sup> The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has never used its authority.

<sup>11</sup> Running a red light is a violation of s. 316.074(1), F.S., or s. 317.075(1)(c)1., F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Section 316.003(101), F.S., defines the term “traffic infraction detector” to mean a vehicle sensor installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal and a camera or cameras synchronized to automatically record two or more sequenced photographic or electronic images or streaming video of only the rear of a motor vehicle at the time the vehicle fails to stop behind the stop bar or clearly marked stop line when facing a traffic control signal steady red light.

<sup>13</sup> Section 316.0083(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>14</sup> Sections 316.0083(1)(a) and (2), F.S.

<sup>15</sup> Section 316.0083(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>16</sup> Section 316.003(84), F.S., defines the term “speed detection system” to mean a portable or fixed automated system used to detect a motor vehicle’s speed using radar or LiDAR and to capture a photograph or video of the rear of a motor vehicle that exceeds the speed limit in force at the time of the violation.

<sup>17</sup> Unlawful speed in a school zone is a violation of s. 316.1895, F.S.

<sup>18</sup> Unlawful speed is a violation of s. 316.183, F.S.

- For unlawful speed in a school zone within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the end of a regularly scheduled school session.<sup>19</sup>

### *School Bus Infraction Detection Systems*

Florida law authorizes a school district to contract with a private vendor or manufacturer to install school bus infraction detection systems<sup>20</sup> on any of its school buses.<sup>21</sup> District school boards, after considering recommendations from the district school superintendent, may install and operate, or enter into an agreement with a private vendor or manufacturer to provide, a school bus infraction detection system.<sup>22</sup>

In order to operate school bus infraction detection systems, a school district must enter into an interlocal agreement with one or more law enforcement agencies authorized to enforce school bus passing violations<sup>23</sup> within the school district. This agreement jointly establishes enforcement responsibilities and the reimbursement of costs.<sup>24</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

#### *Traffic Infraction Detectors – Right Turns on Red*

As it relates to right turns on red enforced by traffic infraction detectors, the bill defines the term “careful and prudent manner” to mean that the driver made a right-hand turn after coming to a complete stop and without interfering with the operation of any oncoming vehicular traffic or pedestrians in a crosswalk.

The bill also repeals a provision regarding vehicles coming to a complete stop after passing the stop line or other point where a stop is required.

#### *Speed Detection Systems*

The bill limits the use of speed detection systems to the times when the school zone speed limit is in effect. Such times are only during those times 30 minutes before, during, and 30 minutes after the periods of time when pupils are arriving at a regularly scheduled breakfast program or a regularly scheduled school session and leaving a regularly scheduled school session.<sup>25</sup>

In doing so, the bill removes references to s. 316.183, F.S., relating to unlawful speed in speed detection system-related statutes, including:

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<sup>19</sup> Sections 316.008(9)(a) and 316.1896(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>20</sup> Section 316.003(79), F.S., defines the term “school bus infraction detection system” to mean a camera system affixed to a school bus with two or more camera sensors or computers that produce a recorded video and two or more film or digital photographic still images for the purpose of documenting a motor vehicle being used or operated in a manner that allegedly violates s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b), F.S.

<sup>21</sup> Section 316.173(1), F.S.

<sup>22</sup> Section 1006.21(3)(h), F.S.

<sup>23</sup> School bus passing violations are codified in ss. 316.172(1)(a) and (b), F.S.

<sup>24</sup> Section 316.173(1)(d), F.S.

<sup>25</sup> Section 316.1896(5), F.S.

- Section 316.008(9), F.S., authorizing counties and municipalities to install speed detection systems;
- Section 316.0776(3), F.S., providing for the placement of speed detection systems;
- Section 316.1896, F.S., implementing speed detection in school zones;
- Section 316.1906(1)(d), F.S., defining the term “traffic infraction enforcement officer”;
- Section 316.1906(3), F.S., providing testing requirements for speed detection systems;
- Section 318.18(3)(d), F.S., providing penalties traffic infractions enforced by speed detection systems; and
- Section 322.27(3)(d), F.S., prohibiting the assessment of driver license points for traffic violations enforced by speed detection systems.

The bill also amends the definition of the term “speed detection system” to limit their use to an active school speed zone.

The bill also requires any applicable flashing beacon used to provide notice of the enforcement restrictive school zone speed limit to be activated at the time of the violation.

#### *School Bus Infraction Detection Systems*

The bill authorizes traffic infraction enforcement officers to issue uniform traffic citations for school bus passing violations enforced by a school bus infraction detection system. This does not prohibit a law enforcement agency or its designee from issuing a notice of violation to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in a school bus passing violation.

### **Authorizing Ordinance/Contract Requirements (Sections 3,7, 8, and 18)**

#### *Traffic Infraction Detectors and Speed Detection Systems*

For traffic infraction detectors and speed detection systems, a county or municipality wishing to place or install one or more such systems must enact an ordinance authorizing the placement or installation of or contracting with a vendor for the placement or installation of such systems. The county or municipality must consider traffic data or other evidence supporting the installation and operation of each such system and determine that the location at which the system is to be placed or installed constitutes a heightened safety risk that warrants additional enforcement measures.<sup>26</sup>

Before a county or municipality contracts or renews a contract to place or install one or more traffic infraction detectors or speed detection systems, the governing body of the county or municipality must approve the contract or contract renewal. The public must be allowed to comment regarding the contract, or contract renewal under the county's or municipality's public comment policies or formats. Additionally, the governing body may not consider the contract or contract renewal as part of a consent agenda.<sup>27</sup>

#### *School Bus Infraction Detection Systems*

<sup>26</sup> Sections 316.0083(4)(a)1. and 316.008(9)(b) and (c), F.S.

<sup>27</sup> Section 316.0083(4)(a)2.a., and 316.0776(3)(c), F.S.

Current law only requires the school district's decision to install school bus infraction detection systems to be based solely on the need to increase public safety.<sup>28</sup> A district school board is not required to hold hearings or approve any contract to install and operate such systems.

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill requires the district's school board to specifically authorize the use of school bus infraction detectors before the school district places or installs, or contract with a vendor to operate, install, and maintain such systems. As part of the board's public hearing on such authorization, the board must consider evidence supporting the installation and operation of such detectors. Interested members of the public must be allowed to comment regarding the contract or its renewal and the contract or its renewal may not be considered as part of a consent agenda.

The bill amends s. 1006.21(3)(h), F.S., to conform requirements of the district school board as it relates to transportation.

The bill also makes technical changes to the ordinance and public comment requirements for traffic infraction detectors and speed detection systems.

## **Public Awareness Campaigns – Warning Period (Section 7)**

### ***Present Situation***

For all three camera enforcement programs, if an entity (DHSMV, municipality, county, or school district) begins such a program, the appropriate entity must make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign on its proposed use of traffic infraction detectors at least 30 days before beginning enforcement.<sup>29</sup>

For school bus infraction detection systems and speed detection systems, only a warning may be given for the camera-enforced violation, and a penalty may not be imposed during the public awareness campaign.<sup>30</sup> However, this requirement does not exist for traffic infraction detectors.

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill requires that for a new traffic infraction detector program only a warning may be given for violations enforced by such detectors during the 30-day public awareness period and that penalties may not be assessed for such violations.

## **Signage Requirements – School Bus Infraction Detection Systems (Section 8)**

### ***Present Situation***

For school bus infraction detection systems, the school district must post signage on the rear of each school bus where a system is installed and operational indicating the use of such system,

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<sup>28</sup> Section 316.173(1)(b), F.S.

<sup>29</sup> Sections 316.0776(2)(b) and (3)(b) and 316.173(3), F.S.

<sup>30</sup> Sections 316.0776(3)(b) and 316.173(3), F.S.

with requirements for size and wording of the signs.<sup>31</sup> However, the sufficiency of signage or compliance with signage requirements may not be raised in a proceeding challenging a violation.<sup>32</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill repeals the sufficiency of signage provision related to school bus infraction detection systems. Thus, insufficient signage may be raised in a proceeding challenging a violation.

## **Placement and Testing Requirements (Sections 6, 8, and 10)**

### ***Present Situation***

#### ***Traffic Infraction Detectors and Speed Detection Systems***

Counties and municipalities may install and operate traffic infraction detectors and speed detection systems on streets and highways under their jurisdictions.<sup>33</sup> When permitted by FDOT, a county, or a municipality may install and operate such systems on state roads.<sup>34</sup> All traffic infraction detectors and speed detection systems must meet FDOT's placement, installation, and testing specifications.<sup>35</sup>

For traffic infraction detectors, FDOT was required to establish such specifications by December 31, 2010. However, any such equipment acquired by a county or municipality on or before July 1, 2011, or equipment used to enforce an ordinance enacted by a county or municipality on or before July 1, 2011, had until July 1, 2011, to meet FDOT's specifications.<sup>36</sup>

For speed detection systems, FDOT was required to establish such specifications by December 31, 2023.<sup>37</sup> Speed detection systems must perform a self-test at least once every 30 days and must have an independent calibration test at least once every 12 months.<sup>38</sup>

#### ***School Bus Infraction Detection Systems***

A school bus infraction detection system must meet State Board of Education-established specifications and must be tested at regular intervals according to specifications prescribed by state board rule. The state board was required to establish such specifications by rule on or before December 31, 2023. However, any such equipment acquired by a school district on or before December 31, 2023, was not required to meet the specifications established by the state board until July 1, 2024.<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>31</sup> Sections 316.173(2)(a) and (b), F.S.

<sup>32</sup> Section 316.173(2)(c), F.S.

<sup>33</sup> Sections 316.008(8)(a), and 316.0773(3), F.S. F.S.

<sup>34</sup> Sections 316.008(8)(c), 316.07456, 316.0776(1) and (3), and 321.50, F.S.

<sup>35</sup> Sections 316.07456 and 316.0776(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>36</sup> Section 316.07456, F.S.

<sup>37</sup> Section 316.0776(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>38</sup> Section 316.1906(3), F.S.

<sup>39</sup> Section 316.173(19), F.S. These specifications are codified in Rule 6A-3.003(5), F.A.C.



***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill removes obsolete dates associated with the placement of various detectors and deadlines for developing specifications.

**Notices of Violation (Sections 4, 5, and 9)*****Present Situation******Traffic Infraction Detectors***

Within 30 days after a traffic infraction detector detects a violation, a notice of violation must be sent by first class mail to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation. The notice of violation must specify the available remedies and that the violator must, within 60 days following the date of the notice of violation, in order to avoid the issuance of a traffic citation:

- Pay the \$158 penalty to the DHSMV, county, or municipality;
- Furnish an affidavit providing an exemption;<sup>40</sup> or
- Request a hearing.<sup>41</sup>

The \$158 penalty, less the amount retained by the county or municipality, is remitted to the Department of Revenue (DOR) weekly.<sup>42</sup> To transition from local ordinances to a state law regarding the camera enforcement of red light running, the 2010 law establishing the state framework for traffic infraction detectors required the DHSMV or any county or municipality that collected the penalties from traffic infraction detectors after the effective date of that act (May 13, 2010), but before DOR could accept and distribute those funds, to retain the portion of the penalty distributed to DOR until after it was notified that DOR could accept and distribute those funds.<sup>43</sup>

**Speed Detection Systems**

Within 30 days after a violation, notice must be sent to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation specifying the remedies available and that the violator must:

- Pay the \$100 penalty to the county or municipality; or
- Furnish an affidavit claiming an exemption.

This must be done within 30 days after the date of the notice of violation in order to avoid court fees, costs, and the issuance of a uniform traffic citation.<sup>44</sup>

A person who receives a notice of violation may request a hearing within 30 days after the notice of violation or may pay the \$100 penalty on the notice of violation.<sup>45</sup> Penalties assessed and collected, less the amount retained by the county or municipality and the amount remitted to the county school district, are paid to DOR weekly.

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<sup>40</sup> Exemptions are listed in s. 316.0083(1)(d), F.S.,

<sup>41</sup> Section 316.0083(1)(b)1.a., F.S.

<sup>42</sup> Section 316.0083(1)(b)2., F.S.

<sup>43</sup> Section 316.00831, F.S.

<sup>44</sup> Section 316.1896(2), F.S.

<sup>45</sup> Section 316.1896(3), F.S. This is notwithstanding any other provision of law.

*School Bus Infraction Detection System*

Within 30 days after a school bus infraction detection system records an alleged violation, the school district or its private vendor or manufacturer must submit information related to the alleged violation to a law enforcement agency with an interlocal agreement with the school district and traffic infraction enforcement jurisdiction at the location of the alleged violation.<sup>46</sup>

Within 30 days after receiving the required information, the law enforcement agency or its designee must, if it determines that a violation was committed, send a notice of violation to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation specifying the available remedies and that within 60 days after the notice of violation was sent, the violator must pay the \$225 penalty, furnish an affidavit providing an exemption, or request an administrative hearing with the applicable school district or county in order to avoid court fees, costs, and the issuance of a uniform traffic citation.<sup>47</sup>

Points may not be assessed against a driver license for any camera-enforced traffic violations, and such violations may not be used to set motor vehicle insurance rates.<sup>48</sup>

*Effect of Proposed Changes**Traffic Infraction Detectors*

The bill repeals obsolete s. 316.00831, F.S., which required DHSMV, counties, and municipalities to retain certain of camera-related penalties until DOR had a system in place to collect and distribute such penalties.

*Speed Detection Systems*

The bill provides 60 days, instead of the current 30 days, for the registered owner of a motor vehicle to address a notice of violation from a speed detection system to be consistent with other camera enforcement provisions.

**Timeline for Uniform Traffic Citations – Speed Detection Systems (Section 9)***Present Situation**Traffic Infraction Detectors*

If, within 60 days after the notice of violation, the registered owner of the motor vehicle has not paid the \$158 penalty, submitted an affidavit claiming an exemption, or requested a hearing, a traffic citation must be issued by certified mail to the address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation.<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>46</sup> Section 316.173(4), F.S.

<sup>47</sup> Section 316.173(5), F.S.

<sup>48</sup> Section 322.27(3)(d), F.S.

<sup>49</sup> Section 316.0083(1)(c)1.b., F.S.

*Speed Detection Systems*

A uniform traffic citation must be issued by mailing the citation by certified mail to the address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation. This occurs if payment has not been made within 30 days after notification, if the registered owner has not requested a hearing, or if the registered owner has not submitted an affidavit claiming an exemption.<sup>50</sup>

*School Bus Infraction Detection Systems*

A uniform traffic citation for a school bus passing violation enforced by a school bus infraction detection system must be issued by mailing, by certified mail, the citation to the address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation if, within 60 days after the notice of violation, payment has not been made, the registered owner has not submitted an affidavit claiming an exemption, or the registered owner has not requested an administrative hearing contesting the notice of violation.<sup>51</sup>

*Effect of Proposed Changes*

The bill changes 30 days to 60 days for speed detection systems to conform to changes in the bill related to notices of violation.

**Commission Prohibition – Speed Detection Systems (Sections 9 and 14)***Present Situation*

For traffic infraction detectors and school bus infraction detection systems, current law provides that an individual may not receive a commission from any revenue collected through the use of a traffic infraction detector. A manufacturer or vendor may not be paid based upon the number of violations detected through the camera enforcement of traffic violations.<sup>52</sup>

The school bus infraction detection system statute provides that the above may not be construed to prohibit a private vendor or manufacturer from receiving a fixed amount of collected proceeds for services rendered in relation to the installation, operation, or maintenance of school bus infraction detection systems.<sup>53</sup>

The statutes regarding the use of speed detection systems does not prohibit such commissions.

*Effect of Proposed Changes*

For speed detection systems, the bill prohibits an individual from receiving a commission or per-ticket fee from revenue collected from violations detected through the use of speed detection system. Additionally, a manufacturer or vendor may not receive a fee or remuneration based upon the number of violations collected through the use of a speed detection system.

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<sup>50</sup> Section 316.1896(6), F.S.

<sup>51</sup> Section 316.173(9), F.S.

<sup>52</sup> Sections 316.0083(1)(b)4., 316.173(1)(b), and 318.18(16)(d), F.S.

<sup>53</sup> Section 316.173(1)(b), F.S.

