

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**

**Senator Latvala, Chair**  
**Senator Sobel, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30 —5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Latvala, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Braynon, Clemens, Diaz de la Portilla, Flores, Gardiner, Joyner, Lee, Legg, Soto, and Thrasher

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<b>Board of Architecture and Interior Design</b>			
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	Korelishn, Albert C. (Pompano Beach)	10/31/2013	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
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	Winker, Wade G. (Leesburg)	10/31/2014	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
<b>Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board</b>			
5	Flaherty, Brian (Palm Harbor)	10/31/2015	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
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6	Anderson, Jean W. (Tallahassee)	09/30/2015	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
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<b>Board of Nursing</b>			
9	Connors, Leonard J. (Plant City)	10/31/2014	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
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<b>Board of Nursing Home Administrators</b>			
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	Risch, Lorena (Lakewood Ranch)	10/31/2014	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
<b>Board of Physical Therapy Practice</b>			
12	Lohr, Clint E. (Cantonment)	10/31/2013	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
<b>Board of Pilot Commissioners</b>			
13	Bryson, Eric C. (Atlantic Beach)	10/31/2013	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
	Fernandez, John R. (Pinecrest)	10/31/2014	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
	Ulrich, David T. (Ft. Lauderdale)	10/31/2015	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
<b>Tampa Port Authority</b>			
14	Brown, William A. (Tampa)	11/15/2015	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
	Lindell, Carl, Jr. (Tampa)	11/14/2014	Recommend Confirm Yeas 12 Nays 0
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20	Workshop on Election Reform		Discussed
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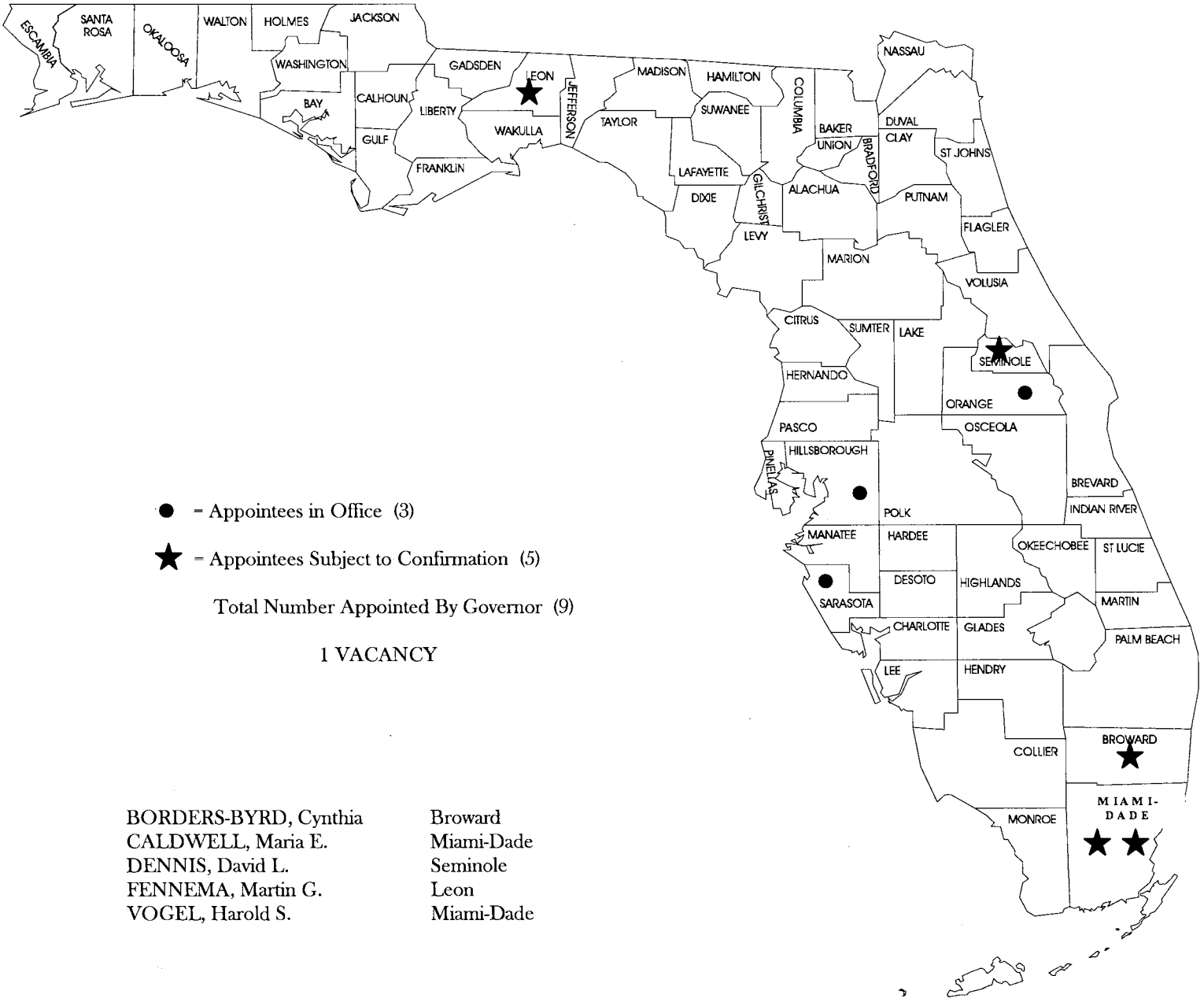
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# Board of Accountancy



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Borders-Byrd, Cynthia

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 11/08/2011 - 10/31/2015

City/County: Lauderhill/Broward

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member

Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/14/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Managing Member of C Borders-Byrd, CPA LLC

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 13 meetings (100%) from November 8, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:

- Seven members who are certified public accountants who are licensed in this state and practiced public accounting in this state on a substantially full-time basis for at least five years; and
- Two lay members who are not and have never been certified public accountants or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

At least one member of the board must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Certified Public Accountant

Number 15 - Ms. Borders-Byrd is a managing member of an accounting firm that provides consulting and auditing services to various government agencies.

Number 19 - Ms. Borders-Byrd was an auditor for the Office of the Auditor General from 7/80-11/83. She was employed by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as an auditor from 11/83-8/84.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Caldwell, Maria E.

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

City/County: Miami/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member

Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Prior Term: 11/08/2011 - 10/31/2015

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/9/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Audit Director at Deloitte & Touche LLP

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 13 meetings (100%) from November 8, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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At least one member of the board must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Certified Public Accountant  
Number 15 - Mrs. Caldwell's employer, an accounting firm, is an auditing and consulting service provider to government agencies.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Dennis, David L.

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

City/County: Longwood/Seminole

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member

Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Prior Term: 08/15/2011 - 10/31/2014

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/23/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Partner at KPMG LLP

**Attendance:** Attended 12 of 13 meetings (92%) from August 15, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:

- Seven members who are certified public accountants who are licensed in this state and practiced public accounting in this state on a substantially full-time basis for at least five years; and
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At least one member of the board must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Certified Public Accountant  
Number 15 - Mr. Dennis has disclosed that his firm, KPMG, LLP, provides contract accounting services to various state government agencies, state universities, and local county and municipal government agencies.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Fennema, Martin G.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 08/15/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member

Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/24/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Professor at The Florida State University

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 13 meetings (100%) from August 15, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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**Notes:** Number 8 - Certified Public Accountant  
Number 19 - Dr. Fennema is currently the Chairman of the Accounting Department at the Florida State University and has been a Professor there since 1993.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Vogel, Harold S., Esquire

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

City/County: Key Biscayne/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member

Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Prior Term: 08/15/2011 - 10/31/2014

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
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2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 4/25/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Lawyer/Partner at Wilson Elser, et al.

**Attendance:** Attended 11 of 13 meetings (85%) from August 15, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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- Two lay members who are not and have never been certified public accountants or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

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**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member

Number 19 - Mr. Vogel was an Adjunct Instructor at Florida International University from 2002 to 2009.



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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

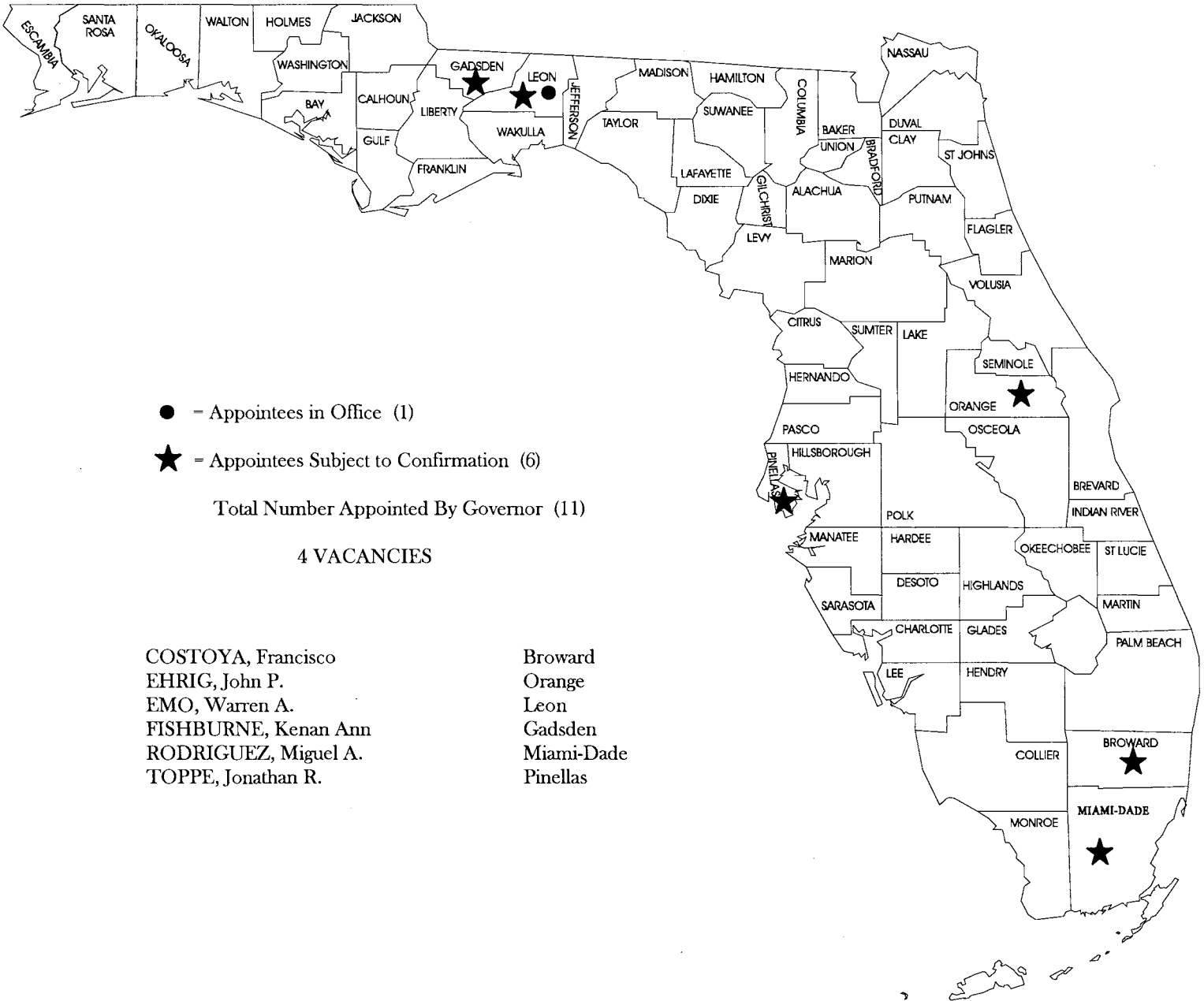
**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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# Board of Architecture and Interior Design



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Costoya, Francisco, Jr.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 11/08/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Plantation/Broward

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 4/30/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Architect, Frank Costoya, P.A. President, Colonnade Construction Group, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 9 of 10 meetings (90%) from November 8, 2011 through December 4, 2012.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of:

- Five registered architects who have been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least 5 years;
- Three registered interior designers who have been offering interior design services for at least 5 years and who are not also registered architects; and
- Three lay persons who are not and have never been architects, interior designers, or members of any closely related profession or occupation.
- At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Architect  
Number 19 - Mr. Costoya served on the Board of Code Enforcement for the City of Plantation Police Department from 2005 to 2011.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Emo, Warren A.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/21/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** EMO/Architects, INC.

