

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
Senator Bennett, Chair
Senator Norman, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Monday, January 30, 2012
TIME: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
PLACE: Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

MEMBERS: Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Norman, Vice Chair; Senators Gibson, Richter, Ring, Storms, Thrasher, and Wise

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	CS/SB 1568 Health Regulation / Gaetz / Garcia (Compare CS/CS/H 711, H 895, S 464)	Sale or Lease of a County, District, or Municipal Hospital; Requiring the governing board of a county, district, or municipal hospital to evaluate the possible benefits to an affected community from the sale or lease of a hospital facility owned by the board to a not-for-profit or for-profit entity within a specified time period; specifying the factors that must be considered by the governing board before accepting a proposal to sell or lease the hospital; providing that the purposes for which a special taxing district may appropriate funds from the sale or lease of a hospital include the promotion and support of economic growth in the district and county in which the taxing district is located and the furthering of the purposes of the taxing district, etc. HR 01/19/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/30/2012 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
2	SB 1868 Gardiner	Federal Grants; Requiring a county, municipality, or special district to identify and disclose the unfunded, long-term costs of a project funded by a federal grant; authorizing a person to file a civil action to enforce the disclosure of unfunded, long-term costs of a county, municipality, or special district project funded by a federal grant; requiring the court to assess reasonable costs, including attorney fees, against the county, municipality, or special district if the court finds that the county, municipality, or special district did not disclose the unfunded costs of a project funded by a federal grant; providing an exception for federal grants associated with natural disasters, grants involving the Federal Emergency Management Agency, grants received from the Department of Homeland Security, or Medicaid funds, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Fav/CS JU BC	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 1

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3	SB 1724 Alexander (Identical H 4029)	Mosquito Control Districts; Repealing provisions relating to certain powers of the board of county commissioners to hold, control, acquire, or purchase real or personal property, condemn land or easements, exercise the right of eminent domain, and institute and maintain condemnation proceedings for a mosquito control district, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Favorable	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
4	SB 480 Dean (Similar H 573)	Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Parks; Specifying laws and rules to be enforced by the Department of Health; revising applicability of recreational vehicle park requirements to mobile home parks; providing for an annual operating permit fee to be charged to operators of certain parks or camps; providing that an operator of a mobile home park, lodging park, recreational vehicle park, or recreational camp who refuses to pay the operating permit fee required by law or who fails, neglects, or refuses to obtain an operating permit for the park commits a misdemeanor of the second degree; providing requirements for the establishment of separation and setback distances, etc. HR 01/12/2012 Favorable CA 01/30/2012 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
5	SB 806 Dean (Identical H 371)	Enterprise Zones; Authorizing Citrus County to apply to the Department of Economic Opportunity for designation of an enterprise zone; providing an application deadline and requirements; authorizing the department to designate an enterprise zone in Citrus County; requiring the department to establish the effective date of the enterprise zone, etc. CM 01/19/2012 Favorable CA 01/30/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
6	SB 760 Hays (Similar H 1063, Identical H 4025)	Local Business Taxes; Repealing ch. 205, F.S., which established the Local Business Tax Act, etc. CA 01/23/2012 Temporarily Postponed CA 01/30/2012 Temporarily Postponed CU BC	Temporarily Postponed

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7	SJR 720 Garcia (Similar HJR 349)	Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize amendments or revisions to the home rule charter of Miami-Dade County by special law approved by a vote of the electors; providing requirements for a bill proposing such a special law; authorizing the Miami-Dade County charter to provide for fixed term limits of commissioners, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Favorable JU BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
8	SJR 1740 Garcia (Identical HJR 169, Compare H 357, Link S 1738)	Additional Homestead Tax Exemption; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding the assessed value of the property to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for a specified duration, who has attained age 65, and whose household income does not exceed a specified amount, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Favorable JU BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
9	SB 1738 Garcia (Identical H 357, Compare HJR 169, Link SJR 1740)	Homestead Exemptions For Seniors; Authorizing the board of county commissioners of any county or the governing authority of any municipality to adopt an ordinance granting an additional homestead tax exemption up to the assessed value of the property to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for a specified duration, who has attained age 65, and whose household income does not exceed a specified amount; providing for annual cost-of-living adjustments of the household-income limitation relating to such additional homestead exemption, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Favorable JU BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
10	SJR 838 Diaz de la Portilla (Similar CS/HJR 55)	Homestead Assessment Limitation/Low-income Senior Citizens; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize counties and municipalities to limit the assessed value of the homesteads of certain low-income senior citizens, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Favorable JU BC	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 0

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11	SB 1460 Simmons (Compare CS/H 673)	Preference in Award of State Contracts; Expanding provisions that authorize an agency, county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision of the state to provide preferential consideration to a Florida business in awarding competitively bid contracts to purchase personal property to include the purchase of construction services; providing that for specified competitive solicitations the authority to grant preference supersedes any local ordinance or regulation which grants preference to specified vendors; requiring a county, municipality, school district, or other political subdivision to make specified disclosures in competitive solicitation documents, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Favorable ED GO BC	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 1
12	CS/SB 354 Transportation / Simmons (Similar H 219)	Seminole County Expressway Authority; Citing this act as the Seminole County Expressway Authority Law; creating the Seminole County Expressway Authority; prohibiting an entity or body or another authority from exercising jurisdiction, control, authority, or power over an expressway system in Seminole County without the consent of the Seminole County Expressway Authority; requiring notice of public hearing and an opportunity for municipal officials and residents to discuss and advise the authority; providing for the issuance of bonds; providing for lease-purchase agreements between the Department of Transportation and the authority; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use funds for the operation of the authority and to generate preparatory information necessary for an expressway system; authorizing the authority to acquire land and properties, etc. TR 01/09/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/23/2012 Temporarily Postponed CA 01/30/2012 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0
13	SJR 1070 Ring (Similar HJR 785)	Term Limits/Constitutional County Officers and County Commissioners; Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the imposition of term limits on constitutional county officers and county commissioners when provided by county charter, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Fav/CS JU	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 0

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14	CS/SB 670 Judiciary / Ring (Identical CS/H 671)	Liens on Real Property; Providing that a lien imposed on real property by a governmental or quasi-governmental entity for certain purposes, other than a lien for taxes, non-ad valorem or special assessments, or utilities, is not valid against a creditor or subsequent purchasers unless the lien is recorded; specifying the required contents of the recorded notice of lien, etc. JU 01/19/2012 Fav/CS CA 01/30/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
15	SB 1322 Norman (Similar H 997)	Local Requirements for Dangerous Dogs; Removing the provision that exempts local ordinances adopted before a specified date from the prohibition on ordinances that are specific to breed or that lessen state restrictions governing dangerous dogs, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Favorable GO BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 0
16	SB 1182 Norman (Identical H 933)	Public Housing; Providing that access to essential commercial goods and services for persons of low income served by housing authorities is a public use; revising the definition of the term "housing project"; defining the term "essential commercial goods and services"; prohibiting the use of eminent domain for certain purposes; revising and providing findings and declarations of property of tax exemption for housing authorities relating to access to essential commercial goods and services necessary for daily living for persons of low income, etc. CA 01/30/2012 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 6 Nays 0
17	SB 294 Bennett (Identical H 201)	Enterprise Zones/Charlotte County; Authorizing Charlotte County to apply to the Department of Economic Opportunity for designation of an enterprise zone; providing application requirements; authorizing the department to designate an enterprise zone in Charlotte County; requiring that the department establish the initial effective date for the enterprise zone, etc. CM 01/19/2012 Favorable CA 01/30/2012 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 6 Nays 0

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