## **Hearing Procedures and Requirements (Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, and 14)**

### ***Present Situation***

#### *Definition of Local Hearing Officer*

The term “local hearing officer” is defined to mean the person, designated by DHSMV, a county, or municipality to conduct hearings related to a notice of violation issued pursuant to s. 316.0083, F.S., or s. 316.1896, F.S. The charter county, noncharter county, or municipality may use its currently appointed code enforcement board or special magistrate to serve as the local hearing officer. DHSMV may enter into an interlocal agreement to use the local hearing officer of a county or municipality.<sup>54</sup>

#### *Traffic Infraction Detectors and Speed Detection Systems*

For traffic infraction detectors and speed detection systems, DHSMV must publish and make electronically available to each county and municipality a model Request for Hearing form to assist in administering the hearing process.<sup>55</sup> A county or municipality authorizing traffic infraction enforcement officers to issue traffic citations must, by resolution, designate existing staff to serve as its clerk to the local hearing officer.<sup>56</sup>

The clerk to the local hearing officer must provide notice of the hearing to any person (petitioner) who requests a hearing. Upon receiving the notice, the petitioner may reschedule the hearing once by submitting a written request to the clerk to the local hearing officer at least five calendar days before the date of the originally scheduled hearing. Before the hearing, the petitioner may cancel his or her hearing by paying the statutory penalty, plus \$50 in administrative costs.<sup>57</sup>

All hearing testimony must be under oath and recorded. The local hearing officer must take testimony from a traffic infraction enforcement officer and the petitioner and may take testimony from others. The local hearing officer must review the images or video showing the alleged violation. Formal rules of evidence do not apply, but due process must be observed and governs the proceedings.<sup>58</sup>

At the conclusion of the hearing, the local hearing officer determines whether or not a violation has occurred, in which case the hearing officer must uphold or dismiss the violation. The local hearing officer must issue a final administrative order including his or her determination and, if the he or she upholds the notice of violation, require the petitioner to pay the statutory penalty. The local hearing officer may also require the petitioner to pay county or municipal costs, not to exceed \$250. The final administrative order is mailed to the petitioner by first-class mail.

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<sup>54</sup> Section 316.003(38), F.S.

<sup>55</sup> Sections 316.0083(5)(a), and 316.1896(14)(a), F.S.

<sup>56</sup> Sections 316.0083(5)(b), and 316.1896(14)(b), F.S.

<sup>57</sup> Sections 316.0083(5)(c), and 316.1896(14)(c), F.S.

<sup>58</sup> Sections 316.0083(5)(d) and 316.1896(14)(d), F.S.

The only difference in the hearing procedures for traffic infraction detectors and speed detection systems is that the petitioner may reschedule his or her hearing up to two times prior to the date of the originally scheduled hearing for a speed detection system.

#### *School Bus Infraction Detection Systems*

For school bus infraction detection systems, a school district or county appointed local hearing officer administers an administrative hearing process for a contested notice of violation. The school district may appoint an attorney who is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member in good standing with The Florida Bar to serve as a local hearing officer. The county in which a school district has entered into an interlocal agreement with a law enforcement agency to issue uniform traffic citations may designate by resolution existing staff to serve as its local hearing officer.<sup>59</sup>

At the hearing, the local hearing officer determines whether or not violation has occurred. If the local hearing officer finds by a preponderance of the evidence<sup>60</sup> that a violation has occurred, the local hearing officer must uphold the notice of violation and require the petitioner to pay the \$225 penalty. The local hearing officer must also require the petitioner to pay \$250 in administrative costs.<sup>61</sup>

DHSMV must make available electronically to the school district or its designee or the county a Request for Hearing form to assist in administering the hearing process.<sup>62</sup> A person (petitioner) who elects to request a hearing must be scheduled for a hearing. The hearing may be conducted either virtually via live video conferencing or in person.<sup>63</sup>

Within 120 days after receiving a timely request for a hearing, the law enforcement agency or its designee must provide violation-related data to the school district or county. Then the school district or its designee or the county must mail a notice of hearing, which must include a hearing date and may at the discretion of the district or county include virtual and in-person hearing options, to the petitioner by first-class mail. Mailing of the notice of hearing constitutes notification. Upon receiving the notice, the petitioner may reschedule the hearing once by submitting a written request to the local hearing officer at least five calendar days before the date of the originally scheduled hearing. The petitioner may cancel his or her hearing by paying the penalty assessed in the notice of violation.<sup>64</sup>

All hearing testimony must be under oath but is not required to be recorded. The local hearing officer must take testimony from the law enforcement agency and the petitioner and may take testimony from others. The local hearing officer must review the video and images recorded by a

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<sup>59</sup> Section 316.173(6)(a), F.S.

<sup>60</sup> Section 318.14(6), F.S., provides that the commission of a charged infraction under ch. 318, F.S.; relating to the disposition of traffic infractions, must be proved by a reasonable doubt.

<sup>61</sup> Section 316.173(6)(a), F.S. These are the costs assessed in s. 316.0083(5), F.S., associated with red light camera costs.

<sup>62</sup> Section 316.173(6)(b)1., F.S.

<sup>63</sup> Section 316.173(6)(b)2., F.S.

<sup>64</sup> Section 316.173(6)(b)3., F.S.

school bus infraction detection system. Formal rules of evidence do not apply, but due process must be observed and govern the proceedings.<sup>65</sup>

At the conclusion of the hearing, the local hearing officer determines by a preponderance of the evidence whether a violation has occurred and must uphold or dismiss the violation. The local hearing officer must issue a final administrative order including the determination and, if the notice of violation is upheld, require the petitioner to pay the civil penalty previously assessed in the notice of violation, and must also require the petitioner to pay costs, not to exceed \$250.<sup>66</sup>

These costs must be used by the county for operational costs relating to the hearing process or by the school district for technology and operational costs relating to the hearing process as well as school transportation safety-related initiatives.<sup>67</sup> However, if a county's local hearing officer administers the administrative hearing process for a contested notice of violation, the costs imposed resulting from notice of violation are remitted to the county.<sup>68</sup>

### *Hearing Costs*

Sections 316.0083(5) and 318.18(23), F.S., provide that in addition to the penalty prescribed for a red light camera violation which is upheld, the local hearing officer may also order the payment of county or municipal costs not to exceed \$250. The assessment of \$250 in hearing costs is required for school bus infractions that are upheld by the local hearing officer.

While hearing provisions for school bus and school zone violations authorize the assessment of up to \$250 in local costs by referring to s. 316.0083(5), F.S.,<sup>69</sup> those hearing provisions are not mentioned in s. 318.18(23), F.S.

### *Effect of Proposed Changes*

#### *Definition of Local Hearing Officer*

The bill amends the definition of the term “local hearing officer” to incorporate school bus infraction detection systems into that definition. The bill moves the qualifications for a school district local hearing officer to this provision and authorizes a school district to enter into an interlocal agreement to use the county’s local hearing officer. The bill also makes technical changes.

#### *Traffic Infraction Detectors and Speed Detection Systems*

The bill authorizes hearings to be conducted virtually through live video conferencing or in person, with the notice of the hearing including the option for a virtual or in person hearing. For traffic infraction detectors, the bill authorizes the petitioner to reschedule the hearing up to two times, consistent with the requirements governing speed detection systems.

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<sup>65</sup> Section 316.173(6)(b)4., F.S.

<sup>66</sup> The statute cross-references s. 316.0083(5), F.S., relating to hearings regarding traffic infraction detectors.

<sup>67</sup> Section 316.173(6)(b)5., F.S.

<sup>68</sup> Sections 316.173(6)(b)5., and 318.18(5)(c)1., F.S.

<sup>69</sup> See ss. 316.173(6)(b)5., and 316.1896(14)(e), F.S.

*School Bus Infraction Detection Systems*

The bill moves the qualifications for school district local hearing officers in the administrative hearing provision and places them in the definition of local hearing officer. The bill also removes references to administrative hearings and the preponderance of the evidence standards for hearings. The bill also adds a clerk to the local hearing officer, consistent with other hearing provisions. The bill also requires hearing testimony to be recorded and clarifies that a representative of a law enforcement agency testifies at the hearing.

*Hearing Costs*

The bill amends s. 318.18(23), F.S., relating to hearing costs for traffic infraction detectors to incorporate speed detection systems and school bus infraction detection systems. The bill also reenacts 318.121, F.S., preempting the assessment of additional municipal or county fees related to traffic violations to incorporate this change.

**Privacy Protections (Section 4)***Present Situation*

School bus infraction detection system and speed detection system statutes contain various provisions regarding the use of data from such systems. Data from such systems may not be used for remote surveillance. The collection of evidence by such systems to enforce specific traffic violations does not constitute remote surveillance.<sup>70</sup>

Video and images recorded as part of such systems may only be used for traffic enforcement and for purposes of determining criminal or civil liability for incidents captured by such systems incidental to the permissible use of such systems.<sup>71</sup> To the extent practicable, such systems must use necessary technology to ensure that personal identifying information contained in the video or still images recorded by the system which is not relevant to the alleged violation is sufficiently obscured so as not to reveal such personal identifying information.<sup>72</sup>

A notice of a violation or uniform traffic citation issued may not be dismissed solely because a recorded video or still images reveal personal identifying information as long as a reasonable effort has been made to comply with these requirements.<sup>73</sup>

Any recorded video or still image obtained through the use of such systems must be destroyed within 90 days after the final disposition of the recorded event. The system's vendor must provide the authorizing entity (county, municipality, or school district) with written notice by December 31 of each year that it has destroyed such records.<sup>74</sup>

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<sup>70</sup> Sections 316.173(17)(a)1., and 316.1896(15)(a), F.S.

<sup>71</sup> Sections 316.173(17)(a)2., F.S.

<sup>72</sup> Section 316.173(17)(a)3, and 316.1896(15)(b), F.S.

<sup>73</sup> Sections 316.173(17)(a)4., and 316.1896(15)(c), F.S.

<sup>74</sup> Section 316.173(17)(b), F.S.



However, motor vehicle owner registration information obtained as a result of the operation of such systems is not the property of the system's manufacturer or vendor and may be used only for specified purposes.<sup>75</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill establishes surveillance and privacy provisions for traffic infraction detectors that are identical to requirements for other camera-based enforcement programs.

### **Local Reporting Requirements (Sections 2, 7, and 8)**

#### ***Present Situation***

##### *Traffic Infraction Detectors and Speed Detection Systems*

A county or municipality operating one or more traffic infraction detectors or speed detection systems must annually report the results of all of its systems by placing its annual report to DSHMV as a single reporting item on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of its governing body.<sup>76</sup> The public must be allowed to comment regarding the report, under the county's or municipality's public comment policies or formats, and the report may not be considered as part of a consent agenda.<sup>77</sup>

The report to the governing body must include a written summary, which must be read aloud at the meeting, which must contain, for the same time period as its annual report to DSHMV, the number of notices of violation issued, the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, and the number that were paid and how collected funds were distributed and in what amounts. The county or municipality must report to DSHMV that its annual report was considered, including the date of the meeting at which the report was considered.<sup>78</sup>

The compliance or sufficiency of compliance with the above reporting requirements may not be raised in a proceeding challenging a violation enforced by an automated system.<sup>79</sup>

For traffic infraction detectors, a county or municipality that does not comply with the above reporting requirements may not operate traffic infraction detectors until such noncompliance is corrected.<sup>80</sup>

There are no such requirements for school bus infraction detection systems.

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

#### *Speed Detection Systems*

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<sup>75</sup> Section 316.173(17)(c), F.S.

<sup>76</sup> Section 316.0083(4)(a)2., F.S.

<sup>77</sup> Section 316.0083(4)(a)2.a., F.S.

<sup>78</sup> Section 316.0083(4)(a)2.b., F.S.

<sup>79</sup> Section 316.0083(4)(a)3., F.S.

<sup>80</sup> Section 316.0083(4)(a)4., F.S.

The bill amends reporting requirements to provide that if a county or municipality does not comply with requirements for the public discussion of its annual report during a meeting of its governing board, the county or municipality is suspended from operating speed detection systems until it corrects such noncompliance.

#### *School Bus Infraction Detection Systems*

The bill requires each school district with a school bus infraction detection system to present an annual report to the district school board, similar to the one currently required for municipalities and counties for other camera-related enforcement provisions. Interested members of the public must be allowed to comment on the report and the report may not be considered as part of a consent agenda.

The bill also makes technical changes relating to the reporting requirements for traffic infraction detectors.

### **Local Reports to DHSMV and Data Retention (Sections 4, 8, and 9)**

#### ***Present Situation***

##### **Traffic Infraction Detectors**

By October 1, annually, each county or municipality operating traffic infraction detectors must submit a report to DHSMV detailing its use of such detectors and its procedures for enforcement for the preceding state fiscal year. The information submitted by the counties and municipalities must include information regarding violations, alternative safety countermeasures, and any additional data required by DHSMV. DHSMV must publish each report submitted by a county or municipality on its website.<sup>81</sup>

#### *Speed Detection Systems*

By October 1, annually, each county or municipality that operates one or more speed detection systems must submit a report to DHSMV identifying the public safety objectives used to identify a school zone for enforcement, reports compliance with annual reporting requirements, and details the results of the speed detection system in the school zone and the procedures for enforcement. DHSMV may require data components to be submitted quarterly. The report must include certain information regarding locations and use of systems, violations issued, and any other information required by DHSMV.<sup>82</sup>

##### **School Bus Infraction Detection Systems**

By October 1, 2023, and quarterly thereafter, each school district operating a school bus infraction detection system must submit to DHSMV, in consultation with the law enforcement agencies with which it has interlocal agreements, a report detailing the results of its school bus

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<sup>81</sup> Section 316.0083(4)(b), F.S. Copies of these reports are available at: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/resources/cabinet-and-legislature-reports/red-light-camera-program-analysis/> (last visited November 7, 2025).

<sup>82</sup> Section 316.1896(16)(a), F.S.

infraction detection system for the preceding quarter. The information from the school districts must include certain information regarding such systems and their use.<sup>83</sup>

For speed detection systems and school bus infraction detection systems, each entity operating such systems is responsible for and must maintain its respective data for reporting purposes for at least two years after it reports such data to DHSMV.<sup>84</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

#### ***Traffic Infraction Detectors***

The bill requires each county or municipality operating a traffic infraction detector to be responsible for and maintain its data for DHSMV reporting purposes for at least two years after the data is reported to DHSMV.

#### ***Speed Detection Systems***

The bill requires DHSMV to post on its website each report it receives from a municipality or county regarding the use of speed detection systems.

#### ***School Bus Infraction Detection Systems***

The bill also amends the school district report to DHSMV to make it annually by October 1, and to align the reporting period to the preceding state fiscal year. The bill also requires DHSMV to place the reports it receives from school districts on its website.

The bill also repeals obsolete dates regarding reporting requirements.

### **DHSMV's Reports to the Governor and Legislature (Sections 4, 8, and 9)**

#### ***Present Situation***

For each camera enforcement program, annually, on or before December 31, DHSMV must submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding each camera enforcement program. These reports must review information it receives from counties and municipalities and provide any recommendations, including any recommended legislative changes.<sup>85</sup>

#### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill makes technical changes to reporting requirements for consistency between programs and for ease of understanding.

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<sup>83</sup> Section 316.173(18)(a), F.S.

<sup>84</sup> Section 316.173(18)(b), F.S.

<sup>85</sup> Sections 316.0083(4)(c), 316.173(18)(c), and 316.1896(16)(c), F.S.

## **Distribution of Court Fines (Section 1)**

### ***Present Situation***

Under Florida law, 10 percent of all court-related fines collected by the clerks of court are deposited into the fine and forfeiture fund to be used for the clerk's court-related functions. The only exception is for penalties or fines distributed to counties or municipalities from violations enforced by traffic infraction detectors.<sup>86</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill removes the exception for penalties from traffic infraction detectors distributed to municipalities and counties. This amount will now be deposited into the fine and forfeiture trust fund.

## **Qualifications of Traffic Infraction Enforcement Officers (Section 11)**

### ***Present Situation***

Any sheriff's department or municipal police department is authorized to employ traffic infraction enforcement officers. These officers must successfully complete instruction in traffic enforcement procedures and court presentation through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, approved by the Department of Law Enforcement's Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training or a similar program. These officers are not otherwise required to meet the uniform minimum standards for law enforcement officers of auxiliary law enforcement officers.<sup>87</sup>

A traffic infraction enforcement officer may issue a traffic citation for violations enforced by a traffic infraction detector or a speed detection system. For purposes of enforcing these violations, any sheriff's department or municipal police department may designate employees as traffic infraction enforcement officers. Traffic infraction enforcement officers must be physically located in the county of the respective sheriff's or municipal police department.<sup>88</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill authorizes traffic infraction enforcement officers to issue traffic citations enforced by school bus infraction detection systems. The bill also makes technical changes to that provision.