**Attendance:** Attended 12 of 15 meetings (80%) from June 21, 2011 through December 4, 2012.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of:

- Five registered architects who have been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least 5 years;
- Three registered interior designers who have been offering interior design services for at least 5 years and who are not also registered architects; and
- Three lay persons who are not and have never been architects, interior designers, or members of any closely related profession or occupation.
- At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Architect  
Number 15 - EMO/Architects, Inc., which is the firm Mr. Emo serves as president, provides consultant work to government agencies.  
Number 18 - Mr. Emo served on the Task Force for the Study of Mixed Use Project Development and Privatization in the 1980s.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Fishburne, Kenan Ann

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 10/14/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Quincy/Gadsden

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 4/30/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Owner/Principal of Main Street Design, INC.

**Attendance:** Attended 9 of 12 meetings (75%) from October 14, 2011 through January 24, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of:

- Five registered architects who have been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least 5 years;
- Three registered interior designers who have been offering interior design services for at least 5 years and who are not also registered architects; and
- Three lay persons who are not and have never been architects, interior designers, or members of any closely related profession or occupation.
- At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Interior Designer  
Number 15 - Mrs. Fishburne is currently working as a consultant for the Florida Governor's Mansion.  
Number 19 - Mrs. Fishburne is currently an adjunct professor at The Florida State University, 2010-Present. In addition, Mrs. Fishburne was employed by the Florida House of Representatives from 1973-1978.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Rodriguez, Miguel A.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 12/15/2011 - 10/31/2015

City/County: Coral Gables/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/2/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Architect, Rodriguez Architects, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 9 of 10 meetings (90%) from December 15, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of:

- Five registered architects who have been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least 5 years;
- Three registered interior designers who have been offering interior design services for at least 5 years and who are not also registered architects; and
- Three lay persons who are not and have never been architects, interior designers, or members of any closely related profession or occupation.
- At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Architect

Number 15 - Mr. Rodriguez disclosed that as Co-Owner of his business there were various professional services agreements with the State or local government.

Number 18 - Mr. Rodriguez was a member of the Capitol Center Planning Commission, 8/99 - 8/01. Mr. Rodriguez previously served on the Architecture and Interior Design Board from 2003 to 2005. In addition, he served on the Bal Harbour Architecture Review Board in 2001 and the Coral Gables Board of Architects from 1994-1998.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Toppe, Jonathan R.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 12/15/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: St. Petersburg/Pinellas

Office: Board of Architecture and Interior Design, Member

Authority: 481.205, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/29/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Architect & Owner of Toppe Consultants, Inc. (Architecture, Planning & Consulting)

**Attendance:** Attended 10 of 10 meetings (100%) from December 15, 2011 through December 14, 2012.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of:

- Five registered architects who have been engaged in the practice of architecture for at least 5 years;
- Three registered interior designers who have been offering interior design services for at least 5 years and who are not also registered architects; and
- Three lay persons who are not and have never been architects, interior designers, or members of any closely related profession or occupation.
- At least one member of the board must be 60 years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Architect

Number 15 - Mr. Toppe indicated that his company is a contract service provider (architecture, consulting, and planning) to various county and municipal government agencies.

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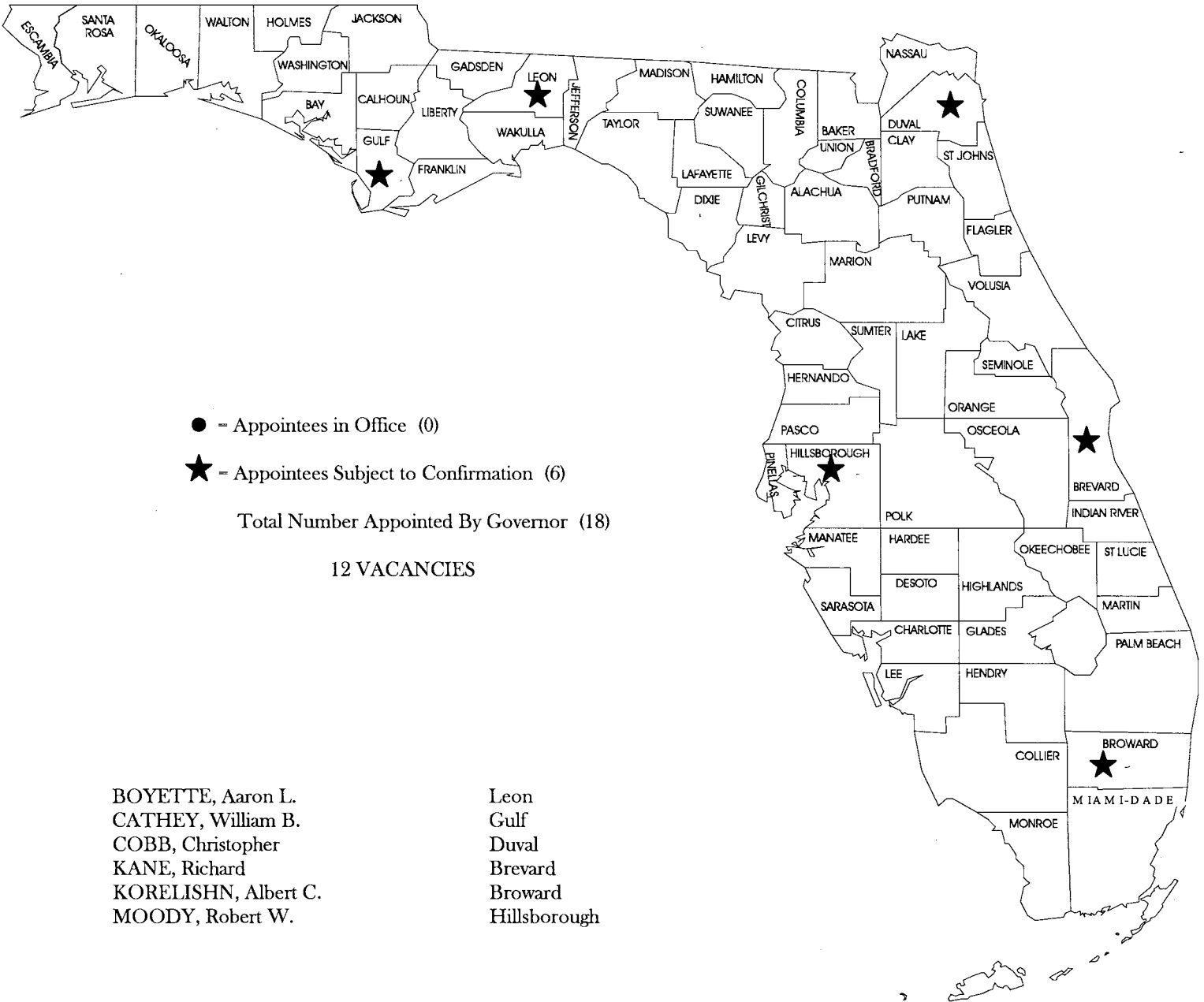
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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Construction Industry Licensing Board



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Cathey, William Brian

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Port St. Joe/Gulf

Office: Construction Industry Licensing Board, Member

Authority: 489.107, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)5, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/21/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** CEO of Preferred Care Partners

**Attendance:** Attended 23 of 31 meetings (74%) from June 21, 2011 through January 22, 2013.

**Attendance Notes:** Mr. Cathey disclosed on his questionnaire his absences were due to illness and birth of his child.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The board consists of eighteen members who are citizens and residents of the state as follows:

- Four members who are primarily general contractors;
- Three members who are primarily building contractors or residential contractors; however, there shall be at least one building contractor and one residential contractor;
- One member who is primarily a roofing contractor;
- One member who is primarily a sheet metal contractor;
- One member who is primarily an air conditioning contractor;
- One member who is primarily a mechanical contractor;
- One member who is primarily a pool contractor;
- One member who is primarily a plumbing contractor;
- One member who is primarily an underground utility and excavation contractor;
- Two members who are consumer members who are not, and who have never been, members or practitioners of a profession regulated by the board and have not been members of any closely related profession; and
- Two members who are building officials of a county or municipality.

Each of the contractor members must be certified by the board in the category to which they have been appointed, must be actively engaged in their respective trade, and have been so engaged for at least five consecutive years preceding the appointment.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - General Contractor

Number 15 - Cathey Construction & Development has had several construction contracts with various government agencies that include contracts with the Department of Health, the Department of Corrections, and the Florida Department of Military Affairs. In addition, Mr. Cathey's company had contracts for projects with the following counties: Gulf, Washington, Calhoun, Liberty, Jackson, and Bay; and the following cities: Panama City, Chattahoochee, Callaway, Marianna, Bonifay and Port St. Joe.

Number 19 - Mr. Cathey is a Volunteer Fireman for the Gulf County Fire Department, 2005-Present. In addition, he was a Volunteer Fireman for the City of Mexico Beach from 1995-1998.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Kane, Richard

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 10/05/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Melbourne/Brevard

Office: Construction Industry Licensing Board, Member

Authority: 489.107, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)5, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/7/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** General Contractor, Kane Contract Management

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 14 meetings (93%) from October 5, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The board consists of eighteen members who are citizens and residents of the state as follows:

- Four members who are primarily general contractors;
- Three members who are primarily building contractors or residential contractors; however, there shall be at least one building contractor and one residential contractor;
- One member who is primarily a roofing contractor;
- One member who is primarily a sheet metal contractor;
- One member who is primarily an air conditioning contractor;
- One member who is primarily a mechanical contractor;
- One member who is primarily a pool contractor;
- One member who is primarily a plumbing contractor;
- One member who is primarily an underground utility and excavation contractor;
- Two members who are consumer members who are not, and who have never been, members or practitioners of a profession regulated by the board and have not been members of any closely related profession; and
- Two members who are building officials of a county or municipality.

Each of the contractor members must be certified by the board in the category to which they have been appointed, must be actively engaged in their respective trade, and have been so engaged for at least five consecutive years preceding the appointment.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - General Contractor

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Korelishn, Albert C.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: Pompano Beach/Broward

Office: Construction Industry Licensing Board, Member

Authority: 489.107, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)5, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/25/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/25/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Plumber/Owner of Dixie Plumbing Service, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 18 of 18 meetings (100%) from June 21, 2011 through January 29, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The board consists of eighteen members who are citizens and residents of the state as follows:

- Four members who are primarily general contractors;
- Three members who are primarily building contractors or residential contractors; however, there shall be at least one building contractor and one residential contractor;
- One member who is primarily a roofing contractor;
- One member who is primarily a sheet metal contractor;
- One member who is primarily an air conditioning contractor;
- One member who is primarily a mechanical contractor;
- One member who is primarily a pool contractor;
- One member who is primarily a plumbing contractor;
- One member who is primarily an underground utility and excavation contractor;
- Two members who are consumer members who are not, and who have never been, members or practitioners of a profession regulated by the board and have not been members of any closely related profession; and
- Two members who are building officials of a county or municipality.

Each of the contractor members must be certified by the board in the category to which they have been appointed, must be actively engaged in their respective trade, and have been so engaged for at least five consecutive years preceding the appointment.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Korelishn served in the United States Air Force from 1959 to 1968.  
Number 8 - Plumbing Contractor  
Number 18 - Mr. Korelishn served on the Broward County Board of Rules and Appeals from 1980-2011.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Moody, Robert W., Jr.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 11/03/2011 - 10/31/2015

City/County: Valrico/Hillsborough

Office: Construction Industry Licensing Board, Member

Authority: 489.107, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)5, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/7/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/18/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Chief Operating Officer, URETEK Holdings, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 13 meetings (100%) from November 3, 2011 through January 29, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The board consists of eighteen members who are citizens and residents of the state as follows:

- Four members who are primarily general contractors;
- Three members who are primarily building contractors or residential contractors; however, there shall be at least one building contractor and one residential contractor;
- One member who is primarily a roofing contractor;
- One member who is primarily a sheet metal contractor;
- One member who is primarily an air conditioning contractor;
- One member who is primarily a mechanical contractor;
- One member who is primarily a pool contractor;
- One member who is primarily a plumbing contractor;
- One member who is primarily an underground utility and excavation contractor;
- Two members who are consumer members who are not, and who have never been, members or practitioners of a profession regulated by the board and have not been members of any closely related profession; and
- Two members who are building officials of a county or municipality.

Each of the contractor members must be certified by the board in the category to which they have been appointed, must be actively engaged in their respective trade, and have been so engaged for at least five consecutive years preceding the appointment.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Underground Utility Contractor.  
Number 15 - Mr. Moody is the C.O.O. of Uretek Holdings, Inc. and the company provides contractor/consulting services to the Florida Department of Transportation.

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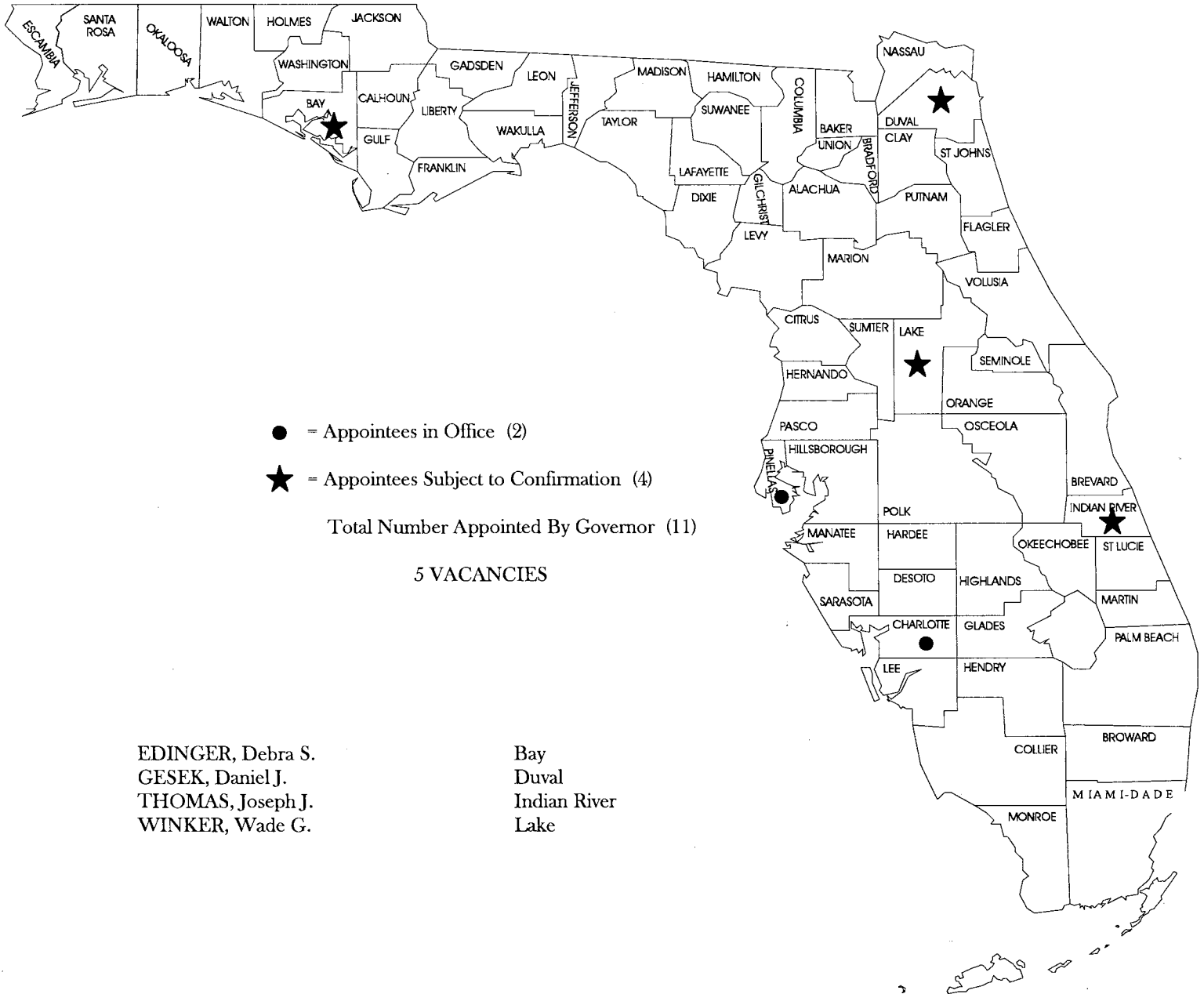
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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Dentistry





# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Gesek, Daniel J., Jr.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 11/02/2011 - 10/31/2015

City/County: Jacksonville/Duval

Office: Board of Dentistry, Member

Authority: 466.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)11, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/19/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Imray & Gesek, D.M.D., P.A., (Oral Surgeon)

**Attendance:** Attended 6 of 6 meetings (100%) from November 2, 2011 through January 3, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board, appointed by the Governor, consists of:

- Seven members who are licensed dentists actively engaged in the clinical practice of dentistry in this state and has practiced dentistry primarily as a clinical practitioner for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of appointment. The member must remain primarily in clinical practice during all subsequent periods of appointment.
- Two members who are licensed dental hygienists actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in this state, who have been so engaged for at least five years preceding their appointment;
- Two members who are lay persons who are not, and have never been, dentists, dental hygienists, or members of any closely related profession or occupation; and

At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

Each member of the board who is connected in any way with any dental college or community college must be in compliance with s. 456.007.

**Additional Requirements:** Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms, but may serve no more than a total of 10 years. Terms expire on October 31. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Dentist

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Thomas, Joseph J.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 08/17/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Vero Beach/Indian River

Office: Board of Dentistry, Member

Authority: 466.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)11, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/21/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/25/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Dentist, Heartland Dental Care

**Attendance:** Attended 7 of 8 meetings (88%) from August 17, 2011 through January 24, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board, appointed by the Governor, consists of:

- Seven members who are licensed dentists actively engaged in the clinical practice of dentistry in this state and has practiced dentistry primarily as a clinical practitioner for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of appointment. The member must remain primarily in clinical practice during all subsequent periods of appointment.
- Two members who are licensed dental hygienists actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in this state, who have been so engaged for at least five years preceding their appointment;
- Two members who are lay persons who are not, and have never been, dentists, dental hygienists, or members of any closely related profession or occupation; and

At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

Each member of the board who is connected in any way with any dental college or community college must be in compliance with s. 456.007.

**Additional Requirements:** Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms, but may serve no more than a total of 10 years. Terms expire on October 31. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Dentist

Number 9 - Dr. Thomas disclosed in his questionnaire that during a legal separation, the Court in its Ordered injunction had allowed him to take his children on a round trip to Portland Oregon. A neighbor notified the Indian River Sheriff's Department of Dr. Thomas' presence at the residence and he was arrested on July 2, 1996 in Indian River County. After the incident was investigated by the State Attorney's office, the alleged charge was dropped and the record was expunged. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) report did not indicate any violation.

Number 18 - Dr. Thomas served on the Board of Dentistry from 2006 to 2010. Dr. Thomas previously served as the Director for SCRIPPS Florida Funding Corporation, a two-year term beginning in 2003 and reappointed to a four year term beginning in 2005.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Winker, Wade G.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 08/17/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Leesburg/Lake

Office: Board of Dentistry, Member

Authority: 466.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)11, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/24/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	X		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Dentist

**Attendance:** Attended 8 of 8 meetings (100%) from August 17, 2011 through January 3, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board, appointed by the Governor, consists of:

- Seven members who are licensed dentists actively engaged in the clinical practice of dentistry in this state and has practiced dentistry primarily as a clinical practitioner for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date of appointment. The member must remain primarily in clinical practice during all subsequent periods of appointment.
- Two members who are licensed dental hygienists actively engaged in the practice of dental hygiene in this state, who have been so engaged for at least five years preceding their appointment;
- Two members who are lay persons who are not, and have never been, dentists, dental hygienists, or members of any closely related profession or occupation; and

At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

Each member of the board who is connected in any way with any dental college or community college must be in compliance with s. 456.007.

**Additional Requirements:** Members shall be appointed for 4-year terms, but may serve no more than a total of 10 years. Terms expire on October 31. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Dr. Winker served in the United States Navy from 1987 to 1991.  
Number 8 - Dentist  
Number 9 - Dr. Winker disclosed that he pled no contest to loitering in 1992 in Eustis and adjudication was withheld. This misdemeanor was reported by FDLE.

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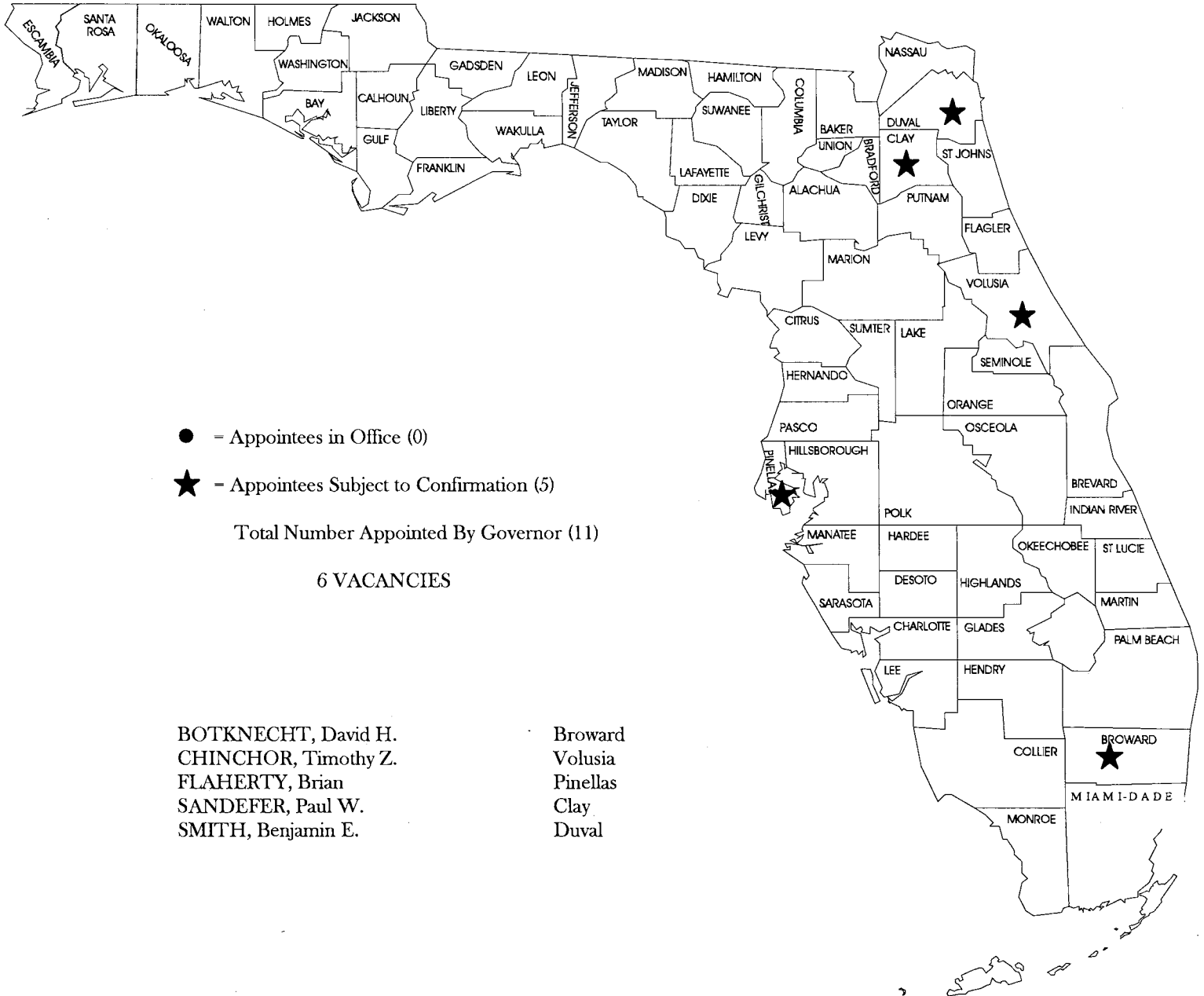
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**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Electrical Contractors Licensing Board





# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Flaherty, Brian

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 01/30/2012 - 10/31/2015

City/County: Palm Harbor/Pinellas

Office: Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, Member

Authority: 489.507, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)7, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/3/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12; See Below
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Electrical Contractor and Electrician (OPS) at the St. Petersburg College

**Attendance:** Attended 4 of 6 meetings (67%) from January 30, 2012 through January 15, 2013.

**Attendance Notes:** Mr. Flaherty had two excused absences. He explained to staff he was not present for one meeting due to the birth of twin granddaughters and the was not present for a second meeting because his mother was ill.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of persons who are citizens and residents of the state as follows:

- Seven members who are certified electrical contractors;
- Two members who are certified alarm system contractors I; and
- Two members who are lay persons who are not and have never been electrical contractors or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

Each of the contractor members must be certified by the board in the category with respect to which they have been appointed, be actively engaged in the construction business, and have been so engaged for a period of not fewer than five consecutive years prior to the date of appointment.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Electrical Contractor

Number 11 - The Commission on Ethics reported a complaint was filed against Mr. Flaherty in 2004. The complaint alleged Mr. Flaherty, while serving as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Pinellas County Housing Authority, used his public office to obtain a special privilege, a violation of s. 112.313(6), F.S. The Commission on Ethics dismissed this complaint on 1/2/04, because of legal insufficiency.

Number 18 - Mr. Flaherty served on the Pinellas County Housing Authority from 12/99-1/07. He was the Chairman of the Housing Authority from 2001-2006.

Number 19 - Mr. Flaherty is employed as an electrician (OPS position) for the St. Petersburg College 2011-Present.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Smith, Benjamin E.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: Jacksonville/Duval

Office: Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board, Member

Authority: 489.507, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)7, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/9/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** President of Marco Heating & Air Incorporated

**Attendance:** Attended 9 of 9 meetings (100%) from June 21, 2011 through January 7, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The eleven-member board consists of persons who are citizens and residents of the state as follows:

- Seven members who are certified electrical contractors;
- Two members who are certified alarm system contractors I; and
- Two members who are lay persons who are not and have never been electrical contractors or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

Each of the contractor members must be certified by the board in the category with respect to which they have been appointed, be actively engaged in the construction business, and have been so engaged for a period of not fewer than five consecutive years prior to the date of appointment.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Certified Electrical Contractor

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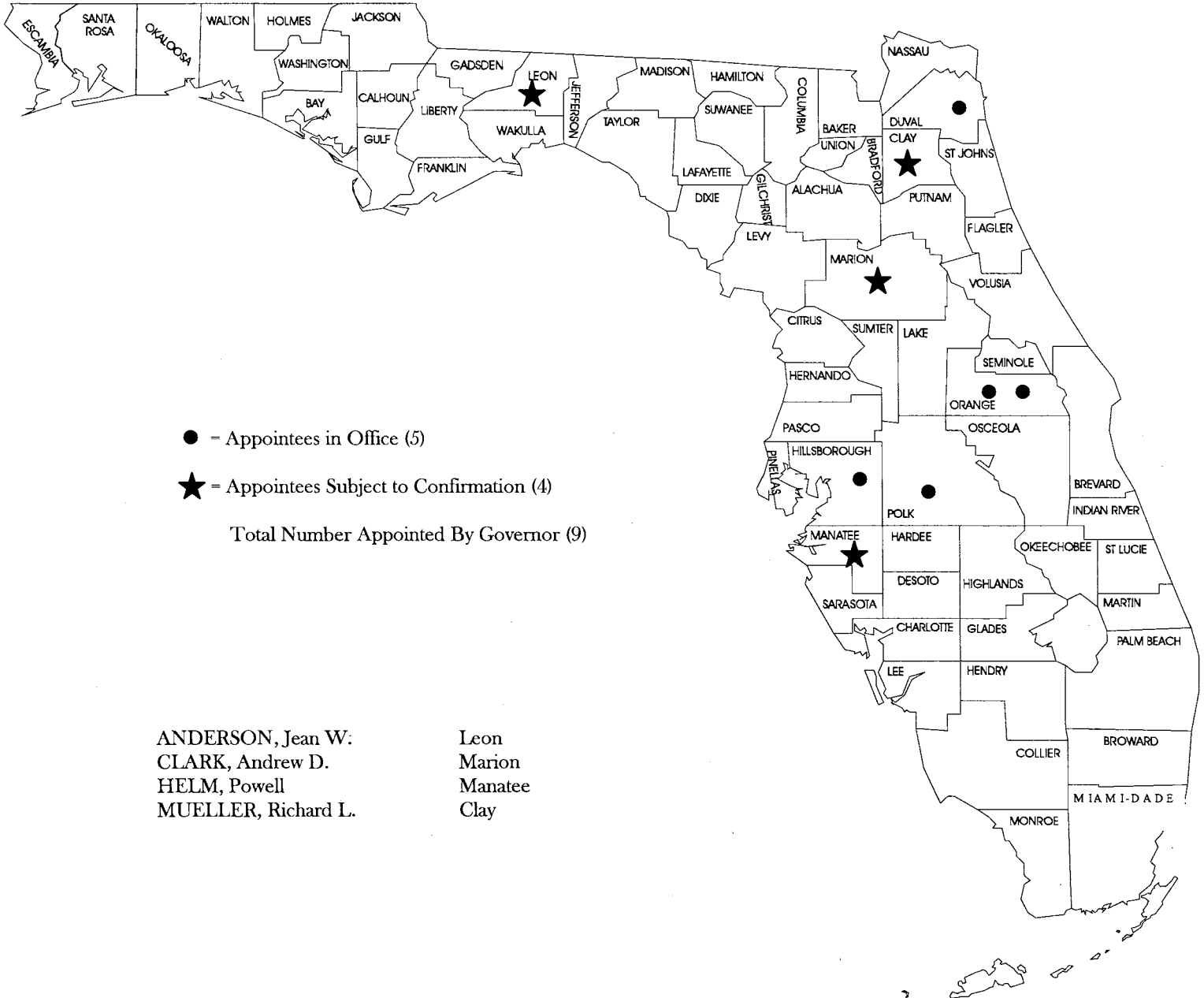
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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Anderson, Jean W.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 09/30/2015

Prior Term: 01/27/2012 - 09/30/2015

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, Member

Authority: 497.101, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/14/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Retired

**Attendance:** Attended 12 of 13 meetings (92%) from January 27, 2012 through December 17, 2012.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services consists of 10 members,

- Nine of whom shall be appointed by the Governor from nominations made by the Chief Financial Officer and confirmed by the Senate.

- One member must be the State Health Officer or her or his designee.

- Two members shall be funeral directors licensed under part III of this chapter who are associated with a funeral establishment.

- One member shall be a funeral director licensed under part III of this chapter who is associated with a funeral establishment licensed under part III of this chapter that has a valid preneed license issued pursuant to this chapter and who owns or operates a cinerator facility approved under chapter 403 and licensed under part VI of this chapter.

- Two members shall be persons whose primary occupation is associated with a cemetery company licensed pursuant to this chapter.

- Three members shall be consumers who are residents of the state have never been licensed as funeral directors or embalmers, are not connected with a cemetery or cemetery company licensed pursuant to this chapter, and are not connected with the death care industry or the practice of embalming, funeral directing, or direct disposition. One of the consumer members shall be at least 60 years of age and one shall be licensed as a certified public accountant under chapter 473.

One member of the board shall be a principal of a monument establishment licensed under this chapter as a monument builder.

There shall not be two or more board members who are principals or employees of the same company or partnership or group of companies or partnerships under common control.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. The State Health Officer shall serve as long as that person holds that office. The designee of the State Health Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. When the terms of the initial board members expire, the Chief Financial Officer shall stagger the terms of the successor members as follows: one funeral director, one cemetery representative, the monument dealer, and one consumer member appointed for terms of 2 years, and the remaining members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. All subsequent terms shall be for 4 years Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Consumer Member

Number 19 - Mrs. Anderson began her career with the State of Florida 6/1970 until retirement in 1996. She was last employed as a Supervisor, Bureau of Dispute Resolution, Division of Workers Compensation, 1/86-2/96.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Clark, Andrew D.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 09/30/2015

Prior Term: 12/02/2011 - 09/30/2015

City/County: Ocala/Marion

Office: Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, Member

Authority: 497.101, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/2/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Director of Operations, Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services and Highland Memorial Park

**Attendance:** Attended 12 of 14 meetings (86%) from December 2, 2011 through December 17, 2012.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services consists of 10 members,

- Nine of whom shall be appointed by the Governor from nominations made by the Chief Financial Officer and confirmed by the Senate.
  - One member must be the State Health Officer or her or his designee.
  - Two members shall be funeral directors licensed under part III of this chapter who are associated with a funeral establishment.
  - One member shall be a funeral director licensed under part III of this chapter who is associated with a funeral establishment licensed under part III of this chapter that has a valid preneed license issued pursuant to this chapter and who owns or operates a cinerator facility approved under chapter 403 and licensed under part VI of this chapter.
  - Two members shall be persons whose primary occupation is associated with a cemetery company licensed pursuant to this chapter.
  - Three members shall be consumers who are residents of the state have never been licensed as funeral directors or embalmers, are not connected with a cemetery or cemetery company licensed pursuant to this chapter, and are not connected with the death care industry or the practice of embalming, funeral directing, or direct disposition. One of the consumer members shall be at least 60 years of age and one shall be licensed as a certified public accountant under chapter 473.
- One member of the board shall be a principal of a monument establishment licensed under this chapter as a monument builder.

There shall not be two or more board members who are principals or employees of the same company or partnership or group of companies or partnerships under common control.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. The State Health Officer shall serve as long as that person holds that office. The designee of the State Health Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. When the terms of the initial board members expire, the Chief Financial Officer shall stagger the terms of the successor members as follows: one funeral director, one cemetery representative, the monument dealer, and one consumer member appointed for terms of 2 years, and the remaining members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. All subsequent terms shall be for 4 years Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Funeral Director/Funeral Services

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Helm, Powell

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 09/30/2015

Prior Term: 01/27/2012 - 9/30/2015

City/County: Bradenton/Manatee

Office: Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services, Member

Authority: 497.101, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/6/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** President of Helm Vault Service Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 13 meetings (100%) from January 27, 2012 through January 5, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The Board of Funeral, Cemetery, and Consumer Services consists of 10 members,

- Nine of whom shall be appointed by the Governor from nominations made by the Chief Financial Officer and confirmed by the Senate.