## **Courts – Traffic Citations – School Bus Infraction Detection Systems (Section 12)**

### ***Present Situation***

Except for camera-enforced traffic violations,<sup>89</sup> each traffic enforcement officer, upon issuing a traffic citation, must deposit the original citation or an electronic replica of the citation data to

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<sup>86</sup> Section 28.37(6), F.S.

<sup>87</sup> Section 316.640(5)(a), F.S.

<sup>88</sup> *Id.*

<sup>89</sup> This also includes toll violations.

the court with jurisdiction over the alleged offense or with its traffic violations bureau within five business days after the citation is issued to the violator.<sup>90</sup>

If a traffic citation is issued by the use of a traffic infraction detector or a speed detection system, the traffic infraction enforcement officer must electronically transmit a replica of the traffic citation data to the court with jurisdiction over the alleged offense or its traffic violations bureau within five business days after the date the traffic citation is issued to the violator. If a hearing is requested, the traffic infraction enforcement officer must provide a replica of the notice of violation data to the clerk for the local hearing officer with jurisdiction over the alleged offense within 14 days.<sup>91</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill adds violations detected by school bus infraction detection systems to the requirement that certain data be supplied to the clerk for the local hearing officer within 14 days. This corresponds with the repeal of the 120 day transmission requirement in the school bus infraction detection system's hearing provisions.

## **Failure to Comply or Failure to Appear – Driver License Suspension (Section 13)**

### ***Present Situation***

For violations enforced by traffic infraction detectors, the clerk of court must notify DHSMV of persons who were mailed a notice of violation and who failed to enter into or comply with the terms of a penalty payment plan, order with the clerk to the local hearing officer, or failed to appear at a scheduled hearing. This notification must take place within 10 days after such failure and reference the person's driver's license number, or in the case of a business entity, vehicle registration number.<sup>92</sup>

Upon receiving such notice, DHSMV, or its authorized agent, may not issue a license plate or revalidation sticker for any motor vehicle owned or co-owned by that person until that person has fully paid the assessed amounts.<sup>93</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill requires clerks of court to notify DHSMV of persons who were mailed notices of violation related to school bus and school zone camera violations, comply with certain orders, or failed to appear at the hearing. After such notification, the bill prohibits DHSMV, or its authorized agent, from issuing a driver license to such person.

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<sup>90</sup> Section 316.650(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>91</sup> Section 316.650(3)(c), F.S.

<sup>92</sup> Section 318.15(3), F.S.

<sup>93</sup> Section 318.15(3)(a), F.S.

## **Withholding of a Motor Vehicle Registration (Section 16)**

### ***Present Situation***

Except as otherwise provided by law, every motor vehicle operated or driven on Florida's roads must be registered.<sup>94</sup> DHSMV is authorized to withhold any motor vehicle registration or re-registration if the vehicle's owner, or one of its co-owners, has a suspended driver license for failure to pay any traffic fine or driver license-related fines.<sup>95</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill authorizes DHSMV to withhold a motor vehicle's registration or reregistration if the vehicle's owner or co-owner received a camera-enforced uniform traffic citation and did not request a hearing, submit an affidavit claiming an exemption, or pay the citation as provided in each camera enforcement program authorizing statute.

## **Time Limitations for Noncriminal Traffic Infractions (Section 17)**

### ***Present Situation***

Among the exemptions from liability for a camera-enforced traffic infraction is that the vehicle was in the care, custody, and control of another person at the time of the violation. This can be established by submitting an affidavit providing specified information to the entity that issued the notice of violation or uniform traffic citation.<sup>96</sup>

Section 775.15, F.S., provides time limitations for the prosecution of various offenses. Except as otherwise provided, the prosecution of a noncriminal violation must commence within one year after the offense is committed.<sup>97</sup> This one year limitation starts to run on the day after the offense is committed.<sup>98</sup>

### ***Effect of Proposed Changes***

The bill provides that for camera enforced traffic violations, the one year period of limitation for noncriminal violations resets upon receipt of an affidavit indicating that the motor vehicle was in the care, custody, and control of another person at the time of the violation, as authorized in the statutes providing exemptions from liability related to each camera enforcement program.

## **Effective Date (Section 20)**

This bill takes effect on October 1, 2026.

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<sup>94</sup> Section 322.02(1), F.S.

<sup>95</sup> Section 320.02(12), F.S. Traffic fines are administered pursuant to ch. 318, F.S., and driver licenses are administered pursuant to ch. 322, F.S.

<sup>96</sup> Sections 316.0083(1)(d), 316.173(11), and 316.173(8), F.S.

<sup>97</sup> Section 775.15(2)(d), F.S.

<sup>98</sup> Section 775.15(3), F.S.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:****A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

The bill does not appear to require counties and municipalities to expend funds or further limit their authority to raise revenue or receive state-shared revenues as specified by Article VII, s. 18, of the State Constitution.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

**E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

While the bill does not change the fundamental parameters of these camera-enforcement programs, changes made by the bill may have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the program vendors and contractors.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The Revenue Estimating Conference has not evaluated this bill. While the bill does not change the overall authorization and operational requirements associated with these camera-enforcement programs, the bill may have an indeterminate, negative fiscal impact on the state, counties, municipalities, and school districts.

Speed detection system and school bus infraction system programs have only been authorized for two years, and these programs have limited deployment at the present time. As such, information and data on the long-term fiscal impact is limited.

The bill reduces the timeframes in which speed detection systems may be used in school zones to the times when the restrictive school zone speed limit is active. This may result



in fewer notices of violation and traffic citations, resulting in a reduction in revenue to the state, counties or municipalities, and school districts.

The bill provides enhanced consistency and uniformity between these programs and could make their operations more efficient, thus reducing the administrative costs of the programs.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 28.37, 316.003, 316.008, 316.0083, 316.07456, 316.0776, 316.173, 316.1896, 316.1906, 316.640, 316.650, 318.15, 318.18, 320.02, 322.27, 775.15, and 1006.21.

This bill repeals section 316.00831 of the Florida Statutes.

This bill reenacts section 318.121 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.



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The Committee on Transportation (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 1035 - 1340

and insert:

the speed detection system in the school zone during the  
preceding state fiscal year and the procedures for enforcement.

The information from counties and municipalities must be  
submitted in a form and manner determined by the department,  
~~which the department must make available to the counties and~~  
~~municipalities by August 1, 2023, and the department may require~~



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~~data components to be submitted quarterly.~~ The report must include at least the following:

1. Information related to the location of each speed detection system, including the geocoordinates of the school zone, the directional approach of the speed detection system, the school name, the school level, the times the speed detection system was active, the restricted school zone speed limit enforced pursuant to s. 316.1895(5), ~~the posted speed limit enforced at times other than those authorized by s. 316.1895(5),~~ the date the systems were activated to enforce violations of s. 316.1895 ss. 316.1895 and 316.183, and, if applicable, the date the systems were deactivated.

2. The number of notices of violation issued, the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, and the number that were paid.

3. Any other statistical data and information related to the procedures for enforcement which is required by the department to complete the report required under paragraph (c).

The department shall publish on its website each report submitted by a county or municipality pursuant to this paragraph.

(c) On or before December 31, ~~2024,~~ and annually ~~thereafter,~~ the department shall ~~must~~ submit a summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the use of speed detection systems under this section, along with any recommended legislation ~~legislative recommendations from the department.~~ The



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summary report must include a review of the information submitted to the department by the counties and municipalities and must describe the enhancement of safety and enforcement programs.

Section 10. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 316.1906, Florida Statutes, is reordered and amended, and subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

316.1906 Radar speed-measuring devices; speed detection systems; evidence, admissibility.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—

(d) "Officer" means any:

~~2.1.~~ "Law enforcement officer" who is elected, appointed, or employed full time by any municipality or the state or any political subdivision thereof; who is vested with the authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state;

~~3.2.~~ "Part-time law enforcement officer" who is employed or appointed less than full time, as defined by an employing agency, with or without compensation; who is vested with authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state; or

~~1.3.~~ "Auxiliary law enforcement officer" who is employed or appointed, with or without compensation; who aids or assists a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer; and who, while under the direct supervision of a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer, has the authority to arrest and perform law



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enforcement functions; ~~or~~

4. "Traffic infraction enforcement officer" who is employed or appointed, with or without compensation, and satisfies the requirements of s. 316.640(5) and is vested with authority to enforce violations of s. 316.1895 ~~ss. 316.1895 and 316.183~~ pursuant to s. 316.1896.

(3) A speed detection system is exempt from the design requirements for radar or LiDAR units established by the department. A speed detection system must have the ability to perform self-tests as to its detection accuracy. The system must perform a self-test at least once every 30 days. The law enforcement agency, or an agent acting on behalf of the law enforcement agency, operating a speed detection system must maintain a log of the results of the system's self-tests. The law enforcement agency, or an agent acting on behalf of the law enforcement agency, operating a speed detection system must also perform an independent calibration test on the speed detection system at least once every 12 months. The self-test logs, as well as the results of the annual calibration test, are admissible in any court proceeding for a uniform traffic citation issued for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ enforced pursuant to s. 316.1896. Notwithstanding subsection (2), evidence of the speed of a motor vehicle detected by a speed detection system compliant with this subsection and the determination by a traffic infraction enforcement officer that a motor vehicle is operating in excess of the applicable speed limit is admissible in any proceeding with respect to an alleged violation of law regulating the speed of motor vehicles in school zones.



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Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 316.640, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.640 Enforcement.—The enforcement of the traffic laws of this state is vested as follows:

(5)(a) Any sheriff's department or police department of a municipality may employ, as a traffic infraction enforcement officer, any individual who successfully completes instruction in traffic enforcement procedures and court presentation through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training of the Department of Law Enforcement, or through a similar program, but who does not necessarily otherwise meet the uniform minimum standards established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement officers under s. 943.13. Any such traffic infraction enforcement officer who observes the commission of a traffic infraction or, in the case of a parking infraction, who observes an illegally parked vehicle may issue a traffic citation for the infraction when, based upon personal investigation, he or she has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an offense has been committed which constitutes a noncriminal traffic infraction as defined in s. 318.14. In addition, any such traffic infraction enforcement officer may issue a traffic citation under ss. 316.0083, 316.173, and 316.1896 ~~ss. 316.0083 and 316.1896~~. For purposes of enforcing ss. 316.074(1), 316.075(1)(c)1., 316.172(1)(a) and (b), and 316.1895(10) ~~ss. 316.0083, 316.1895, and 316.183~~, any sheriff's department or police department of a municipality may designate employees as traffic infraction enforcement officers. The



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traffic infraction enforcement officers must be physically located in the county of the respective sheriff's or police department.

Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 316.650, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.650 Traffic citations.—

(3)

(c) If a traffic citation is issued under s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1896, the traffic infraction enforcement officer must ~~shall~~ provide by electronic transmission a replica of the traffic citation data to the court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense or its traffic violations bureau within 5 business days after the date of issuance of the traffic citation to the violator. If a hearing is requested, the traffic infraction enforcement officer must ~~shall~~ provide a replica of the ~~traffic~~ notice of violation data to the clerk to ~~for~~ the local hearing officer having jurisdiction over the alleged offense within 14 days.

Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 318.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear; penalty.—

(3) The clerk shall notify the department of persons who were mailed a notice of violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. pursuant to s. 316.0083, of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) pursuant to s. 316.173, or of s. 316.1895(10) pursuant to s. 316.1896, and who failed to enter into, or comply with the terms of, a penalty payment plan, or order with the clerk to the local hearing officer or failed to appear at a scheduled hearing





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within 10 days after such failure, and shall reference the person's driver license number, or in the case of a business entity, vehicle registration number.

(a) Upon receipt of such notice, the department, or authorized agent thereof, may not issue a license plate or revalidation sticker for any motor vehicle owned or co-owned by that person pursuant to s. 320.03(8) until the amounts assessed have been fully paid.

(b) After the issuance of the person's license plate or revalidation sticker is withheld pursuant to paragraph (a), the person may challenge the withholding of the license plate or revalidation sticker only on the basis that the outstanding fines and civil penalties have been paid pursuant to s. 320.03(8).

Section 14. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3), paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5), and subsection (23) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

(3)

(d)1. Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c), a person cited for a violation of s. 316.1895(10) ~~or s. 316.183~~ for exceeding the speed limit in force at the time of the violation on a roadway maintained as a school zone as provided in s. 316.1895, when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer pursuant to s. 316.1896, must pay a fine of \$100. Fines collected under this paragraph must be distributed as follows:

a. Twenty dollars must be remitted to the Department of



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Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

b. Seventy-seven dollars must be distributed to the county for any violations occurring in any unincorporated areas of the county or to the municipality for any violations occurring in the incorporated boundaries of the municipality in which the infraction occurred, to be used as provided in s. 316.1896(5).

c. Three dollars must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund to be used as provided in s. 943.25.

2. If a person who is mailed a notice of violation or a uniform traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.1895(10) ~~or~~ ~~s. 316.183~~, as enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer under s. 316.1896, presents documentation from the appropriate governmental entity that the notice of violation or uniform traffic citation was in error, the clerk of court or clerk to the local hearing officer may dismiss the case. The clerk of court or clerk to the local hearing officer may not charge for this service.

3. An individual may not receive a commission or per-ticket fee from any revenue collected from violations detected through the use of a speed detection system. A manufacturer or vendor may not receive a fee or remuneration based upon the number of violations detected through the use of a speed detection system.

(5)(a)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., \$200 for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a), failure to stop for a school bus. If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200. In addition to this penalty, for a second or



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subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend the driver license of the person for not less than 180 days and not more than 1 year.

2. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) is enforced by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173, the penalty of \$200 shall be imposed. If, at a ~~an administrative~~ hearing contesting a notice of violation or uniform traffic citation, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, a minimum civil penalty of \$200 shall be imposed. Notwithstanding any other provision of law except s. 28.37(6), the civil penalties assessed under this subparagraph resulting from a notice of violation or uniform traffic citation shall be remitted to the school district at least monthly and used pursuant to s. 316.173(8).

(b)1. Except as provided in subparagraph 2., \$400 for a violation of s. 316.172(1)(b), passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal. If, at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$400.

2. If a violation of s. 316.172(1)(b) is enforced by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173, the penalty under this subparagraph is a minimum of \$200. If, at a hearing contesting a notice of violation or uniform traffic citation, the alleged offender is found to have committed this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200. Notwithstanding any other provision of law except s. 28.37(6), the civil penalties assessed under this subparagraph resulting from notice of violation or uniform traffic citation shall be



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remitted to the school district at least monthly and used pursuant to s. 316.173(8).

3. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend the driver license of the person for not less than 360 days and not more than 2 years.

(23) In addition to the penalty prescribed under s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1895 for violations enforced under those sections ~~s. 316.0083~~ which are upheld by the local hearing officer, the local hearing officer may also order the payment of county, ~~or~~ municipal, or school district costs, not to exceed \$250.

Section 15. Subsection (12) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.02 Registration required; application for registration; forms.—

(12) The department is authorized to withhold registration or reregistration of any motor vehicle if the owner, or one of the co-owners of the vehicle:—

(a) Has a driver license which is under suspension for the failure to remit payment of any fines levied in this state pursuant to chapter 318 or chapter 322; or

(b) Received a traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1., s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b), or s. 316.1895(10), as enforced by s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1896, respectively, and did not request a hearing, submit an affidavit claiming an exception, or pay the traffic citation.

Section 16. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 322.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke driver license or identification card.—

(3) There is established a point system for evaluation of convictions of violations of motor vehicle laws or ordinances, and violations of applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6)(b) when such violations involve the use of motor vehicles, for the determination of the continuing qualification of any person to operate a motor vehicle. The department is authorized to suspend the license of any person upon showing of its records or other good and sufficient evidence that the licensee has been convicted of violation of motor vehicle laws or ordinances, or applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6)(b), amounting to 12 or more points as determined by the point system. The suspension shall be for a period of not more than 1 year.