- One member must be the State Health Officer or her or his designee.

- Two members shall be funeral directors licensed under part III of this chapter who are associated with a funeral establishment.

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One member of the board shall be a principal of a monument establishment licensed under this chapter as a monument builder.

There shall not be two or more board members who are principals or employees of the same company or partnership or group of companies or partnerships under common control.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. The State Health Officer shall serve as long as that person holds that office. The designee of the State Health Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. When the terms of the initial board members expire, the Chief Financial Officer shall stagger the terms of the successor members as follows: one funeral director, one cemetery representative, the monument dealer, and one consumer member appointed for terms of 2 years, and the remaining members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. All subsequent terms shall be for 4 years Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Monument Dealer

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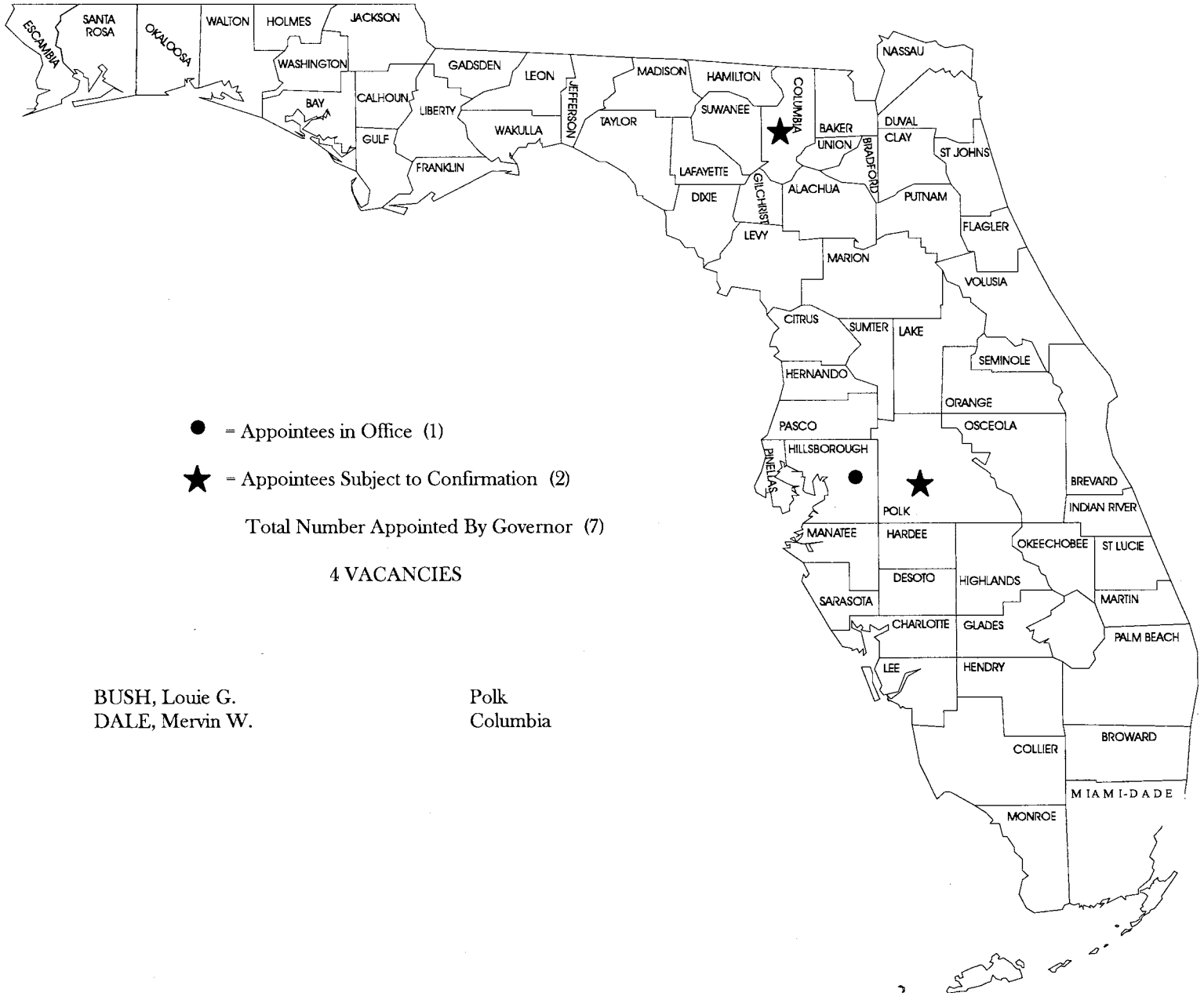
**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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# Board of Professional Geologists



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Dale, Mervin W.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 06/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: Fort White/Columbia

Office: Board of Professional Geologists, Member

Authority: 492.103, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)13, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/4/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Staff Scientist II for Environmental Consulting & Technology

**Attendance:** Attended 10 of 10 meetings (100%) from June 21, 2011 through January 7, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:

- Five members who are professional geologists; and
- Two laymembers who are not, and have never been, geologists or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

The Chief of the Bureau of Geology in the Department of Environmental Protection or the chief's designee, shall serve as an ex officio member.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Dale served in the U.S. Navy from 1981 to 1985.  
Number 8 - Professional Geologist  
Number 15 - Mr. Dale indicated his employer, Environmental Consulting Technology, provides contractual services to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



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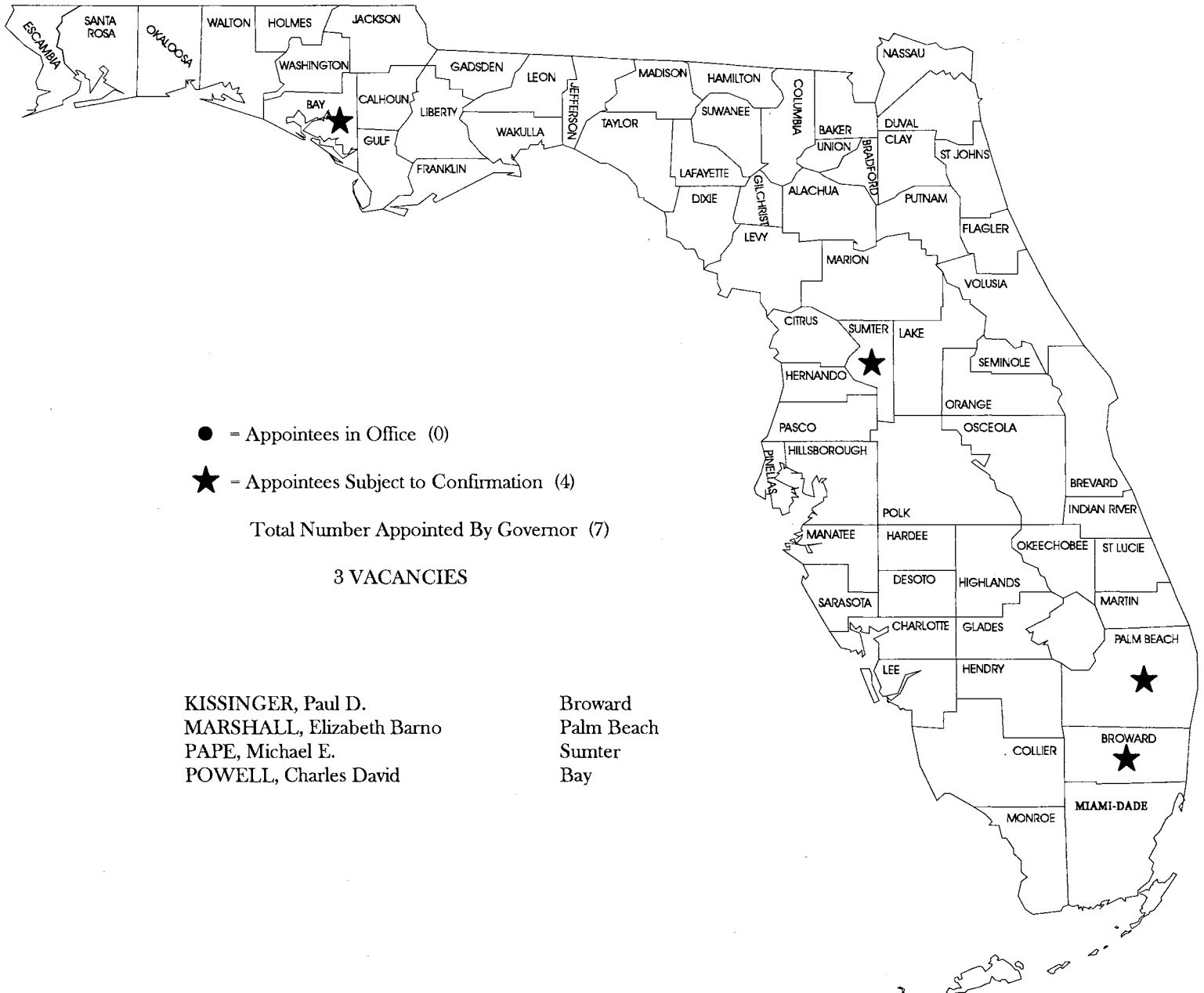
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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Landscape Architecture



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Kissinger, Paul D.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 10/05/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Ft. Lauderdale/Broward

Office: Board of Landscape Architecture, Member

Authority: 481.305, F.S. & 10.165(4)(a)10, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/9/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/25/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Partner of EDSA Planning, Landscape Architecture and Urban Design

**Attendance:** Attended 4 of 5 meetings (80%) from October 5, 2011 through January 29, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:

- Five members who are registered landscape architects; and
- Two members who are lay persons who are not and have never been registered landscape architects or members of any closely related profession.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Landscape Architect

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Powell, Charles David

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 10/05/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Panama City/Bay

Office: Board of Landscape Architecture, Member

Authority: 481.305, F.S. & 10.165(4)(a)10, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/23/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Commercial Account Executive for Brown & Brown Insurance

**Attendance:** Attended 5 of 5 meetings (100%) from October 5, 2011 through January 22, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:

- Five members who are registered landscape architects; and
- Two members who are lay persons who are not and have never been registered landscape architects or members of any closely related profession.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member