(d) The point system shall have as its basic element a graduated scale of points assigning relative values to convictions of the following violations:

1. Reckless driving, willful and wanton—4 points.
2. Leaving the scene of a crash resulting in property damage of more than \$50—6 points.
3. Unlawful speed, or unlawful use of a wireless communications device, resulting in a crash—6 points.
4. Passing a stopped school bus:
  - a. Not causing or resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of another—4 points.
  - b. Causing or resulting in serious bodily injury to or death of another—6 points.
  - c. Points may not be imposed for a violation of passing a stopped school bus as provided in s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) when



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enforced by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173. In addition, a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) when enforced by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s. 316.173 may not be used for purposes of setting motor vehicle insurance rates.

5. Unlawful speed:

a. Not in excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted speed—3 points.

b. In excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted speed—4 points.

c. Points may not be imposed for a violation of unlawful speed as provided in s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer pursuant to s. 316.1896. In addition, a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer pursuant to s. 316.1896 may not be used for purposes of setting motor vehicle insurance rates.

6. A violation of a traffic control signal device as provided in s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.—4 points. However, points may not be imposed for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer. In addition, a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer may not be used for purposes of setting motor vehicle insurance rates.

7. Unlawfully driving a vehicle through a railroad-highway grade crossing—6 points.



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8. All other moving violations (including parking on a highway outside the limits of a municipality)—3 points. However, points may not be imposed for a violation of s. 316.2065(11); and points may be imposed for a violation of s. 316.1001 only when imposed by the court after a hearing pursuant to s. 318.14(5).

9. Any moving violation covered in this paragraph, excluding unlawful speed and unlawful use of a wireless communications device, resulting in a crash—4 points.

10. Any conviction under s. 403.413(6)(b)—3 points.

11. Any conviction under s. 316.0775(2)—4 points.

12. A moving violation covered in this paragraph which is committed in conjunction with the unlawful use of a wireless communications device within a school safety zone—2 points, in addition to the points assigned for the moving violation.

Section 17. Subsection (23) is added to section 775.15, Florida Statutes, to read:

775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations; exceptions.—

(23) For a traffic violation enforced pursuant to s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1896, the 1-year period of limitation for a noncriminal violation pursuant to paragraph (2)(d) resets upon receipt by the appropriate county, municipality, or law enforcement agency of an affidavit indicating that the

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And the title is amended as follows:

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359 and insert:  
360 receiving certain fees or remuneration; providing  
361 exceptions to requirements that certain civil  
362 penalties be remitted to school districts; conforming



By Senator DiCeglie

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to traffic infraction enforcement;  
 3 amending s. 28.37, F.S.; deleting a provision  
 4 exempting certain penalties and fines from a  
 5 requirement that a certain percentage of all court-  
 6 related fines collected by the clerk be deposited into  
 7 the fines and forfeiture fund for a specified purpose;  
 8 amending s. 316.003, F.S.; revising the definitions of  
 9 the terms "local hearing officer" and "speed detection  
 10 system"; amending s. 316.008, F.S.; revising the  
 11 periods during which a county or municipality may  
 12 enforce school zone speed limits, and the violations  
 13 for which such enforcement is authorized, through the  
 14 use of a speed detection system; prohibiting the  
 15 enforcement of a school zone speed limit through the  
 16 use of a speed detection system under certain  
 17 circumstances; revising the circumstances for which a  
 18 county or municipality may place or install, or  
 19 contract with a vendor to place or install, a speed  
 20 detection system within a roadway maintained as a  
 21 school zone; amending s. 316.0083, F.S.; deleting a  
 22 provision prohibiting the issuance of certain notices  
 23 of violation and traffic citations for failure to stop  
 24 before crossing over a stop line or other point at  
 25 which a stop is required under certain circumstances;  
 26 defining the term "careful and prudent manner";  
 27 providing that certain counties and municipalities are  
 28 responsible for and must maintain certain data for a  
 29 specified period; requiring the Department of Highway

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30 Safety and Motor Vehicles to provide to the Governor  
 31 and the Legislature recommended legislation, rather  
 32 than necessary legislation, with a certain report;  
 33 providing that certain hearings may be conducted  
 34 either virtually or in person; prohibiting the use of  
 35 a traffic infraction detector for remote surveillance;  
 36 providing construction; specifying the purposes for  
 37 which video and images recorded by a traffic  
 38 infraction detector may be used; requiring that a  
 39 traffic infraction detector use technology to obscure  
 40 certain personal identifying information; providing  
 41 that certain notices of violation and uniform traffic  
 42 citations may not be dismissed for a specified reason;  
 43 requiring the destruction of certain recorded videos  
 44 and images within a certain timeframe; requiring a  
 45 traffic infraction detector vendor annually to provide  
 46 certain written notice to the county or municipality;  
 47 providing that motor vehicle registration and owner  
 48 information obtained in a certain manner is not the  
 49 property of certain manufacturers and vendors;  
 50 repealing s. 316.00831, F.S., relating to distribution  
 51 of penalties collected under the Mark Wandall Traffic  
 52 Safety Program; amending s. 316.07456, F.S.; deleting  
 53 obsolete provisions; amending s. 316.0776, F.S.;  
 54 providing that only warnings may be issued for certain  
 55 violations during the duration of a certain public  
 56 awareness campaign; deleting an obsolete provision;  
 57 prohibiting a county or municipality from operating a  
 58 speed detection system under certain circumstances;

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59 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
 60 amending s. 316.173, F.S.; requiring district school  
 61 board authorization and a public hearing process  
 62 before a school district may place or install, or  
 63 contract with a vendor to install, operate, and  
 64 maintain, school bus infraction detection systems;  
 65 providing requirements for such authorization and  
 66 public hearing process; requiring a school district to  
 67 enter into a certain interlocal agreement with a law  
 68 enforcement agency before beginning its school bus  
 69 infraction detection system program; providing that  
 70 law enforcement agencies may authorize traffic  
 71 infraction enforcement officers to issue certain  
 72 uniform traffic citations for violations enforced  
 73 through the use of a school bus infraction detection  
 74 system; providing construction; deleting a prohibition  
 75 on raising certain arguments in a proceeding  
 76 challenging certain traffic violations; deleting a  
 77 required evidentiary standard for certain findings and  
 78 determinations by local hearing officers; revising the  
 79 notice of hearing process; revising the number of  
 80 times a petitioner may reschedule a certain hearing;  
 81 requiring that certain testimony be recorded;  
 82 authorizing, rather than requiring, a local hearing  
 83 officer to require a petitioner to pay certain costs;  
 84 requiring a school district that operates a school bus  
 85 infraction detection system annually to report the  
 86 results of such systems at a meeting of the school  
 87 board; providing requirements for such meeting;

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88 prohibiting certain arguments in a proceeding  
 89 challenging certain traffic violations; prohibiting a  
 90 school district from operating school bus infraction  
 91 detection systems under certain circumstances;  
 92 requiring certain school districts to submit a certain  
 93 report to the department annually, rather than  
 94 quarterly; requiring the department to publish certain  
 95 reports on its website; deleting obsolete provisions;  
 96 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
 97 amending s. 316.1896, F.S.; revising the periods for  
 98 which a county or municipality may authorize a traffic  
 99 infraction enforcement officer to issue certain  
 100 uniform traffic citations; prohibiting the enforcement  
 101 of a school zone speed limit through the use of a  
 102 speed detection system under certain circumstances;  
 103 revising the period within which a person may take  
 104 certain action after receiving a notice of violation;  
 105 prohibiting an individual from receiving a commission  
 106 or per-ticket fee from certain revenue; prohibiting a  
 107 manufacturer or vendor of speed detection systems from  
 108 receiving certain fees or remuneration; providing that  
 109 certain hearings may be conducted either virtually or  
 110 in person; deleting an obsolete provision; deleting a  
 111 provision authorizing the department to require  
 112 quarterly submission of certain data components;  
 113 requiring the department to publish certain reports on  
 114 its website; conforming provisions to changes made by  
 115 the act; reordering and amending s. 316.1906, F.S.;  
 116 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;

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117 making a technical change; amending ss. 316.640,  
 118 316.650, and 318.15, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
 119 changes made by the act; amending s. 318.18, F.S.;  
 120 prohibiting an individual from receiving a commission  
 121 or per-ticket fee from certain revenue; prohibiting a  
 122 manufacturer or vendor of speed detection systems from  
 123 receiving certain fees or remuneration; conforming  
 124 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
 125 320.02, F.S.; authorizing the department to withhold  
 126 registration or reregistration of a motor vehicle  
 127 under certain circumstances; amending s. 322.27, F.S.;  
 128 conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
 129 amending s. 775.15, F.S.; providing that a 1-year  
 130 period of limitation for certain noncriminal  
 131 violations resets upon receipt of certain affidavits;  
 132 amending s. 1006.21, F.S.; conforming a provision to  
 133 changes made by the act; reenacting s. 318.121, F.S.,  
 134 relating to preemption of additional fees, fines,  
 135 surcharges, and costs, to incorporate the amendment  
 136 made to s. 318.18, F.S., in a reference thereto;  
 137 providing an effective date.

139 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

141 Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 28.37, Florida  
 142 Statutes, is amended to read:

143 28.37 Fines, fees, service charges, and costs remitted to  
 144 the state.—

145 (6) Ten percent of all court-related fines collected by the

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146 clerk, ~~except for penalties or fines distributed to counties or~~  
 147 ~~municipalities under s. 316.0083(1)(b)3. or s. 318.18(16)(a),~~  
 148 must be deposited into the fine and forfeiture fund to be used  
 149 exclusively for clerk court-related functions, as provided in s.  
 150 28.35(3)(a).

151 Section 2. Subsections (38) and (84) of section 316.003,  
 152 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

153 316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when  
 154 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
 155 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
 156 otherwise requires:

157 (38) LOCAL HEARING OFFICER.—The person, designated by a  
 158 department, county, ~~or~~ municipality, or school district that  
 159 elects to authorize traffic infraction enforcement officers to  
 160 issue traffic citations under s. 316.0083(1)(a), s.  
 161 316.173(1)(f), or s. 316.1896(1) ss. 316.0083(1)(a) and  
 162 316.1896(1), who is authorized to conduct hearings related to a  
 163 notice of violation issued pursuant to s. 316.0083, s. 316.173,  
 164 or s. 316.1896. A ~~The charter county, noncharter county,~~ or  
 165 municipality may use its currently appointed code enforcement  
 166 board or special magistrate to serve as the local hearing  
 167 officer. A school district may appoint an attorney who is, and  
 168 has been for the preceding 5 years, a member in good standing of  
 169 The Florida Bar to serve as the local hearing officer or may  
 170 enter into an interlocal agreement to use the local hearing  
 171 officer of the county. The department may enter into an  
 172 interlocal agreement to use the local hearing officer of a  
 173 county or municipality.

174 (84) SPEED DETECTION SYSTEM.—A portable or fixed automated

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system used to detect a motor vehicle's speed using radar or LiDAR and to capture a photograph or video of the rear of a motor vehicle that exceeds the speed limit in a school zone during the times listed in s. 316.1895(5) ~~force at the time of the violation.~~

Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of section 316.008, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.008 Powers of local authorities.—

(9) (a) A county or municipality may enforce the applicable speed limit on a roadway properly maintained as a school zone pursuant to s. 316.1895 during the times listed in s.

316.1895(5)÷

~~1. Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled breakfast program;~~

~~2. Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled school session;~~

~~3. During the entirety of a regularly scheduled school session; and~~

~~4. Within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the end of a regularly scheduled school session~~

through the use of a speed detection system for the detection of speed and capturing of photographs or videos for violations in excess of 10 miles per hour over the school zone speed limit ~~in force at the time of the violation.~~ A school zone's compliance with s. 316.1895 creates a rebuttable presumption that the school zone is properly maintained. The school zone speed limit may not be enforced through the use of a speed detection system if any flashing beacon used to provide notice of the times

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during which a restrictive school speed limit is being enforced in the school zone is not activated at the time of the violation.

(b) A county or municipality may place or install, or contract with a vendor to place or install, a speed detection system within a roadway maintained as a school zone as provided in s. 316.1895 to enforce school zone unlawful speed limit violations, as specified in s. 316.1895(10), which are in excess of 10 miles per hour over the school zone speed limit ~~or s. 316.183,~~ on that roadway.

Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section 316.0083, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

316.0083 Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program; administration; report.—

(1) (a) For purposes of administering this section, the department, a county, or a municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer under s. 316.640 to issue a traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1) (c)1. ~~A notice of violation and a traffic citation may not be issued for failure to stop at a red light if the driver is making a right-hand turn in a careful and prudent manner at an intersection where right-hand turns are permissible. A notice of violation and a traffic citation may not be issued under this section if the driver of the vehicle came to a complete stop after crossing the stop line and before turning right if permissible at a red light, but failed to stop before crossing over the stop line or other point at which a stop is required.~~

This paragraph does not prohibit a review of information from a

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233 traffic infraction detector by an authorized employee or agent  
 234 of the department, a county, or a municipality before issuance  
 235 of the traffic citation by the traffic infraction enforcement  
 236 officer. This paragraph does not prohibit the department, a  
 237 county, or a municipality from issuing notification as provided  
 238 in paragraph (b) to the registered owner of the motor vehicle  
 239 involved in the violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.

240 (2) A notice of violation and a traffic citation may not be  
 241 issued under this section for failure to stop at a red light if  
 242 the driver is making a right-hand turn in a careful and prudent  
 243 manner at an intersection where right-hand turns are  
 244 permissible. For purposes of this subsection, the term "careful  
 245 and prudent manner" means that the driver made a right-hand turn  
 246 after coming to a complete stop and without interfering with the  
 247 operation of any oncoming vehicular traffic or pedestrians in a  
 248 crosswalk.

249 (4)(a)1. A county or municipality that desires to have one  
 250 or more traffic infraction detectors placed or installed on or  
 251 after July 1, 2025, in an area where no traffic infraction  
 252 detectors are currently placed or installed must enact an  
 253 ordinance in order to authorize the placement or installation  
 254 of, or to authorize contracting with a vendor for the placement  
 255 or installation of, one or more traffic infraction detectors to  
 256 enforce s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. As part of the  
 257 public hearing on such proposed ordinance, the county or  
 258 municipality must consider traffic data or other evidence  
 259 supporting the installation and operation of each traffic  
 260 infraction detector, and the county or municipality must  
 261 determine that the intersection at which a traffic infraction

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262 detector is to be placed or installed constitutes a heightened  
 263 safety risk that warrants additional enforcement measures.

264 2. A county or municipality that operates one or more  
 265 traffic infraction detectors must annually report the results of  
 266 all traffic infraction detectors within the county's or  
 267 municipality's jurisdiction by placing the annual report to the  
 268 department required under paragraph (b) as a single reporting  
 269 item on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the  
 270 county's or municipality's governing body. Before a county or  
 271 municipality contracts or renews a contract to place or install  
 272 one or more traffic infraction detectors, the county or  
 273 municipality must approve the contract or contract renewal at a  
 274 regular or special meeting of the county's or municipality's  
 275 governing body.

276 a. Interested members of the public must be allowed to  
 277 comment regarding the report, contract, or contract renewal  
 278 under the county's or municipality's public comment policies or  
 279 procedures formats, and the report, contract, or contract  
 280 renewal may not be considered as part of a consent agenda.

281 b. The report required under this subparagraph must include  
 282 a written summary, which must be read aloud at the regular or  
 283 special meeting, and the summary must contain, for the same time  
 284 period pertaining to the annual report to the department  
 285 required under paragraph (b), the number of notices of violation  
 286 issued, the number that were contested, the number that were  
 287 upheld, the number that were dismissed, the number that were  
 288 issued as uniform traffic citations, and the number that were  
 289 paid and how collected funds were distributed and in what  
 290 amounts. The county or municipality must report to the

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department that the county's or municipality's annual report was considered in accordance with this subparagraph, including the date of the regular or special meeting at which the annual report was considered.

3. The compliance or sufficiency of compliance with this paragraph may not be raised in a proceeding challenging a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. enforced by a traffic infraction detector.

4. A county or municipality that does not comply with this paragraph may not operate ~~is suspended from operating~~ traffic infraction detectors under this subsection until such noncompliance is corrected.

(b) Each county or municipality that operates a traffic infraction detector shall submit a report by October 1, annually, to the department which details the results of using the traffic infraction detector and the procedures for enforcement for the preceding state fiscal year. The information submitted by the counties and municipalities must include:

1. The number of notices of violation issued, the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, the number that were paid, and the number in each of the preceding categories for which the notice of violation was issued for a right-hand turn violation.

2. A description of alternative safety countermeasures taken before and after the placement or installation of a traffic infraction detector.

3. Statistical data and information required by the department to complete the summary report required under

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paragraph (d) ~~(e)~~.

The department ~~shall~~ must publish on its website each report submitted by a county or municipality pursuant to this paragraph ~~on its website~~.

(c) Each county or municipality that operates a traffic infraction detector is responsible for and shall maintain its respective data for reporting purposes under this subsection for at least 2 years after such data is reported to the department.

(d) On or before December 31, annually, the department shall provide a summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the use and operation of traffic infraction detectors under this section, along with the department's recommendations and any recommended ~~necessary~~ legislation. The summary report must include a review of the information submitted to the department by the counties and municipalities and must describe the enhancement of the traffic safety and enforcement programs.

(5) Procedures for a hearing under this section are as follows:

(a) The department shall publish and make available electronically to each county and municipality a model Request for Hearing form to assist each county and municipality ~~local government~~ administering this section.

(b) The ~~charter county, noncharter county,~~ or municipality electing to authorize traffic infraction enforcement officers to issue traffic citations under paragraph (1)(a) shall designate by resolution existing staff to serve as the clerk to the local hearing officer.

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349 (c) Any person, herein referred to as the "petitioner," who  
 350 elects to request a hearing under paragraph (1)(b) ~~must~~ shall be  
 351 scheduled for a hearing. The hearing may be conducted either  
 352 virtually through live video conferencing or in person. The  
 353 clerk to the local hearing officer shall provide the petitioner  
 354 with notice of the hearing, including the option for a virtual  
 355 or in-person hearing, which must ~~by the clerk to the local~~  
 356 ~~hearing officer to appear before a local hearing officer with~~  
 357 ~~notice to be sent by first-class mail. Upon receipt of the~~  
 358 notice, the petitioner may reschedule the hearing up to two  
 359 times ~~once~~ by submitting a written request to reschedule to the  
 360 clerk to the local hearing officer, at least 5 calendar days  
 361 before the day of the originally scheduled hearing. The  
 362 petitioner may cancel his or her appearance before the local  
 363 hearing officer by paying the penalty assessed under paragraph  
 364 (1)(b), plus \$50 in administrative costs, before the start of  
 365 the hearing.

366 (6)(a)1. A traffic infraction detector may not be used for  
 367 remote surveillance. The collection of evidence by a traffic  
 368 infraction detector to enforce violations of s. 316.074(1) or s.  
 369 316.075(1)(c)1. does not constitute remote surveillance.

370 2. Video and images recorded by a traffic infraction  
 371 detector may be used only for the enforcement of violations of  
 372 s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. and for purposes of  
 373 determining criminal or civil liability for incidents captured  
 374 by the traffic infraction detector incidental to the permissible  
 375 use of a traffic infraction detector.

376 3. To the extent practicable, a traffic infraction detector  
 377 must use necessary technology to ensure that personal

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378 identifying information contained in the video and images  
 379 recorded by the traffic infraction detector which is not  
 380 relevant to the alleged violation is sufficiently obscured so as  
 381 to not reveal such personal identifying information.

382 4. A notice of violation or a uniform traffic citation  
 383 issued under this section may not be dismissed solely because  
 384 the recorded video or images reveal personal identifying  
 385 information as provided in subparagraph 3. as long as a  
 386 reasonable effort has been made to comply with this subsection.

387 (b) Any recorded video or image obtained through the use of  
 388 a traffic infraction detector must be destroyed within 90 days  
 389 after the final disposition of the recorded event. The vendor of  
 390 the traffic infraction detector must provide the county or  
 391 municipality with written notice by December 31 of each year  
 392 that such records have been destroyed in accordance with this  
 393 paragraph.

394 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, motor vehicle  
 395 registration and owner information obtained as the result of the  
 396 operation of a traffic infraction detector is not the property  
 397 of the manufacturer or vendor of the traffic infraction detector  
 398 and may be used only for purposes authorized in this section.

399 Section 5. Section 316.00831, Florida Statutes, is  
 400 repealed.

401 Section 6. Section 316.07456, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 402 to read:

403 316.07456 Traffic infraction detectors; specifications  
 404 Transitional implementation.—Any traffic infraction detector  
 405 deployed on the highways, streets, and roads of this state must  
 406 meet specifications established by the Department of

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Transportation, and must be tested at regular intervals according to specifications prescribed by the Department of Transportation. ~~The Department of Transportation must establish such specifications on or before December 31, 2010. However, any such equipment acquired by purchase, lease, or other arrangement under an agreement entered into by a county or municipality on or before July 1, 2011, or equipment used to enforce an ordinance enacted by a county or municipality on or before July 1, 2011, is not required to meet the specifications established by the Department of Transportation until July 1, 2011.~~

Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsection (3) of section 316.0776, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.0776 Traffic infraction detectors; speed detection systems; placement and installation.—

(2)

(b) If the department, county, or municipality begins a traffic infraction detector program in a county or municipality that has never conducted such a program, the respective department, county, or municipality must ~~shall~~ also make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of traffic infraction detectors at least 30 days before commencing the enforcement program. During the 30-day public awareness campaign, only a warning may be issued to the registered owner of a motor vehicle for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. enforced by a traffic infraction detector, and a penalty may not be imposed pursuant to s. 318.18(16)(a)2. or 3.

(3) A speed detection system authorized by s. 316.008(9) may be placed or installed in a school zone on a state road when

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permitted by the Department of Transportation and in accordance with placement and installation specifications developed by the Department of Transportation. The speed detection system may be placed or installed in a school zone on a street or highway under the jurisdiction of a county or a municipality in accordance with placement and installation specifications established by the Department of Transportation. ~~The Department of Transportation must establish such placement and installation specifications by December 31, 2023.~~

(a) If a county or municipality places or installs a speed detection system as authorized by s. 316.008(9), the county or municipality must notify the public that a speed detection system may be in use by posting signage indicating photographic or video enforcement of the school zone speed limits. Such signage must ~~shall~~ clearly designate the time period during which the school zone speed limits are enforced using a speed detection system and must meet the placement and installation specifications established by the Department of Transportation. For a speed detection system enforcing violations of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ on a roadway maintained as a school zone, this paragraph governs the signage notifying the public of the use of a speed detection system.

(b) If a county or municipality begins a school zone speed detection system program in a county or municipality that has never conducted such a program, the respective county or municipality must make a public announcement and conduct a public awareness campaign of the proposed use of speed detection systems at least 30 days before commencing enforcement under the speed detection system program and must notify the public of the



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specific date on which the program will commence. During the 30-day public awareness campaign, only a warning may be issued to the registered owner of a motor vehicle for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ enforced by a speed detection system, and liability may not be imposed for the civil penalty under s. 318.18(3)(d).

(c) A county or municipality that operates one or more school zone speed detection systems shall ~~must~~ annually report the results of all systems within the county's or municipality's jurisdiction by placing the report required under s. 316.1896(16)(a) as a single reporting item on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the county's or municipality's governing body. Before a county or municipality contracts or renews a contract to place or install a speed detection system in a school zone pursuant to s. 316.008(9), the county or municipality must approve the contract or contract renewal at a regular or special meeting of the county's or municipality's governing body.

1. Interested members of the public must be allowed to comment regarding the report, contract, or contract renewal under the county's or municipality's public comment policies or procedures ~~formats~~, and the report, contract, or contract renewal may not be considered as part of a consent agenda.

2. The report required under this paragraph must include a written summary, which must be read aloud at the regular or special meeting, and the summary must contain, for the same time period pertaining to the annual report to the department under s. 316.1896(16)(a), the number of notices of violation issued, the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the

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number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, and the number that were paid and how collected funds were distributed and in what amounts. The county or municipality shall ~~must~~ report to the department that the county's or municipality's annual report was considered in accordance with this paragraph, including the date of the regular or special meeting at which the annual report was considered.

3. The compliance or sufficiency of compliance with this paragraph may not be raised in a proceeding challenging a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ enforced by a speed detection system in a school zone.

4. A county or municipality that does not comply with this paragraph may not operate a speed detection system under this section until such noncompliance is corrected.

Section 8. Subsection (1), paragraph (c) of subsection (2), and subsections (4), (6), (18), and (19) of section 316.173, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.173 School bus infraction detection systems.—

(1)(a) A school district may install and operate a school bus infraction detection system on a school bus for the purpose of enforcing s. 316.172(1)(a) and (b) as provided in and consistent with this section.

(b) A school district that desires to install one or more school bus infraction detection systems on school buses in its fleet must have specific authorization from the district school board to place or install, or contract with a vendor to install, operate, and maintain, school bus infraction detection systems to enforce s. 316.172(1)(a) and (b). As part of a public hearing

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held by the school board on such authorization, the school board shall consider traffic data or other evidence supporting the installation and operation of each school bus infraction detection system, and the school board shall determine whether the school bus route for which each school bus infraction detection system is to be placed or installed constitutes a heightened safety risk that warrants additional enforcement measures. Interested members of the public must be allowed to comment regarding a contract or renewal of a contract for the installation, operation, and maintenance of school bus infraction detection systems under the school board's public comment policies or procedures, and the contract or contract renewal may not be considered as part of a consent agenda.

(c) After an affirmative vote from the school board authorizing such a contract, the school district may enter into a contract with a private vendor or manufacturer to install a school bus infraction detection system on any school bus in within its fleet, whether owned, contracted, or leased, and for services including, but not limited to, the installation, operation, and maintenance of the system. ~~The school district's decision to install school bus infraction detection systems must be based solely on the need to increase public safety.~~ An individual may not receive a commission from any revenue collected from violations detected through the use of a school bus infraction detection system. A private vendor or manufacturer may not receive a fee or remuneration based upon the number of violations detected through the use of a school bus infraction detection system. This paragraph may not be construed to prohibit a private vendor or manufacturer from

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receiving a fixed amount of collected proceeds for service rendered in relation to the installation, operation, or maintenance of school bus infraction detection systems.

~~(d)(e)~~ The school district shall ~~must~~ ensure that each school bus infraction detection system meets the requirements of subsection (19).

~~(e)(d)~~ Before beginning its school bus infraction detection system program, ~~a~~ the school district must enter into an interlocal agreement with one or more law enforcement agencies authorized to enforce violations of s. 316.172(1)(a) and (b) within the school district which jointly establishes the responsibilities of enforcement and the reimbursement of costs associated with school bus infraction detection systems consistent with this section.

(f) For purposes of administering this section, a law enforcement agency may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer under s. 316.640 to issue uniform traffic citations for violations of s. 316.172(1)(a) and (b). This paragraph does not prohibit the review of information from a school bus infraction detection system by an authorized employee or agent of the school district or law enforcement agency before issuance of the traffic citation by the traffic infraction enforcement officer. This paragraph does not prohibit the law enforcement agency or its designee from issuing a notification as provided in subsection (5) to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b).

(2)

~~(e) The sufficiency of signage or compliance with the~~

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~~signage requirements under this subsection may not be raised in a proceeding challenging a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b).~~

(4) Within 30 days after an alleged violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) is recorded by a school bus infraction detection system, the school district or the private vendor or manufacturer under paragraph (1)(c) ~~(1)(b)~~ must submit the following information to a law enforcement agency that has entered into an interlocal agreement with the school district pursuant to paragraph (1)(e) ~~(1)(d)~~ and has traffic infraction enforcement jurisdiction at the location where the alleged violation occurred:

(a) A copy of the recorded video and images showing the motor vehicle allegedly violating s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b).

(b) The motor vehicle's license plate number and the state of issuance of the motor vehicle's license plate.

(c) The date, time, and location of the alleged violation.

(6)(a) A local hearing officer appointed by the school district or county shall administer a an administrative hearing process for a contested notice of violation. ~~The school district may appoint an attorney who is, and has been for the preceding 5 years, a member in good standing with The Florida Bar to serve as a local hearing officer.~~ The county in which a school district has entered into an interlocal agreement with a law enforcement agency to issue uniform traffic citations may designate by resolution existing staff to serve as clerk to the local hearing officer. At the administrative hearing, the local hearing officer shall determine whether a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) has occurred. If the local hearing officer finds ~~by a preponderance of the evidence~~ that a violation has

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occurred, the local hearing officer must uphold the notice of violation and require the petitioner to pay the penalty previously assessed under s. 318.18(5). The local hearing officer ~~may~~ shall also require the petitioner to pay costs consistent with this subsection.

(b) Procedures for ~~a an administrative~~ hearing conducted under this subsection are as follows:

1. The department shall make available electronically to the school district ~~or its designee~~ or the county a Request for Hearing form to assist each district or county with administering this subsection.

2. A person, referred to in this paragraph as the petitioner, who elects to request a hearing under this subsection must ~~shall~~ be scheduled for a hearing. The hearing may be conducted either virtually through ~~via~~ live video conferencing or in person.

3. The clerk to the local hearing officer shall provide the petitioner with notice of the hearing, including the option for a virtual or in-person hearing, which must be sent Within 120 days after receipt of a timely request for a hearing, the law enforcement agency or its designee shall provide a replica of the notice of violation data to the school district or county by manual or electronic transmission, and thereafter the school district or its designee or the county shall mail a notice of hearing, which shall include a hearing date and may at the discretion of the district or county include virtual and in-person hearing options, to the petitioner by first-class mail. Mailing of the notice of hearing constitutes notification. Upon receipt of the notice ~~of hearing~~, the petitioner may reschedule

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the hearing up to two times ~~once~~ by submitting a written request to the local hearing officer at least 5 calendar days before the day of the originally scheduled hearing. The petitioner may cancel his or her hearing by paying the penalty assessed in the notice of violation.

4. All testimony at the hearing must ~~shall~~ be under oath and recorded. The local hearing officer shall take testimony from a representative of the law enforcement agency and the petitioner, and may take testimony from others. The local hearing officer shall review the video and images recorded by a school bus infraction detection system. Formal rules of evidence do not apply, but due process shall be observed and govern the proceedings.

5. At the conclusion of the hearing, the local hearing officer shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether a violation has occurred and shall uphold or dismiss the violation. The local hearing officer shall issue a final administrative order including the determination and, if the notice of violation is upheld, must require the petitioner to pay the civil penalty previously assessed in the notice of violation, and may ~~shall~~ also require the petitioner to pay costs, not to exceed those established in s. 316.0083(5)(e), to be used by the county for operational costs relating to the hearing process or by the school district for technology and operational costs relating to the hearing process as well as school transportation safety-related initiatives. The final administrative order must ~~shall~~ be mailed to the petitioner by first-class mail.

6. An aggrieved party may appeal a final administrative

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order consistent with the process provided in s. 162.11.

(c) Any hearing for a contested notice of violation that has not been conducted before July 1, 2025, may be conducted pursuant to the procedures in this subsection within 1 year after such date.

(18)(a) 1. A school district that operates one or more school bus infraction detection systems shall annually report the results of all such systems operated within the school district by placing the annual report to the department required under paragraph (b) as a single reporting item on the agenda of a regular or special meeting of the school board.

2. Interested members of the public must be allowed to comment regarding the report under the school board's public comment policies or procedures, and the report may not be considered as part of a consent agenda.

3. The report required under this paragraph must include a written summary, which must be read aloud at the regular or special meeting, and the summary must contain, for the same time period as the annual report to the department under paragraph (b), the number of school buses that have a school bus infraction detection system installed, including the date of installation and, if applicable, the date the systems were removed; the number of notices of violations issued and the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, and the number that were paid; and the manner in which collected funds were distributed and in what amounts.

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paragraph may not be raised in a proceeding challenging a violation of s. 316.172(a) or (b) enforced by a school bus infraction detection system.

5. A school district that does not comply with this paragraph may not operate school bus infraction detection systems under this section until such noncompliance is corrected.