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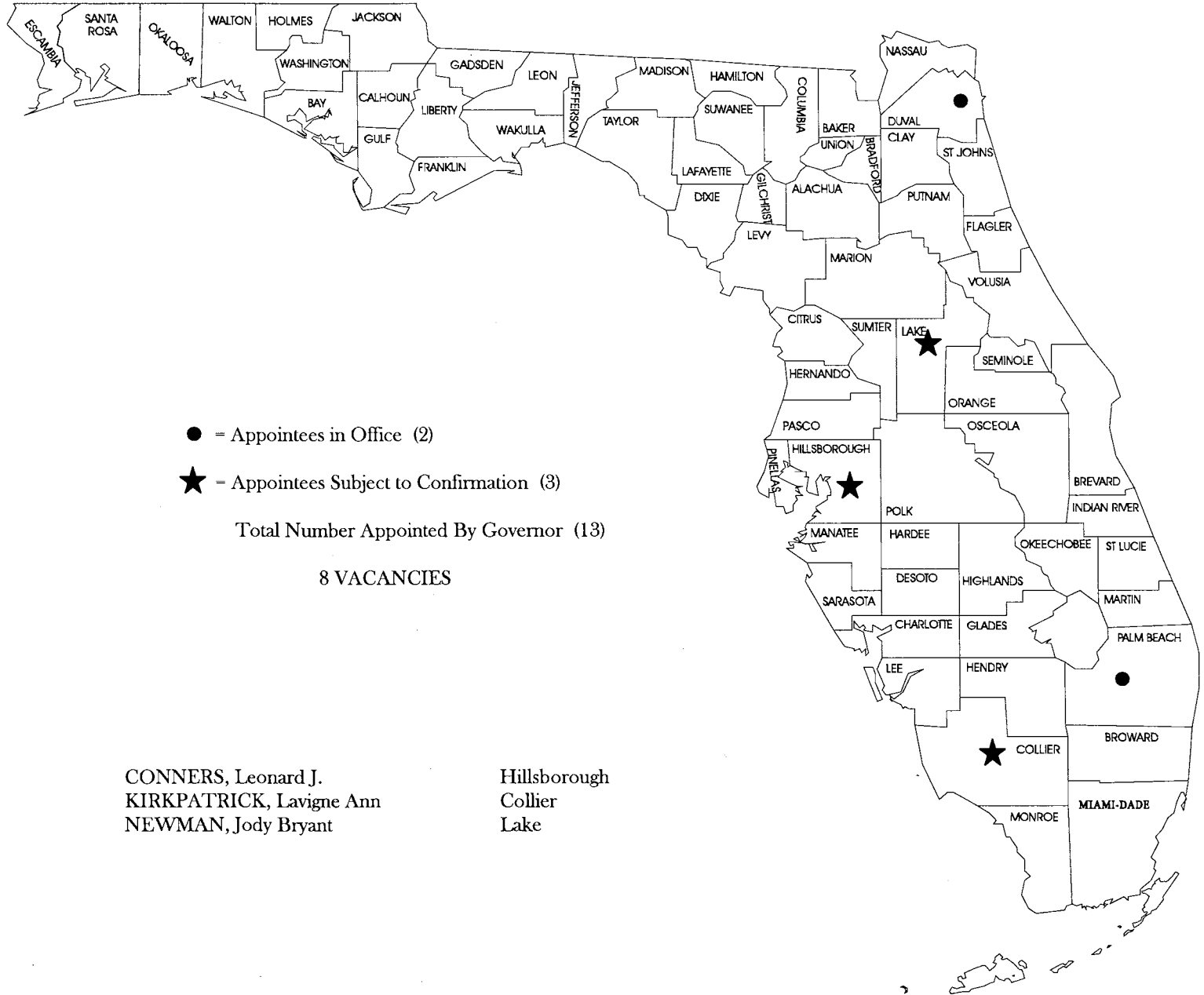
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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Nursing





# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Connors, Leonard J.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 10/31/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Plant City/Hillsborough

Office: Board of Nursing, Member

Authority: 464.004, F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)8, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/15/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Attendance:** Attended 7 of 8 meetings (88%) from October 31, 2011 through January 8, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The thirteen-member board consists of:
- Seven members must be registered nurses who are residents of the state, and have been in the practice of professional nursing for at least 4 years, including at least one advanced registered nurse practitioner, one nurse executive and one nurse educator member of an approved program. These seven board members should be representative of the diverse areas of practice within the nursing profession.
  - Three members who are resident, licensed practical nurses who have practiced for at least four years;
  - Three members who are residents of the state who have never been licensed as nurses, who are in no way connected with the practice of nursing, and who are not connected with and do not hold any financial interest in a health care facility, agency, or insurer; and
  - At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member  
Number 18 - Mr. Connors served on the Commission on Marriage & Family from 2003 to 2007. In addition, Mr. Connors served as a Hearing Officer for Daycare Centers in Hillsborough County, 10/2011-1/2012.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Kirkpatrick, Lavigne Ann

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

City/County: Naples/Collier

Office: Board of Nursing, Member

Authority: 464.004, F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)8, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Prior Term: 10/05/2011 - 10/31/2014

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/25/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Avow Hospice, RN-External Affairs

**Attendance:** Attended 8 of 9 meetings (89%) from October 5, 2011 through January 8, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The thirteen-member board consists of:

- Seven members must be registered nurses who are residents of the state, and have been in the practice of professional nursing for at least 4 years, including at least one advanced registered nurse practitioner, one nurse executive and one nurse educator member of an approved program. These seven board members should be representative of the diverse areas of practice within the nursing profession.
- Three members who are resident, licensed practical nurses who have practiced for at least four years;
- Three members who are residents of the state who have never been licensed as nurses, who are in no way connected with the practice of nursing, and who are not connected with and do not hold any financial interest in a health care facility, agency, or insurer; and
- At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

**Additional** Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:**

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Nurse

Number 15 - Mrs. Kirkpatrick disclosed that she was on contract as an expert witness for the 20th Judicial Circuit Examining Committee, 7/1/11-6/30/12.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Newman, Jody Bryant

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: Clermont/Lake

Office: Board of Nursing, Member

Authority: 464.004, F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)8, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/2/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Administrator for Orange County Public Schools

**Attendance:** Attended 9 of 10 meetings (90%) from June 21, 2011 through January 8, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The thirteen-member board consists of:
- Seven members must be registered nurses who are residents of the state, and have been in the practice of professional nursing for at least 4 years, including at least one advanced registered nurse practitioner, one nurse executive and one nurse educator member of an approved program. These seven board members should be representative of the diverse areas of practice within the nursing profession.
  - Three members who are resident, licensed practical nurses who have practiced for at least four years;
  - Three members who are residents of the state who have never been licensed as nurses, who are in no way connected with the practice of nursing, and who are not connected with and do not hold any financial interest in a health care facility, agency, or insurer; and
  - At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member  
Number 18 – Dr. Newman previously served on the Fifth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission.  
Number 19 - Dr. Newman has been an Administrator with the Orange County Public School System since 2004.

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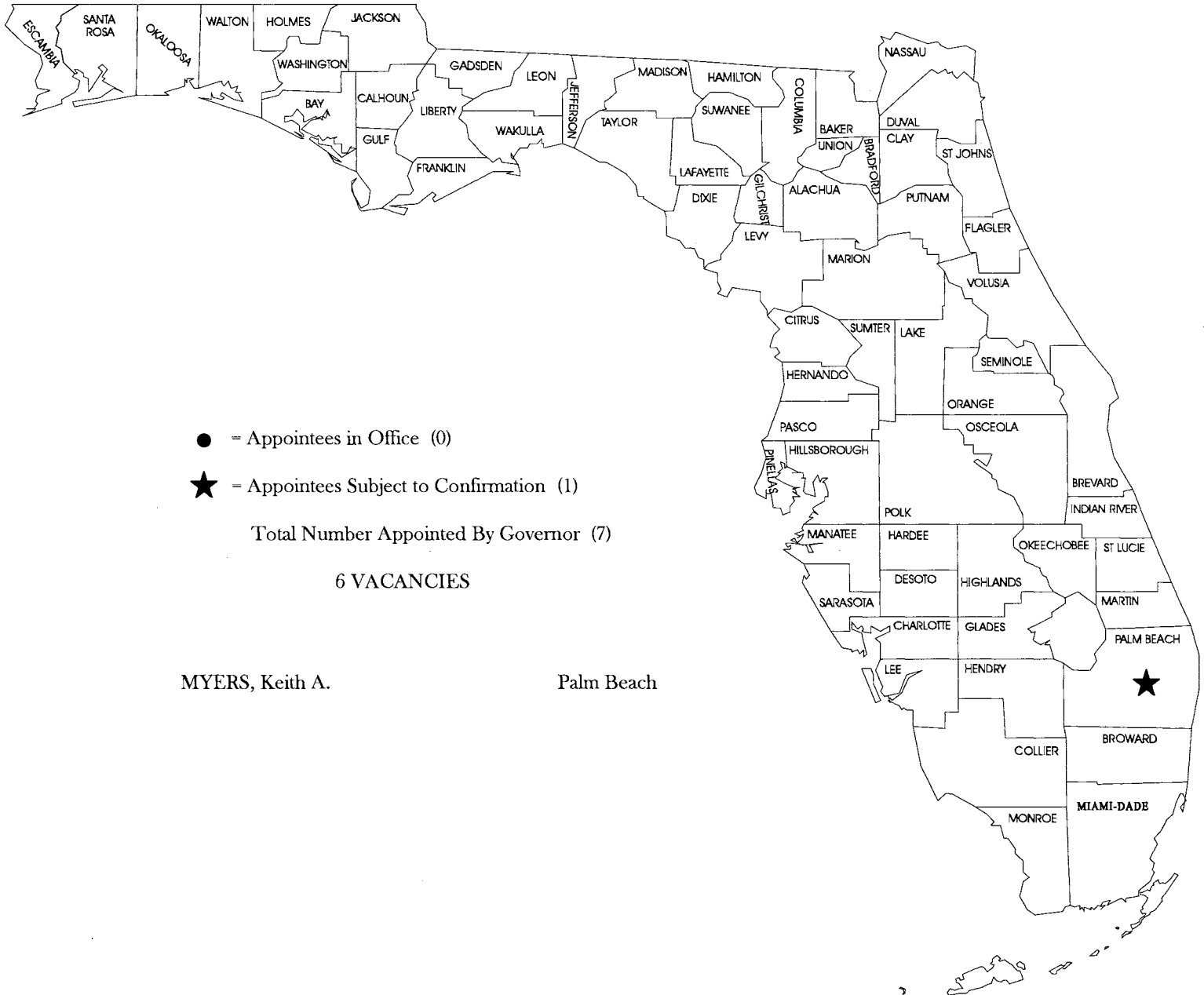
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**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Nursing Home Administrators





# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Myers, Keith A.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 09/13/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Palm Beach Gardens/Palm Beach

Office: Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Member

Authority: 468.1665(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)14, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/13/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** President/CEO of Morselife (Nursing Home)

**Attendance:** Attended 6 of 8 meetings (75%) from September 13, 2011 through January 3, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:
- Three members who are licensed nursing home administrators;
  - Two members who are health care practitioners; and
  - Two lay members who are not and have never been nursing home administrators or members of any health care profession or occupation.

At least one of the members must be sixty years of age or older and only members who are nursing home administrators may have a direct financial interest in any nursing home.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Nursing Home Administrator