(b) By October 1, annually 2023, and quarterly thereafter, each school district operating a school bus infraction detection system shall ~~must~~ submit, in consultation with the law enforcement agencies with which it has interlocal agreements pursuant to this section, a report to the department which details the results of the school bus infraction detection systems in the school district during the preceding state fiscal year in the preceding quarter. The information from the school districts must be submitted in a form and manner determined by the department, ~~which the department must make available to the school districts by August 1, 2023,~~ and must include at least the following:

1. The number of school buses that have a school bus infraction detection system installed, including the date of installation and, if applicable, the date the systems were removed.

2. The number of notices of violations issued, the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, and the number that were paid.

3. Data for each infraction to determine locations in need of safety improvements. Such data may include, but is not

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limited to, global positioning system coordinates of the infraction, the date and time of the infraction, and the name of the school that the school bus was transporting students to or from.

4. Any other statistical data and information required by the department to complete the report required by paragraph (c).

The department shall publish on its website each report submitted by a school district pursuant to this paragraph.

(c) ~~(b)~~ Each school district that operates a school bus infraction detection system is responsible for and shall ~~must~~ maintain its respective data for reporting purposes under this subsection for at least 2 years after such data is reported to the department.

(d) ~~(e)~~ On or before December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the use and operation of school bus infraction detection systems under this section, along with the department's recommendations and any recommended legislation. The summary report must include a review of the information submitted to the department by the school districts and must describe the enhancement of traffic safety and enforcement programs.

(19) A school bus infraction detection system must meet specifications established by the State Board of Education and must be tested at regular intervals according to specifications prescribed by state board rule. ~~The state board must establish such specifications by rule on or before December 31, 2023.~~

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However, any such equipment acquired by purchase, lease, or other arrangement under an agreement entered into by a school district on or before December 31, 2023, is not required to meet the specifications established by the state board until July 1, 2024.

Section 9. Subsection (1), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (2), subsections (3), (5) through (9), (12), and (13), paragraph (c) of subsection (14), paragraph (a) of subsection (15), and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (16) of section 316.1896, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.1896 Roadways maintained as school zones; speed detection system enforcement; penalties; appeal procedure; privacy; reports.—

(1) For purposes of administering this section, a county or municipality may authorize a traffic infraction enforcement officer under s. 316.640 to issue uniform traffic citations for violations of s. 316.1895 during the times listed in s. 316.1895(5) ss. 316.1895 and 316.183 as authorized by s. 316.008(9), as follows:

(a) ~~For a violation of s. 316.1895 in excess of 10 miles per hour over the school zone speed limit which occurs within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled breakfast program.~~

(b) ~~For a violation of s. 316.1895 in excess of 10 miles per hour over the school zone speed limit which occurs within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the start of a regularly scheduled school session.~~

(c) ~~For a violation of s. 316.183 in excess of 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit during the entirety of a~~

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~~regularly scheduled school session.~~

~~(d) For a violation of s. 316.1895 in excess of 10 miles per hour over the school zone speed limit which occurs within 30 minutes before through 30 minutes after the end of a regularly scheduled school session.~~

Such violation must be evidenced by a speed detection system described in ss. 316.008(9) and 316.0776(3). This subsection does not prohibit a review of information from a speed detection system by an authorized employee or agent of a county or municipality before issuance of the uniform traffic citation by the traffic infraction enforcement officer. This subsection does not prohibit a county or municipality from issuing notices as provided in subsection (2) to the registered owner of the motor vehicle for a violation of s. 316.1895. The school zone speed limit may not be enforced through the use of a speed detection system if any flashing beacon used to provide notice of the times during which a restrictive school speed limit is being enforced in the school zone is not activated at the time of the violation or s. 316.183.

(2) Within 30 days after a violation, notice must be sent to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation specifying the remedies available under s. 318.14 and that the violator must pay the penalty under s. 318.18(3)(d) to the county or municipality, or furnish an affidavit in accordance with subsection (8), within 30 days after the date of the notice of violation in order to avoid court fees, costs, and the issuance of a uniform traffic citation. The notice of violation must:

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813 (b) Include a photograph or other recorded image showing  
 814 the license plate of the motor vehicle; the date, time, and  
 815 location of the violation; the maximum speed at which the motor  
 816 vehicle was traveling within the school zone; and the speed  
 817 limit within the school zone ~~at the time of the violation.~~

818 (c) Include a notice that the owner has the right to  
 819 review, in person or remotely, the photograph or video captured  
 820 by the speed detection system and the evidence of the speed of  
 821 the motor vehicle detected by the speed detection system which  
 822 constitute a rebuttable presumption that the motor vehicle was  
 823 used in violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183.~~

824 (3) Notwithstanding any other law, a person who receives a  
 825 notice of violation under this section may request a hearing  
 826 within 60 ~~30~~ days after the notice of violation or may pay the  
 827 penalty pursuant to the notice of violation, but a payment or  
 828 fee may not be required before the hearing requested by the  
 829 person. The notice of violation must be accompanied by, or  
 830 direct the person to a website that provides, information on the  
 831 person's right to request a hearing and on all costs related  
 832 thereto and a form used for requesting a hearing. As used in  
 833 this subsection, the term "person" includes a natural person,  
 834 the registered owner or co-owner of a motor vehicle, or the  
 835 person identified in an affidavit as having actual care,  
 836 custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the  
 837 violation.

838 (5) Penalties assessed and collected by the county or  
 839 municipality authorized to collect the funds provided for in  
 840 this section, less the amount retained by the county or  
 841 municipality pursuant to paragraphs (b) and (e) ~~paragraph (b)~~

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842 ~~and paragraph (e)~~ and the amount remitted to the county school  
 843 district pursuant to paragraph (d), must be paid to the  
 844 Department of Revenue weekly. Such payment must be made by means  
 845 of electronic funds transfer. In addition to the payment, a  
 846 detailed summary of the penalties remitted must be reported to  
 847 the Department of Revenue. Penalties to be assessed and  
 848 collected by the county or municipality as established in s.  
 849 318.18(3)(d) must be remitted as follows:

850 (a) Twenty dollars must be remitted to the Department of  
 851 Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

852 (b) Sixty dollars must be retained by the county or  
 853 municipality and must be used to administer speed detection  
 854 systems in school zones and other public safety initiatives.

855 (c) Three dollars must be remitted to the Department of  
 856 Revenue for deposit into the Department of Law Enforcement  
 857 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund.

858 (d) Twelve dollars must be remitted to the county school  
 859 district in which the violation occurred and must be used for  
 860 school security initiatives, for student transportation, or to  
 861 improve the safety of student walking conditions. Funds remitted  
 862 under this paragraph must be shared with charter schools in the  
 863 district based on each charter school's proportionate share of  
 864 the district's total unweighted full-time equivalent student  
 865 enrollment and must be used for school security initiatives or  
 866 to improve the safety of student walking conditions.

867 (e) Five dollars must be retained by the county or  
 868 municipality for the School Crossing Guard Recruitment and  
 869 Retention Program pursuant to s. 316.1894.

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871 An individual may not receive a commission or per-ticket fee  
 872 from any revenue collected from violations detected through the  
 873 use of a speed detection system. A manufacturer or vendor of  
 874 speed detection systems may not receive a fee or remuneration  
 875 based upon the number of violations detected through the use of  
 876 a speed detection system.

877 (6) A uniform traffic citation must be issued by mailing  
 878 the uniform traffic citation by certified mail to the address of  
 879 the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the  
 880 violation if payment has not been made within 60 ~~30~~ days after  
 881 notification under subsection (2), if the registered owner has  
 882 not requested a hearing as authorized under subsection (3), and  
 883 if the registered owner has not submitted an affidavit in  
 884 accordance with subsection (8).

885 (a) Delivery of the uniform traffic citation constitutes  
 886 notification of a violation under this subsection. If the  
 887 registered owner or co-owner of the motor vehicle; the person  
 888 identified as having care, custody, or control of the motor  
 889 vehicle at the time of the violation; or a duly authorized  
 890 representative of the owner, co-owner, or identified person  
 891 initiates a proceeding to challenge the citation pursuant to  
 892 this section, such person waives any challenge or dispute as to  
 893 the delivery of the uniform traffic citation.

894 (b) In the case of joint ownership of a motor vehicle, the  
 895 uniform traffic citation must be mailed to the first name  
 896 appearing on the motor vehicle registration, unless the first  
 897 name appearing on the registration is a business organization,  
 898 in which case the second name appearing on the registration may  
 899 be used.

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900 (c) The uniform traffic citation mailed to the registered  
 901 owner of the motor vehicle involved in the infraction must be  
 902 accompanied by the information described in paragraphs (2) (b)-  
 903 (d).

904 (7) The registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in  
 905 the violation is responsible and liable for paying the uniform  
 906 traffic citation issued for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s.~~  
 907 ~~316.183~~ unless the owner can establish that:

908 (a) The motor vehicle was, at the time of the violation, in  
 909 the care, custody, or control of another person;

910 (b) A uniform traffic citation was issued by law  
 911 enforcement to the driver of the motor vehicle for the alleged  
 912 violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~; or

913 (c) The motor vehicle's owner was deceased on or before the  
 914 date of the alleged violation, as established by an affidavit  
 915 submitted by the representative of the motor vehicle owner's  
 916 estate or other identified person or family member.

917 (8) To establish such facts under subsection (7), the  
 918 registered owner of the motor vehicle must, within 60 ~~30~~ days  
 919 after the date of issuance of the notice of violation or the  
 920 uniform traffic citation, furnish to the appropriate  
 921 governmental entity an affidavit setting forth information  
 922 supporting an exception under subsection (7).

923 (a) An affidavit supporting the exception under paragraph  
 924 (7) (a) must include the name, address, date of birth, and, if  
 925 known, the driver license number of the person who leased,  
 926 rented, or otherwise had care, custody, or control of the motor  
 927 vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. If the motor  
 928 vehicle was stolen at the time of the alleged violation, the

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affidavit must include the police report indicating that the motor vehicle was stolen.

(b) If a uniform traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ was issued at the location of the violation by a law enforcement officer, the affidavit must include the serial number of the uniform traffic citation.

(c) If the motor vehicle's owner to whom a notice of violation or a uniform traffic citation has been issued is deceased, the affidavit must include a certified copy of the owner's death certificate showing that the date of death occurred on or before the date of the alleged violation and one of the following:

1. A bill of sale or other document showing that the deceased owner's motor vehicle was sold or transferred after his or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

2. Documented proof that the registered license plate belonging to the deceased owner's motor vehicle was returned to the department or any branch office or authorized agent of the department after his or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

3. A copy of the police report showing that the deceased owner's registered license plate or motor vehicle was stolen after his or her death but on or before the date of the alleged violation.

Upon receipt of the affidavit and documentation required under paragraphs (b) and (c), or 60 ~~30~~ days after the date of issuance of a notice of violation sent to a person identified as having care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of

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the violation under paragraph (a), the county or municipality must dismiss the notice or citation and provide proof of such dismissal to the person who submitted the affidavit. If, within 30 days after the date of a notice of violation sent to a person under subsection (9), the county or municipality receives an affidavit under subsection (10) from the person sent a notice of violation affirming that the person did not have care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation, the county or municipality must notify the registered owner that the notice or citation will not be dismissed due to failure to establish that another person had care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation.

(9) Upon receipt of an affidavit under paragraph (8)(a), the county or municipality may issue the person identified as having care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the violation a notice of violation pursuant to subsection (2) for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~. The affidavit is admissible in a proceeding pursuant to this section for the purpose of providing evidence that the person identified in the affidavit was in actual care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle. The owner of a leased motor vehicle for which a uniform traffic citation is issued for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ is not responsible for paying the uniform traffic citation and is not required to submit an affidavit as specified in subsection (8) if the motor vehicle involved in the violation is registered in the name of the lessee of such motor vehicle.

(12) The photograph or video captured by a speed detection system and the evidence of the speed of the motor vehicle

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 detected by a speed detection system which are attached to or  
 referenced in the uniform traffic citation are evidence of a  
 violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ and are admissible in any  
 proceeding to enforce this section. The photograph or video and  
 the evidence of speed detected raise a rebuttable presumption  
 that the motor vehicle named in the report or shown in the  
 photograph or video was used in violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s.~~  
~~316.183~~.

(13) This section supplements the enforcement of s.  
316.1895 ~~ss. 316.1895 and 316.183~~ by a law enforcement officer  
 and does not prohibit a law enforcement officer from issuing a  
 uniform traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s.~~  
~~316.183~~.

(14) A hearing under this section must be conducted under  
 the procedures established by s. 316.0083(5) and as follows:

(c) A person, referred to in this subsection as the  
 "petitioner," who elects to request a hearing under subsection  
 (3) must be scheduled for a hearing by the clerk to the local  
 hearing officer. The hearing may be conducted either virtually  
through live video conferencing or in person. The clerk to the  
local hearing officer shall provide ~~must furnish~~ the petitioner  
 with notice of the hearing, including the option for a virtual  
or in-person hearing, which must be sent by first-class mail.  
 Upon receipt of the notice, the petitioner may reschedule the  
 hearing up to two times by submitting a written request to  
 reschedule to the clerk at least 5 calendar days before the day  
 of the scheduled hearing. The petitioner may cancel his or her  
 appearance before the local hearing officer by paying the  
 penalty assessed under subsection (2), plus the administrative

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 costs established in s. 316.0083(5)(c), before the start of the  
 hearing.

(15)(a) A speed detection system in a school zone may not  
 be used for remote surveillance. The collection of evidence by a  
 speed detection system to enforce violations of s. 316.1895 ~~ss.~~  
~~316.1895 and 316.183~~, or user-controlled pan or tilt adjustments  
 of speed detection system components, do not constitute remote  
 surveillance. Recorded video or photographs collected by as part  
~~of~~ of a speed detection system in a school zone may only be used to  
 document violations of s. 316.1895 ~~ss. 316.1895 and 316.183~~ and  
 for purposes of determining criminal or civil liability for  
 incidents captured by the speed detection system incidental to  
 the permissible use of the speed detection system.

(16)(a) Each county or municipality that operates one or  
 more speed detection systems shall ~~must~~ submit a report by  
 October 1, ~~2024~~, and annually thereafter, to the department  
 which identifies the public safety objectives used to identify a  
 school zone for enforcement under this section, reports  
 compliance with s. 316.0776(3)(c), and details the results of  
 the speed detection system in the school zone and the procedures  
 for enforcement. The information from counties and  
 municipalities must be submitted in a form and manner determined  
 by the department, ~~which the department must make available to~~  
~~the counties and municipalities by August 1, 2023, and the~~  
~~department may require data components to be submitted~~  
~~quarterly~~. The report must include at least the following:

1. Information related to the location of each speed  
 detection system, including the geocoordinates of the school  
 zone, the directional approach of the speed detection system,

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the school name, the school level, the times the speed detection system was active, the restricted school zone speed limit enforced pursuant to s. 316.1895(5), ~~the posted speed limit enforced at times other than those authorized by s. 316.1895(5),~~ the date the systems were activated to enforce violations of s. 316.1895 ~~ss. 316.1895 and 316.183~~, and, if applicable, the date the systems were deactivated.

2. The number of notices of violation issued, the number that were contested, the number that were upheld, the number that were dismissed, the number that were issued as uniform traffic citations, and the number that were paid.

3. Any other statistical data and information related to the procedures for enforcement which is required by the department to complete the report required under paragraph (c).

The department shall publish on its website each report submitted by a county or municipality pursuant to this paragraph.

(c) On or before December 31, ~~2024~~, and annually ~~thereafter~~, the department shall ~~must~~ submit a summary report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the use of speed detection systems under this section during the preceding state fiscal year, along with any recommended legislation ~~legislative recommendations from the department~~. The summary report must include a review of the information submitted to the department by the counties and municipalities and must describe the enhancement of safety and enforcement programs.

Section 10. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section

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316.1906, Florida Statutes, is reordered and amended, and subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

316.1906 Radar speed-measuring devices; speed detection systems; evidence, admissibility.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—

(d) "Officer" means any:

~~2.1-~~ "Law enforcement officer" who is elected, appointed, or employed full time by any municipality or the state or any political subdivision thereof; who is vested with the authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state;

~~3.2-~~ "Part-time law enforcement officer" who is employed or appointed less than full time, as defined by an employing agency, with or without compensation; who is vested with authority to bear arms and make arrests; and whose primary responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of the state; or

~~1.3-~~ "Auxiliary law enforcement officer" who is employed or appointed, with or without compensation; who aids or assists a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer; and who, while under the direct supervision of a full-time or part-time law enforcement officer, has the authority to arrest and perform law enforcement functions; ~~or~~

4. "Traffic infraction enforcement officer" who is employed or appointed, with or without compensation, and satisfies the requirements of s. 316.640(5) and is vested with authority to enforce violations of s. 316.1895 ~~ss. 316.1895 and 316.183~~

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pursuant to s. 316.1896.

(3) A speed detection system is exempt from the design requirements for radar or LiDAR units established by the department. A speed detection system must have the ability to perform self-tests as to its detection accuracy. The system must perform a self-test at least once every 30 days. The law enforcement agency, or an agent acting on behalf of the law enforcement agency, operating a speed detection system must maintain a log of the results of the system's self-tests. The law enforcement agency, or an agent acting on behalf of the law enforcement agency, operating a speed detection system must also perform an independent calibration test on the speed detection system at least once every 12 months. The self-test logs, as well as the results of the annual calibration test, are admissible in any court proceeding for a uniform traffic citation issued for a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ enforced pursuant to s. 316.1896. Notwithstanding subsection (2), evidence of the speed of a motor vehicle detected by a speed detection system compliant with this subsection and the determination by a traffic infraction enforcement officer that a motor vehicle is operating in excess of the applicable speed limit is admissible in any proceeding with respect to an alleged violation of law regulating the speed of motor vehicles in school zones.

Section 11. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 316.640, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.640 Enforcement.—The enforcement of the traffic laws of this state is vested as follows:

(5)(a) Any sheriff's department or police department of a

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municipality may employ, as a traffic infraction enforcement officer, any individual who successfully completes instruction in traffic enforcement procedures and court presentation through the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training of the Department of Law Enforcement, or through a similar program, but who does not necessarily otherwise meet the uniform minimum standards established by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement officers under s. 943.13. Any such traffic infraction enforcement officer who observes the commission of a traffic infraction or, in the case of a parking infraction, who observes an illegally parked vehicle may issue a traffic citation for the infraction when, based upon personal investigation, he or she has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an offense has been committed which constitutes a noncriminal traffic infraction as defined in s. 318.14. In addition, any such traffic infraction enforcement officer may issue a traffic citation under ss. 316.0083, 316.173, and 316.1896 ~~ss. 316.0083 and 316.1896~~. For purposes of enforcing ss. 316.074(1), 316.075(1)(c)1., 316.172(1)(a) and (b), and 316.1895(10) ~~ss. 316.0083, 316.1895, and 316.183~~, any sheriff's department or police department of a municipality may designate employees as traffic infraction enforcement officers. The traffic infraction enforcement officers must be physically located in the county of the respective sheriff's or police department.

Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 316.650, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1161 316.650 Traffic citations.—

1162 (3)

1163 (c) If a traffic citation is issued under s. 316.0083, s.  
 1164 316.173, or s. 316.1896, the traffic infraction enforcement  
 1165 officer must ~~shall~~ provide by electronic transmission a replica  
 1166 of the traffic citation data to the court having jurisdiction  
 1167 over the alleged offense or its traffic violations bureau within  
 1168 5 business days after the date of issuance of the traffic  
 1169 citation to the violator. If a hearing is requested, the traffic  
 1170 infraction enforcement officer must ~~shall~~ provide a replica of  
 1171 the ~~traffic~~ notice of violation data to the clerk to ~~for~~ the  
 1172 local hearing officer having jurisdiction over the alleged  
 1173 offense within 14 days.

1174 Section 13. Subsection (3) of section 318.15, Florida  
 1175 Statutes, is amended to read:

1176 318.15 Failure to comply with civil penalty or to appear;  
 1177 penalty.—

1178 (3) The clerk shall notify the department of persons who  
 1179 were mailed a notice of violation of s. 316.074(1) or s.  
 1180 316.075(1)(c)1. pursuant to s. 316.0083, of s. 316.172(1)(a) or  
 1181 (b) pursuant to s. 316.173, or of s. 316.1895(10) pursuant to s.  
 1182 316.1896, and who failed to enter into, or comply with the terms  
 1183 of, a penalty payment plan, or order with the clerk to the local  
 1184 hearing officer or failed to appear at a scheduled hearing  
 1185 within 10 days after such failure, and shall reference the  
 1186 person's driver license number, or in the case of a business  
 1187 entity, vehicle registration number.

1188 (a) Upon receipt of such notice, the department, or  
 1189 authorized agent thereof, may not issue a license plate or

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1190 revalidation sticker for any motor vehicle owned or co-owned by  
 1191 that person pursuant to s. 320.03(8) until the amounts assessed  
 1192 have been fully paid.

1193 (b) After the issuance of the person's license plate or  
 1194 revalidation sticker is withheld pursuant to paragraph (a), the  
 1195 person may challenge the withholding of the license plate or  
 1196 revalidation sticker only on the basis that the outstanding  
 1197 fines and civil penalties have been paid pursuant to s.  
 1198 320.03(8).

1199 Section 14. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) and subsection  
 1200 (23) of section 318.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1201 318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a  
 1202 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal  
 1203 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

1204 (3)

1205 (d)1. Notwithstanding paragraphs (b) and (c), a person  
 1206 cited for a violation of s. 316.1895(10) ~~or s. 316.183~~ for  
 1207 exceeding the speed limit in force at the time of the violation  
 1208 on a roadway maintained as a school zone as provided in s.  
 1209 316.1895, when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement  
 1210 officer pursuant to s. 316.1896, must pay a fine of \$100. Fines  
 1211 collected under this paragraph must be distributed as follows:

1212 a. Twenty dollars must be remitted to the Department of  
 1213 Revenue for deposit into the General Revenue Fund.

1214 b. Seventy-seven dollars must be distributed to the county  
 1215 for any violations occurring in any unincorporated areas of the  
 1216 county or to the municipality for any violations occurring in  
 1217 the incorporated boundaries of the municipality in which the  
 1218 infraction occurred, to be used as provided in s. 316.1896(5).

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c. Three dollars must be remitted to the Department of Revenue for deposit into the Department of Law Enforcement Criminal Justice Standards and Training Trust Fund to be used as provided in s. 943.25.

2. If a person who is mailed a notice of violation or a uniform traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.1895(10) ~~or s. 316.183~~, as enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer under s. 316.1896, presents documentation from the appropriate governmental entity that the notice of violation or uniform traffic citation was in error, the clerk of court or clerk to the local hearing officer may dismiss the case. The clerk of court or clerk to the local hearing officer may not charge for this service.

3. An individual may not receive a commission or per-ticket fee from any revenue collected from violations detected through the use of a speed detection system. A manufacturer or vendor may not receive a fee or remuneration based upon the number of violations detected through the use of a speed detection system.

(23) In addition to the penalty prescribed under s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1895 for violations enforced under those sections ~~s. 316.0083~~ which are upheld by the local hearing officer, the local hearing officer may also order the payment of county, ~~or municipal, or school district~~ costs, not to exceed \$250.

Section 15. Subsection (12) of section 320.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.02 Registration required; application for registration; forms.—

(12) The department is authorized to withhold registration

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or reregistration of any motor vehicle if the owner, or one of the co-owners of the vehicle;

(a) Has a driver license which is under suspension for the failure to remit payment of any fines levied in this state pursuant to chapter 318 or chapter 322; or

(b) Received a traffic citation for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1., s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b), or s. 316.1895(10), as enforced by s. 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1896, respectively, and did not request a hearing, submit an affidavit claiming an exception, or pay the traffic citation.

Section 16. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 322.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

322.27 Authority of department to suspend or revoke driver license or identification card.—

(3) There is established a point system for evaluation of convictions of violations of motor vehicle laws or ordinances, and violations of applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6)(b) when such violations involve the use of motor vehicles, for the determination of the continuing qualification of any person to operate a motor vehicle. The department is authorized to suspend the license of any person upon showing of its records or other good and sufficient evidence that the licensee has been convicted of violation of motor vehicle laws or ordinances, or applicable provisions of s. 403.413(6)(b), amounting to 12 or more points as determined by the point system. The suspension shall be for a period of not more than 1 year.

(d) The point system shall have as its basic element a graduated scale of points assigning relative values to convictions of the following violations:

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1277 1. Reckless driving, willful and wanton-4 points.  
 1278 2. Leaving the scene of a crash resulting in property  
 1279 damage of more than \$50-6 points.  
 1280 3. Unlawful speed, or unlawful use of a wireless  
 1281 communications device, resulting in a crash-6 points.  
 1282 4. Passing a stopped school bus:  
 1283 a. Not causing or resulting in serious bodily injury to or  
 1284 death of another-4 points.  
 1285 b. Causing or resulting in serious bodily injury to or  
 1286 death of another-6 points.  
 1287 c. Points may not be imposed for a violation of passing a  
 1288 stopped school bus as provided in s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b) when  
 1289 enforced by a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to  
 1290 s. 316.173. In addition, a violation of s. 316.172(1)(a) or (b)  
 1291 when enforced by a school bus infraction detection system  
 1292 pursuant to s. 316.173 may not be used for purposes of setting  
 1293 motor vehicle insurance rates.  
 1294 5. Unlawful speed:  
 1295 a. Not in excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted  
 1296 speed-3 points.  
 1297 b. In excess of 15 miles per hour of lawful or posted  
 1298 speed-4 points.  
 1299 c. Points may not be imposed for a violation of unlawful  
 1300 speed as provided in s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~ when enforced by  
 1301 a traffic infraction enforcement officer pursuant to s.  
 1302 316.1896. In addition, a violation of s. 316.1895 ~~or s. 316.183~~  
 1303 when enforced by a traffic infraction enforcement officer  
 1304 pursuant to s. 316.1896 may not be used for purposes of setting  
 1305 motor vehicle insurance rates.

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1306 6. A violation of a traffic control signal device as  
 1307 provided in s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1.-4 points.  
 1308 However, points may not be imposed for a violation of s.  
 1309 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to  
 1310 stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic  
 1311 infraction enforcement officer. In addition, a violation of s.  
 1312 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1. when a driver has failed to  
 1313 stop at a traffic signal and when enforced by a traffic  
 1314 infraction enforcement officer may not be used for purposes of  
 1315 setting motor vehicle insurance rates.  
 1316 7. Unlawfully driving a vehicle through a railroad-highway  
 1317 grade crossing-6 points.  
 1318 8. All other moving violations (including parking on a  
 1319 highway outside the limits of a municipality)-3 points. However,  
 1320 points may not be imposed for a violation of s. 316.2065(11);  
 1321 and points may be imposed for a violation of s. 316.1001 only  
 1322 when imposed by the court after a hearing pursuant to s.  
 1323 318.14(5).  
 1324 9. Any moving violation covered in this paragraph,  
 1325 excluding unlawful speed and unlawful use of a wireless  
 1326 communications device, resulting in a crash-4 points.  
 1327 10. Any conviction under s. 403.413(6)(b)-3 points.  
 1328 11. Any conviction under s. 316.0775(2)-4 points.  
 1329 12. A moving violation covered in this paragraph which is  
 1330 committed in conjunction with the unlawful use of a wireless  
 1331 communications device within a school safety zone-2 points, in  
 1332 addition to the points assigned for the moving violation.  
 1333 Section 17. Subsection (23) is added to section 775.15,  
 1334 Florida Statutes, to read:

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1335 775.15 Time limitations; general time limitations;  
 1336 exceptions.—  
 1337 (23) For a traffic violation enforced pursuant to s.  
 1338 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1896, the 1-year period of  
 1339 limitation for a noncriminal violation pursuant to paragraph  
 1340 (2) (d) resets upon receipt of an affidavit indicating that the  
 1341 motor vehicle was in the care, custody, and control of another  
 1342 person at the time of the violation, as authorized in s.  
 1343 316.0083, s. 316.173, or s. 316.1896, respectively.  
 1344 Section 18. Paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of section  
 1345 1006.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:  
 1346 1006.21 Duties of district school superintendent and  
 1347 district school board regarding transportation.—  
 1348 (3) District school boards, after considering  
 1349 recommendations of the district school superintendent:  
 1350 (h) Upon an affirmative vote of the school board  
 1351 authorizing the use of school bus infraction detection systems,  
 1352 may install and operate, or enter into an agreement with a  
 1353 private vendor or manufacturer to install, operate, and maintain  
 1354 provide, a school bus infraction detection system pursuant to s.  
 1355 316.173.  
 1356 Section 19. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
 1357 made by this act to section 318.18, Florida Statutes, in a  
 1358 reference thereto, section 318.121, Florida Statutes, is  
 1359 reenacted to read:  
 1360 318.121 Preemption of additional fees, fines, surcharges,  
 1361 and costs.—Notwithstanding any general or special law, or  
 1362 municipal or county ordinance, additional fees, fines,  
 1363 surcharges, or costs other than the court costs and surcharges

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1364 assessed under s. 318.18(12), (14), (19), (20), and (23) may not  
 1365 be added to the civil traffic penalties assessed under this  
 1366 chapter.  
 1367 Section 20. This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

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**I. Summary:**

SB 684 addresses the use of electronic signatures in connection with total loss vehicles and vessels. Specifically, the bill requires insurance companies to implement certain control processes and procedures for electronic signatures in relation to the total loss of a motor vehicle or vessel and deletes the requirement that electronic signatures on odometer disclosures submitted through insurance companies to be executed in a certain manner.

The bill is anticipated to have an insignificant fiscal impact on private and governmental sectors.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Electronic Signature Act of 1996, which Florida enacted in May 1996, permits the use of electronic signatures and use of electronic records as valid and legal documents. Federal legislation enacted the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C.) on June 30, 2000.

**Use of Electronic Signatures**

Florida has adopted the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, which provides that electronic signatures have the same legal effect as traditional handwritten signatures.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-Sign Act) became law on June 30, 2000, providing that electronic signatures have the same legal effect as handwritten signatures and establishing a general rule that electronic records and signatures are valid for transactions in or affecting interstate or foreign commerce. The E-Sign Act allows the use of

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<sup>1</sup> Section 688.50, F.S.

electronic records to satisfy any statute, regulation, or rule of law requiring that such information be provided in writing, if the consumer has affirmatively consented to such use and has not withdrawn such consent.<sup>2</sup>

In September 2019, the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) announced the publication of a Final Rule establishing standards which states may allow for odometer disclosures in an electronic format. Odometer fraud is a federal crime and NHTSA rules have required sellers to disclose vehicle odometer readings at the time of sale for decades. However, most vehicle transfers have been subject to a requirement that odometer disclosures be made in a paper format with handwritten names and wet ink signatures. This Final Rule removes the paper requirement by allowing for electronic disclosure systems that have robust security and authentication. This action also removed the last remaining federal impediment to paperless motor vehicle transfers.<sup>3</sup>

### **Florida Requirements – Total Loss Vehicles and Vessels**

Florida law provides that an electronic signature that is consistent with Chapter 668, F.S., satisfies any signature that is required under s. 319.30 (3), F.S., in relation to the total loss of a vehicle or vessel, *except* that an electronic signature on an odometer disclosure that is submitted through an insurance company must be executed using an electronic signature, which uses a system providing an Identity Assurance Level, Authenticator Assurance Level, and Federal Assurance Level, as described in the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-63-3, as of December 1, 2017, which are equivalent to or greater than Level 2, for each level, for a certificate of destruction or for a salvage certificate of title.<sup>4</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill amends s. 319.30, F.S., to provide that an electronic signature that is consistent with Chapter 668, F.S., satisfies any signature that is required under s. 319.30(3), F.S., However, insurance companies must implement control processes and procedures which are acceptable to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to ensure that there is adequate identity verification and preservation, disposition, integrity, security, confidentiality, and audibility of electronic signatures.

The bill deletes the requirement that electronic signatures on odometer disclosures submitted through insurance companies to be executed in a certain manner. According to DHSMV, this change would simplify the process for insurance companies while still ensuring that electronic signatures are valid and secure.<sup>5</sup>

This provision puts Florida law in line with NHTSA's current guidelines regarding the use of electronic signatures.

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<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. ss. 7001, et seq.

<sup>3</sup> 49 C.F.R s. 580.5.

<sup>4</sup> Section 319.30, F.S.