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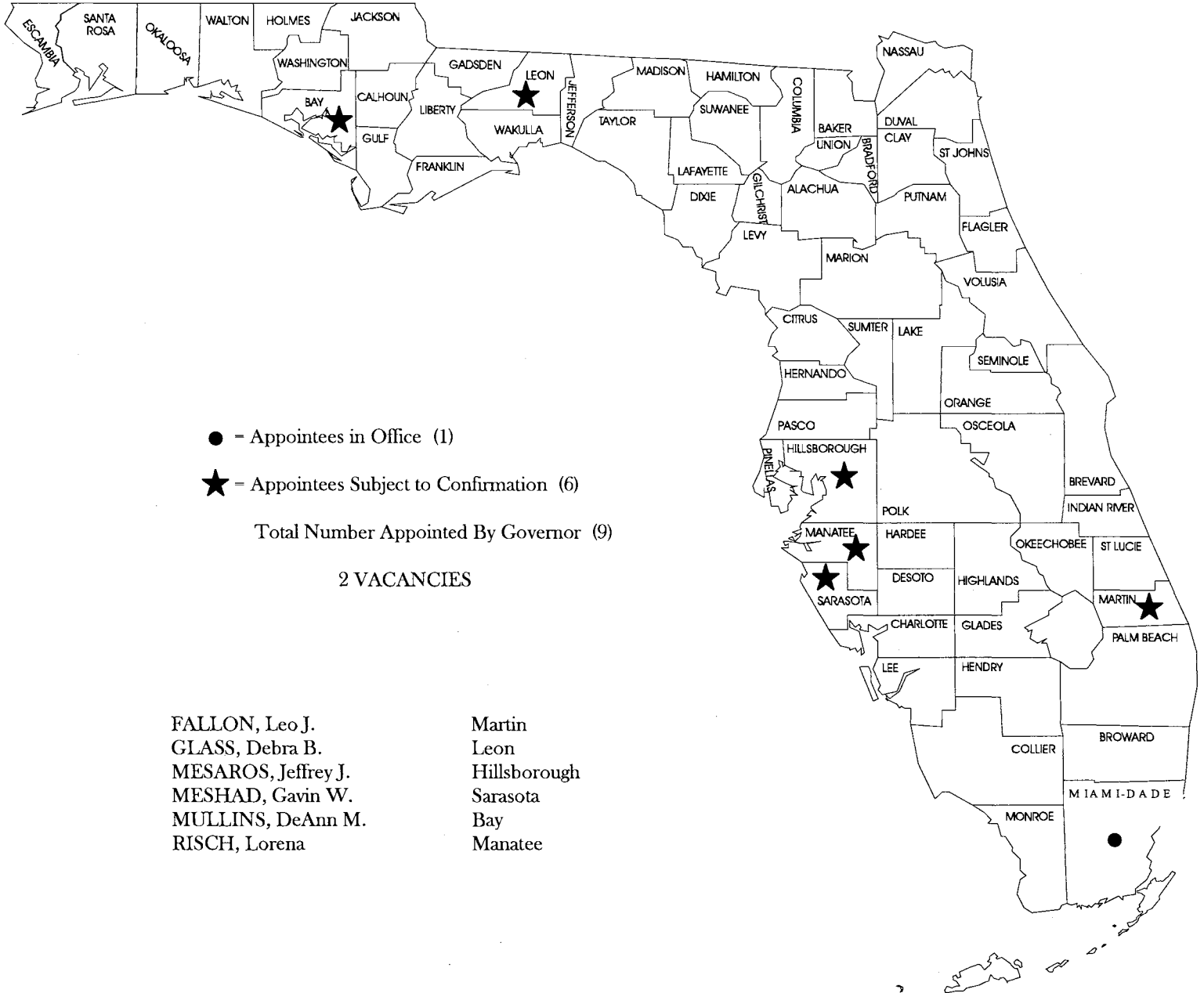
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**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Pharmacy



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Fallon, Leo J.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 12/22/2011 - 10/31/2015

City/County: The Villages/Martin

Office: Board of Pharmacy, Member

Authority: 465.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)10, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/18/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Pharmacist Manager, Walmart

**Attendance:** Attended 7 of 7 meetings (100%) from December 22, 2011 through January 7, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board is composed as follows:
- Seven members must be licensed pharmacists who are residents of this state, who have been engaged in practice of the profession of pharmacy in this state for at least four years and to the extent practicable, represent the various pharmacy practice settings;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a community pharmacy;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a Class II institutional pharmacy or a Modified Class II institutional pharmacy;
    - The remaining five pharmacist members shall be pharmacists licensed in the state, irrespective of practice settings.
  - Two members must be residents of this state who have never been licensed as pharmacists and who are in no way connected with the profession of pharmacy. No lay member may be connected in any way with a drug manufacturer or wholesaler; and
  - At least one member must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional** Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:** Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Pharmacist

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Glass, Debra B.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 12/22/2011 - 10/31/2015

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Pharmacy, Member

Authority: 465.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)10, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/13/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/25/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	See Below
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Pharmacist for CVS

**Attendance:** Attended 7 of 7 meetings (100%) from December 22, 2011 through January 18, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The nine-member board is composed as follows:

- Seven members must be licensed pharmacists who are residents of this state, who have been engaged in practice of the profession of pharmacy in this state for at least four years and to the extent practicable, represent the various pharmacy practice settings;
  - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a community pharmacy;
  - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a Class II institutional pharmacy or a Modified Class II institutional pharmacy;
  - The remaining five pharmacist members shall be pharmacists licensed in the state, irrespective of practice settings.
- Two members must be residents of this state who have never been licensed as pharmacists and who are in no way connected with the profession of pharmacy. No lay member may be connected in any way with a drug manufacturer or wholesaler; and
- At least one member must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Pharmacist/practicing in community  
Number 14 - The Department of Health reported an administrative complaint was filed in 2005, alleging Mrs. Glass had violated Chapters 456 and 465, Florida Statutes, by stating incorrect directions for use of a drug on a prescription label. A final order with an agreed settlement stipulation was issued on 2/27/2006. Mrs. Glass paid a \$250 fine, paid \$991.09 administrative costs, and was required to complete an 8-hour prescription mis-fill program. Mrs. Glass disclosed this violation.  
Number 18 - Mrs. Glass served on the Regulatory Council of Community Association Managers from 2004 to 2007.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Mesaros, Jeffrey J., Ph.D.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 08/11/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough

Office: Board of Pharmacy, Member

Authority: 465.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)10, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/29/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/18/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Attorney with Express Scripts (Pharmacy), Registered Pharmacist

**Attendance:** Attended 9 of 9 meetings (100%) from August 11, 2011 through January 18, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board is composed as follows:
- Seven members must be licensed pharmacists who are residents of this state, who have been engaged in practice of the profession of pharmacy in this state for at least four years and to the extent practicable, represent the various pharmacy practice settings;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a community pharmacy;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a Class II institutional pharmacy or a Modified Class II institutional pharmacy;
    - The remaining five pharmacist members shall be pharmacists licensed in the state, irrespective of practice settings.
  - Two members must be residents of this state who have never been licensed as pharmacists and who are in no way connected with the profession of pharmacy. No lay member may be connected in any way with a drug manufacturer or wholesaler; and
  - At least one member must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Pharmacist  
Number 19 - Mr. Mesaros was a legal intern for AHCA in 2006.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Mullins, DeAnn M.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 06/03/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: Lynn Haven/Bay

Office: Board of Pharmacy, Member

Authority: 465.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)10, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/1/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/25/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Director of Clinical Services/Owner, Mullins Pharmacy, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 10 of 10 meetings (100%) from June 3, 2011 through January 24, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board is composed as follows:
- Seven members must be licensed pharmacists who are residents of this state, who have been engaged in practice of the profession of pharmacy in this state for at least four years and to the extent practicable, represent the various pharmacy practice settings;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a community pharmacy;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a Class II institutional pharmacy or a Modified Class II institutional pharmacy;
    - The remaining five pharmacist members shall be pharmacists licensed in the state, irrespective of practice settings.
  - Two members must be residents of this state who have never been licensed as pharmacists and who are in no way connected with the profession of pharmacy. No lay member may be connected in any way with a drug manufacturer or wholesaler; and
  - At least one member must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Pharmacist (community)  
Number 15 - Mrs. Mullins is the co-owner of Mullins Pharmacy, Inc. which provides some pharmacy services that are covered by Medicaid.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Risch, Lorena

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 8/11/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Lakewood Ranch/Manatee

Office: Board of Pharmacy, Member

Authority: 465.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)10, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/25/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Retired

**Attendance:** Attended 6 of 7 meetings (86%) from August 11, 2011 through January 7, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board is composed as follows:
- Seven members must be licensed pharmacists who are residents of this state, who have been engaged in practice of the profession of pharmacy in this state for at least four years and to the extent practicable, represent the various pharmacy practice settings;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a community pharmacy;
    - One pharmacist member must be currently engaged in the practice of pharmacy in a Class II institutional pharmacy or a Modified Class II institutional pharmacy;
    - The remaining five pharmacist members shall be pharmacists licensed in the state, irrespective of practice settings.
  - Two members must be residents of this state who have never been licensed as pharmacists and who are in no way connected with the profession of pharmacy. No lay member may be connected in any way with a drug manufacturer or wholesaler; and
  - At least one member must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member

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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

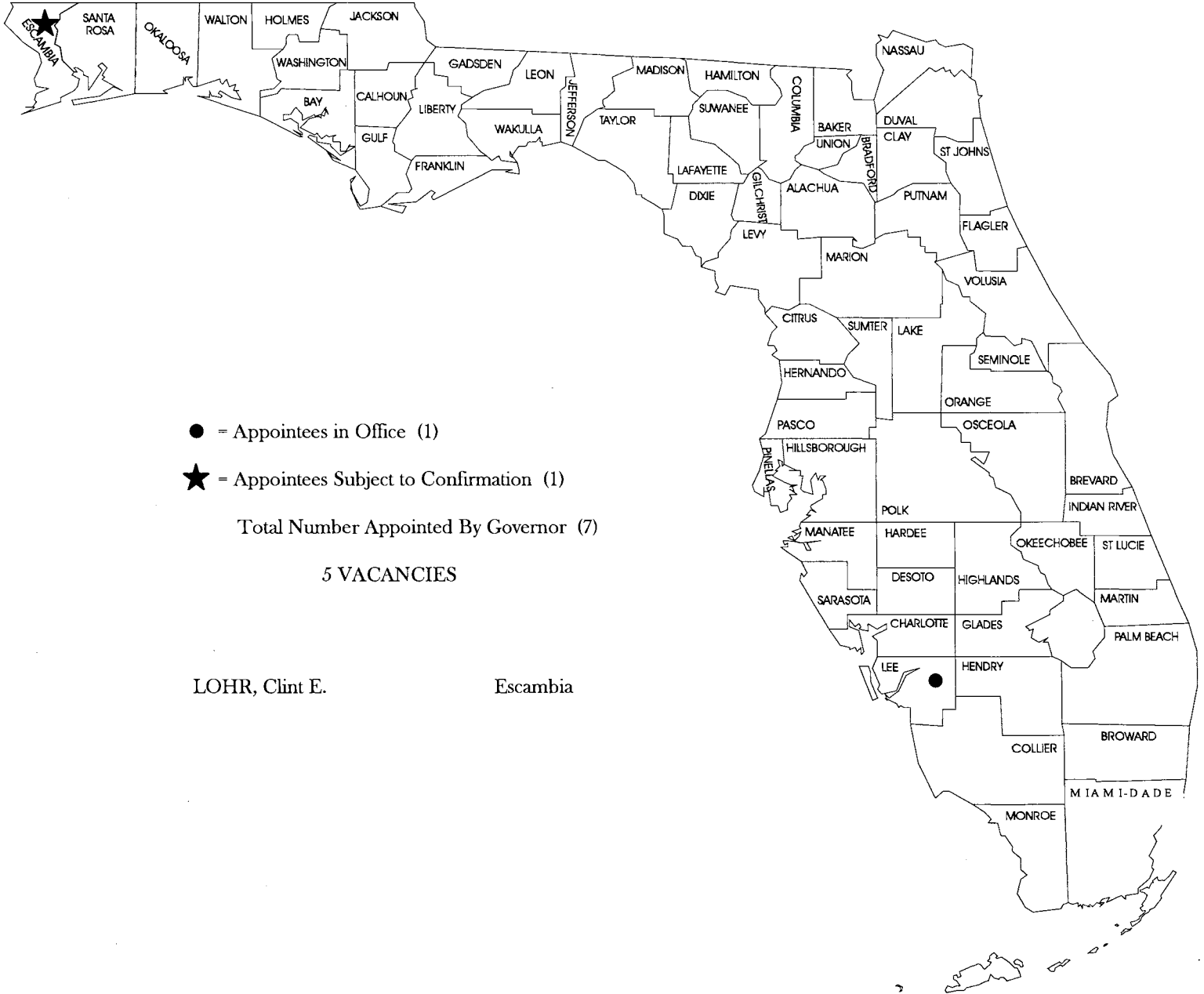
**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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# Board of Physical Therapy Practice





# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Lohr, Clint E.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2013

City/County: Cantonment/Escambia

Office: Board of Physical Therapy Practice, Member

Authority: 486.023(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)26, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/23/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Director of Rehabilitation, for Baptist Health Care (non-profit hospital)