<sup>5</sup> DHSMV, *2026 Legislative Bill Analysis: SB 684* (December 16, 2025) at p. 3 (on file with the Senate Committee on Transportation)

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The bill may result in indeterminate cost savings to the insurance industry associated with simplified electronic signature-related processes and procedures.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends section 319.30 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator McClain

9-00805A-26

2026684

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to electronic signatures associated with total loss vehicles and vessels; amending s. 319.30, F.S.; requiring insurance companies to implement certain control processes and procedures for certain electronic signatures; deleting a requirement that electronic signatures on odometer disclosures submitted through insurance companies be executed in a specified manner; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 319.30, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

319.30 Definitions; dismantling, destruction, change of identity of motor vehicle, vessel, or mobile home; salvage.—

(3)

(d) An electronic signature that is consistent with chapter 668 satisfies any signature required under this subsection.

However, insurance companies must implement control processes and procedures acceptable to the department to ensure adequate identity verification and preservation, disposition, integrity, security, confidentiality, and auditability of electronic signatures, except that an electronic signature on an odometer disclosure submitted through an insurance company must be executed using an electronic signature, as defined in s. 668.003(4), which uses a system providing an Identity Assurance Level, Authenticator Assurance Level, and Federation Assurance Level, as described in the National Institute of Standards and

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~~Technology Special Publication 800-63-3, as of December 1, 2017, which are equivalent to or greater than Level 2, for each level, for a certificate of destruction or for a salvage certificate of title.~~

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

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BILL: SB 880

INTRODUCER: Senator Jones

SUBJECT: Specialty License Plates/Miami Northwestern Alumni Association

DATE: January 16, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1. Shutes	Vickers	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2. _____	_____	ATD	_____
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**I. Summary:**

SB 880 authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to create a new specialty license plate for the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association. The annual use fee for the plate is \$25.

Proceeds of the sale of the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association specialty license plate will be distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. to fund need-based scholarships, academic programs, and athletic programs for the benefit of Miami Northwestern Senior High School students and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Performing and Visual Arts Center. Up to 10 percent of the funds from the sale of the plate can be used for administrative and marketing costs.

The DHSMV has not submitted a bill analysis for SB 880, but according to submitted analyses for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session, the fiscal impact associated with the implementation of new specialty license plates is \$8,160.

The bill takes effect October 1, 2026.

**II. Present Situation:**

**Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. and Miami Northwestern Senior High School**

Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. is a Florida not-for-profit corporation registered with the Florida Department of State.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Florida Department of State: Division of Corporations, *Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc.* Sunbiz.org, Document number N17000004247 (January 13, 2026).

Miami Northwestern Senior High School is a four-year public high school with a student population of 1,425 students in grades 9–12 located in the Liberty City neighborhood of Miami.<sup>2</sup> The school’s website provides that “Miami Northwestern Senior High is dedicated to assisting every student with authoring their page in the Bulls’ rich legacy of pride, tradition, and excellence since 1955.”<sup>3</sup>

The mission of the Performing and Visual Arts Program at Miami Northwestern Senior High School is to “assure that all students have the opportunity to develop their artistic, creative, and physical abilities research-based instructional strategies, technology-infused instruction, career path exploration, community service opportunities, real-world learning, enhanced parental involvement, and programs which include partnerships, talents, skill and abilities in a challenging, safe, and nurturing environment.”<sup>4</sup>

### **Specialty License Plates**

According to DHSMV, as of October 2025, there are 132 specialty license plates authorized by the Legislature. Of these plates, 118 are available for immediate purchase and 14 are in the presale process.<sup>5</sup> Specialty license plates are available to an owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is willing to pay an annual use fee, ranging from \$15 to \$25, paid in addition to required license taxes and service fees.<sup>6</sup> The annual use fees are distributed to organizations in support of a particular cause or charity signified on the plate’s design and designated in statute.<sup>7</sup>

In order to establish a specialty license plate (after the plate is approved by law) s. 320.08053, F.S., requires the following actions within certain timelines:

- Within 60 days, the organization must submit an art design for the plate, in a medium prescribed by the DHSMV;
- Within 120 days, the DHSMV must establish a method to issue presale vouchers for the specialty license plate; and
- Within 24 months after the presale vouchers are established, the organization must obtain a minimum of 3,000 voucher sales before manufacturing of the plate may begin.<sup>8</sup>

If the minimum sales requirement has not been met by the end of the 24-month presale period, then the DHSMV will discontinue the plate and issuance of presale vouchers.<sup>9</sup> Upon

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<sup>2</sup> Miami Northwestern Senior High School., [Home - School Profile - Miami Northwestern Senior High School](#), (last visited January 13, 2026).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> Email from Jonas Marquez, Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, RE: Specialty License Plates (November 25, 2025).

<sup>6</sup> Section 320.08056(3)(d), F.S., provides that except if specifically provided in s. 320.08056(4), the annual use fee for a specialty license plate is \$25.

<sup>7</sup> Section 320.08058, F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Chapter 2022-189, Laws of Fla., extended the presale requirement by an additional 24 months for an approved specialty license plate organization that, as of June 15, 2022, is in the presale period but had not recorded at least 3,000 voucher sales.

<sup>9</sup> Section 320.08058(3), F.S., provides that any collegiate plate established after October 1, 2002, must comply with the requirements of s. 320.08053, F.S., other than the presale voucher requirements in s. 320.08053(2)(b), F.S., and be specifically authorized by the Legislature.

discontinuation, a purchaser of a presale voucher may use the annual use fee as a credit towards any other specialty license plate or apply for a refund with the DHSMV.<sup>10</sup>

New specialty license plates that have been approved by law but are awaiting issuance will be issued in the order they appear in s. 320.08058, F.S., provided that presale requirements have been met. If the next listed specialty license plate has not met the presale requirement, the DHSMV will proceed in the order provided in s. 320.08058, F.S., to identify the next qualified specialty license plate that has met the presale requirement.<sup>11</sup>

If the Legislature has approved 135 or more specialty license plates, the DHSMV may not make any new specialty license plates available for design or issuance until a sufficient number of plates are discontinued so that the number of plates being issued does not exceed 135.<sup>12</sup>

### **Use of Specialty License Plate Fees**

The annual use fees collected by an organization and any interest earned from the fees may be expended only for use in this state unless the annual use fee is derived from the sale of specified United States Armed Forces and veterans-related specialty plates.<sup>13</sup> Additionally, organizations must adhere to certain accountability requirements, including an annual audit or attestation document affirming that funds received have been spent in accordance with applicable statutes.<sup>14</sup>

The annual use fees collected by an organization and the interest earned from those fees may not be used for commercial or for-profit activities, or general or administrative expenses, unless authorized by s. 320.08058, F.S.<sup>15</sup> Additionally, the annual use fees and interest earned from those fees may not be used for the purpose of marketing to, or lobbying, entertaining, or rewarding, any employee of a governmental agency that is responsible for the sale and distribution of specialty license plates, or any elected member or employee of the Legislature.<sup>16</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill amends s. 320.08058, F.S., to authorize the DHSMV to create a new specialty license plate for the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association. The annual use fee for the plate is \$25. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the DHSMV, with the word “Florida” at the top of the plate and the words “Miami Northwestern Alumni Association” at the bottom of the plate.

Proceeds of the sale of the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association specialty license plate will be distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. The organization may use up to 10 percent of the proceeds for marketing and promotion of the plate. Thereafter, the annual use fees from the sale of the plate will be distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni

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<sup>10</sup> Section 320.08053(2)(b), F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Section 320.08053(3)(a), F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Section 320.08053(3)(b), F.S.

<sup>13</sup> Section 320.08056(10)(a), F.S.

<sup>14</sup> Section 320.08062, F.S.; Such fees may be used to pay for the cost of this required audit or report. See s. 320.08056(10)(a), F.S.

<sup>15</sup> Section 320.08056(10)(a), F.S.

<sup>16</sup> Section 320.08056(11), F.S.



Association, Inc., to fund need-based scholarships, academic programs, and athletic programs for the benefit of Miami Northwestern Senior High School students and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Performing and Visual Arts Center.

The bill takes effect October 1, 2026.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

If the specialty license plate is produced, the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc. will receive annual use fees associated with sales of the plate.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The DHSMV has not submitted a bill analysis for SB 880, but according to submitted analyses for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session, the fiscal impact associated with the implementation of new specialty license plates is \$8,160.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill amends section 320.08058 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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By Senator Jones

34-00165-26

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; directing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to develop a Miami Northwestern Alumni Association license plate; specifying design elements for the plate; providing for distribution and use of fees collected from the sale of the plate; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (136) is added to section 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

(136) MIAMI NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.—

(a) The department shall develop a Miami Northwestern Alumni Association license plate as provided in this section and s. 320.08053. The plate must bear the colors and design approved by the department. The word "Florida" must appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Miami Northwestern Alumni Association" must appear at the bottom of the plate.

(b) The annual use fees from the sale of the plate must be distributed to the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc., which may use up to 10 percent of the fees for administrative costs and marketing of the plate. The balance of the fees must be used by the Miami Northwestern Alumni Association, Inc., to fund academic programs, athletic programs, and need-based scholarships for the benefit of Miami Northwestern Senior High

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School students and the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Performing and Visual Arts Center.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Transportation

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BILL: SB 1080

INTRODUCER: Senator DiCeglie

SUBJECT: Transportation

DATE: January 16, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Johnson	Vickers	TR	<b>Pre-meeting</b>
2.			CM	
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**I. Summary:**

SB 1080 authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to make direct payments to a first-tier subcontractor if specified conditions are met, with the amount paid to the subcontractor deducted from the amount paid to the contractor.

The bill also provides that, if in the event of a contract default, FDOT engages the surety to complete the contracted work, the surety's completion contractor must meet the same prequalification requirements as in the original contract and that the surety must follow specified procedures regarding the payment of subcontractors.

This bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local government entities.

This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

**II. Present Situation:**

**Florida Department of Transportation Contracting Authority**

Section 337.11, F.S., authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to enter into contracts for the construction and maintenance of roads and related facilities under its jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>

Every contract let by FDOT for the performance of work must require the prime contractor, before receiving any progress payment under such contract, to certify that the prime contractor has disbursed to all of its subcontractors and suppliers their pro rata shares of the payment out of previous progress payments received by the prime contractor for all work completed and

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<sup>1</sup> Section 337.11(1), F.S.

materials furnished in the previous period,<sup>2</sup> as FDOT approved payment. FDOT may not make any such progress payment before receiving such certification, unless the contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any such required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both FDOT and the affected subcontractors and suppliers.<sup>3</sup>

Every contract let by FDOT for the performance of work must require the prime contractor, within 30 days of receipt of the final progress payment or any other payments received thereafter except the final payment, to pay all of its subcontractors and suppliers their pro rata shares of the payment for all work completed and materials furnished, unless the contractor demonstrates good cause for not making any such required payment and furnishes written notification of any such good cause to both FDOT and the affected subcontractors or suppliers within such 30-day period.<sup>4</sup>

### **Surety Bonds for FDOT's Construction and Maintenance Contracts**

Section 337.18, F.S., requires a surety bond of the successful bidder in an amount equal to the awarded contract price for a FDOT contract. However, in limited circumstances, FDOT has the discretion to authorize phased bonding or waive all or a portion of the bond requirement.<sup>5</sup>

FDOT's contracts must provide for the determination of default on the part of any contractor for cause attributable to such contractor. FDOT is not liable for anticipated profits for unfinished work on a contract which it has determined to be in default.<sup>6</sup>

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

**Section 1** amends s. 337.11, F.S. to authorize FDOT to make direct payments to first-tier subcontractors if the following conditions are met:

- The contractor has not requested payment from FDOT for at least six months.
- There is a binding, written subcontract between the contractor and the subcontractor, and FDOT is in possession of a complete copy of the contract.
- The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by the subcontractor, and FDOT has sufficient documentation of such unpaid work.
- There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the contractor and the subcontractor.

The amounts FDOT pays to the subcontractor must be deducted from amounts otherwise due to the contractor.

**Section 2** amends s. 337.18(6), F.S., to provide that if FDOT declares a default on the part of a contractor for cause attributable to the contractor and engages the surety to perform pursuant to the surety bond, FDOT and the surety must enter into a takeover agreement requiring the surety's completion contractor to meet the prequalification requirements in the original contract's bid

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<sup>2</sup> This is less any retainage withheld by the prime contractor pursuant to an agreement with a subcontractor.

<sup>3</sup> Section 337.11(11)(a), F.S.

<sup>4</sup> Section 337.11(11)(b), F.S.

<sup>5</sup> Section 337.18(1)(a), F.S.

<sup>6</sup> Section 337.18(2), F.S.

solicitation. The bill also requires the surety to follow the contract's procedures regarding the completion contractor default and certification of disbursement of payment to the subcontractors.

**Section 3** provides that this bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

#### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

**B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

**C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

**D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

**E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None identified.

#### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

The provision authorizing FDOT to pay subcontractors under specified circumstances may have a positive fiscal impact on such subcontractors. However, the fiscal impact is indeterminate.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

None.

#### **VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

Section 1 of the bill may need to be clarified regarding whether or not FDOT's payments to the contractor and any dispute between the contractor and the subcontractor apply for all projects or for the specific project in which the subcontractor is requesting payment.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 337.11 and 337.18.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.

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The Committee on Transportation (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of  
section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:

337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency  
repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined  
design and construction contracts; progress payments; records;  
requirements of vehicle registration.—





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(d)1. The department shall adopt rules establishing circumstances under which it may make direct payments to a first-tier subcontractor. Such circumstances must include all of the following:

a. The contractor has not requested payment from the department in the past 6 months.

b. There is a binding, written subcontract between the contractor and the subcontractor, and the department is in possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.

c. The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by the contractor, and the department has sufficient documentation of such unpaid work.

d. There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the contractor and the subcontractor.

2. Amounts paid by the department pursuant to rules adopted under this paragraph must be deducted from amounts otherwise due to the contractor.

Section 2. Present subsection (6) of section 337.18, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

(6) If, due to a default by the contractor, the department and the surety enter into a takeover agreement, such agreement must require the surety's completion contractor to meet the certification of qualification requirements of the original contract bid solicitation and follow the contract's procedures



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40 regarding certification of disbursement of payment to  
41 subcontractors.

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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44 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

45 And the title is amended as follows:

46 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
47 and insert:

48 A bill to be entitled

49 An act relating to transportation; amending s. 337.11,  
50 F.S.; requiring the Department of Transportation to  
51 adopt rules establishing circumstances under which it  
52 may make direct payments to a first-tier  
53 subcontractor; requiring that amounts paid to such  
54 subcontractor be deducted from amounts otherwise due  
55 to the contractor; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; requiring  
56 that a takeover agreement between the department and a  
57 surety require the surety's completion contractor to  
58 meet certain requirements and follow certain contract  
59 procedures; providing an effective date.

By Senator DiCeglie

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to make direct payments to a first-tier subcontractor under certain circumstances; requiring that amounts paid to such subcontractor be deducted from amounts due the contractor; amending s. 337.18, F.S.; requiring the department and a surety to enter into a takeover agreement that requires the surety's completion contractor to meet certain requirements and that requires the surety to follow certain contract procedures when the surety is engaged by the department under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (11) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, to read:

337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined design and construction contracts; progress payments; records; requirements of vehicle registration.—

(11)

(d)1. The department may make direct payments to a first-tier subcontractor if the following conditions are met:

a. The contractor has not requested payment from the department for at least 6 months.

b. There is a binding, written subcontract between the

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contractor and the subcontractor, and the department is in possession of a complete copy of the subcontract.

c. The subcontractor has performed work that is unpaid by the contractor, and the department has sufficient documentation of such unpaid work.

d. There is no bona fide, documented dispute between the contractor and the subcontractor.

2. Amounts paid by the department pursuant to this paragraph must be deducted from amounts otherwise due the contractor.

Section 2. Present subsection (6) of section 337.18, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (7), and a new subsection (6) is added to that section, to read:

337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

(6) If the department declares a default on the part of a contractor for cause attributable to the contractor and engages the surety to perform pursuant to the terms of the bond, the department and the surety must enter into a takeover agreement requiring the surety's completion contractor to meet the prequalification requirements of the original contract bid solicitation and requiring the surety to follow the contract's procedures regarding the completion contractor default and certification of disbursement of payment to subcontractors.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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