**Attendance:** Attended 10 of 11 meetings (91%) from June 21, 2011 through January 2, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:
- Five members who are licensed physical therapists in good standing in this state, who are residents of this state, and who have been engaged in the practice of physical therapy for at least 4 years immediately prior to their appointment. One licensed physical therapist board member may be a full-time faculty member teaching in a physical therapy curriculum in an educational institution in this state; and
  - Two members who shall be residents of this state who have never been licensed health care practitioners.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Lohr served in the United States Navy from 1991 to 1993.  
Number 8 - Physical Therapist

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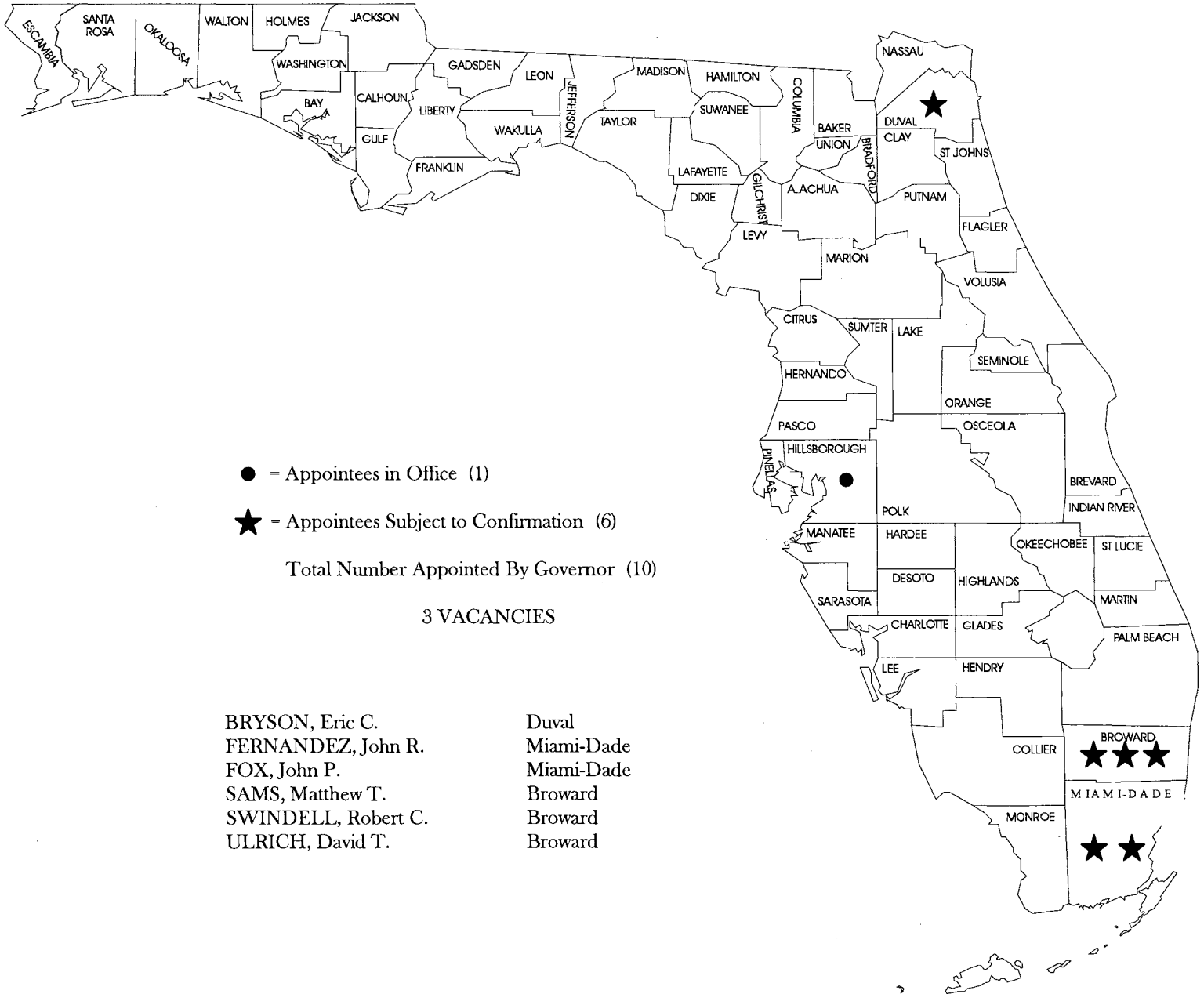
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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Pilot Commissioners



BRYSON, Eric C.  
 FERNANDEZ, John R.  
 FOX, John P.  
 SAMS, Matthew T.  
 SWINDELL, Robert C.  
 ULRICH, David T.

Duval  
 Miami-Dade  
 Miami-Dade  
 Broward  
 Broward  
 Broward

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Bryson, Eric C.

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2013

City/County: Atlantic Beach/Duval

Office: Board of Pilot Commissioners, Member

Authority: 310.011, F.S. & 20.165(5)( F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Prior Term: 08/18/2011 - 10/31/2013

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/29/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Harbor Pilot employed by the St. Johns Bar Pilot Association

**Attendance:** Attended 28 of 30 meetings (93%) from August 18, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The ten-member board consists of:

- Five licensed state pilots who are actively practicing their profession. The Governor shall appoint:
  - one member from the state at large;
  - one member from any of the following ports: Pensacola, Panama City, or Port St. Joe;
  - one member from any of the following ports: Tampa Bay, Boca Grande, Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor or Key West;
  - one member from any of the following ports: Fernandina, Jacksonville, or Port Canaveral; and
  - one member from any of the following ports: Ft. Pierce, Miami, Port Everglades, or Palm Beach.
- Five members who are citizens of the state who are not licensed pilots, three of whom are not involved in or monetarily interested in the piloting profession, the maritime industry or marine shipping, one whom shall be actively involved in a professional or business capacity in maritime or marine shipping, and one who shall be a user of piloting services. The "user of piloting services" may be an owner, manager, or employee of a business which regularly uses the piloting services of licensed state pilots.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Bryson served in the United States Navy Reserve from 1973 to 1989.  
Number 8 - Harbor Pilot/Port of Jacksonville

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Fernandez, John R.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 08/18/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Pinecrest/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Pilot Commissioners, Member

Authority: 310.011, F.S. & 20.165(5)( F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/23/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 12/27/12
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	See Below
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Harbor Pilot

**Attendance:** Attended 29 of 30 meetings (97%) from August 18, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The ten-member board consists of:
- Five licensed state pilots who are actively practicing their profession. The Governor shall appoint:
    - one member from the state at large;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Pensacola, Panama City, or Port St. Joe;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Tampa Bay, Boca Grande, Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor or Key West;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Fernandina, Jacksonville, or Port Canaveral; and
    - one member from any of the following ports: Ft. Pierce, Miami, Port Everglades, or Palm Beach.
  - Five members who are citizens of the state who are not licensed pilots, three of whom are not involved in or monetarily interested in the piloting profession, the maritime industry or marine shipping, one whom shall be actively involved in a professional or business capacity in maritime or marine shipping, and one who shall be a user of piloting services. The "user of piloting services" may be an owner, manager, or employee of a business which regularly uses the piloting services of licensed state pilots.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Fernandez served in the United States Navy Reserve from 1967 to 1974.  
Number 8 - Mr. Fernandez is a pilot from the Port of Miami.  
Number 14 - On January 29, 1999, an administrative complaint was filed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation alleging Mr. Fernandez violated ss. 20.165, 310.10(1)(k), and 455.227(1)(f), F.S. A stipulation agreement between Mr. Fernandez and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation was entered on April 17, 2001, requiring Mr. Fernandez to be placed on a one month probation and receive a Letter of Guidance. The Board of Pilot Commissioners accepted the settlement stipulation October 1, 2001. Mr. Fernandez reported this violation in his questionnaire.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Ulrich, David T.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 10/31/2015

Prior Term: 12/07/2011 - 10/31/2015

City/County: Ft. Lauderdale/Broward

Office: Board of Pilot Commissioners, Member

Authority: 310.011, F.S. & 20.165(5)( F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable; See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/9/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Senior Pilot for the Port Everglades Pilot Association

**Attendance:** Attended 6 of 6 meetings (100%) from December 7, 2011 through January 9, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The ten-member board consists of:
- Five licensed state pilots who are actively practicing their profession. The Governor shall appoint:
    - one member from the state at large;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Pensacola, Panama City, or Port St. Joe;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Tampa Bay, Boca Grande, Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor or Key West;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Fernandina, Jacksonville, or Port Canaveral; and
    - one member from any of the following ports: Ft. Pierce, Miami, Port Everglades, or Palm Beach.
  - Five members who are citizens of the state who are not licensed pilots, three of whom are not involved in or monetarily interested in the piloting profession, the maritime industry or marine shipping, one whom shall be actively involved in a professional or business capacity in maritime or marine shipping, and one who shall be a user of piloting services. The "user of piloting services" may be an owner, manager, or employee of a business which regularly uses the piloting services of licensed state pilots.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Ulrich served in the United States Coast Guard from 1994 to 2000. In 2000, Mr. Ulrich was transferred to 'inactive reserve' status.  
Number 8 – Pilot - State at Large

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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Brown, William A.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 11/15/2015

Prior Term: 12/08/2011 - 11/15/2015

City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough

Office: Tampa Port Authority, Member

Authority: 95-488, L.O.F. & 05-332, L.O.F.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/2/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	X		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/6/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** J.B. Carrie Properties, Inc. Real Estate Investment

**Attendance:** Attended 53 of 56 meetings (95%) from December 8, 2011 through February 6, 2013.

**Compensation:** Members may not be compensated by the port authority for their services but may be otherwise reimbursed for travel as provided by this act.

- Requirements:** The port authority shall consist of seven member seats with Seats 1 through 5 appointed by the Governor.
- The numerical assignment of Seats 1, 2, and 3 shall be designated by the port authority and appointed by the Governor.
  - Members occupying Seat 4 and Seat 5 shall be appointed from a list of persons who have maritime industry backgrounds, notwithstanding any provision of general law to the contrary, nominated for that purpose by a nominating committee and as otherwise provided by this act.

The Governor shall make appointments through the standard application process if no nominations for Seat 4 or Seat 5 are received from the nominating committee.

- Seat 6 shall be occupied by a member of the board of county commissioners, appointed by that board, ex officio.
- Seat 7 shall be occupied by the Mayor of the City of Tampa, ex officio.

Each appointed member of the port authority must be a qualified elector of the county.

**Additional** Terms shall be for four years.

**Requirements:** Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Seat 2

Number 9 - The FDLE reported Mr. Brown was charged with a non-moving traffic violation, D.W.I., on February 20, 1977, in Orlando and the charge was dismissed. In addition, FDLE reported a D.U.I. charge occurred on March 18, 1989, in Orlando and Mr. Brown was placed on 1-year probation, driver's license was suspended for 6 months, and he was fined \$614.00; and reported Mr. Brown was charged with a misdemeanor of petty theft on August 14, 1980, in Tallahassee and no penalty was reported. Mr. Brown disclosed the violations in his questionnaire.

Number 18 - Mr. Brown has served on the Tampa Port Authority since 5/21/2008.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Lindell, Carl, Jr.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 11/14/2014

Prior Term: 08/19/2011 - 11/14/2014

City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough

Office: Tampa Port Authority, Member

Authority: 95-488, L.O.F. & 05-332, L.O.F.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/30/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/18/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Chairman of Lindell Properties/Developer

**Attendance:** Attended 50 of 67 meetings (75%) from August 19, 2011 through January 24, 2013.

**Compensation:** Members may not be compensated by the port authority for their services but may be otherwise reimbursed for travel as provided by this act.

- Requirements:** The port authority shall consist of seven member seats with Seats 1 through 5 appointed by the Governor.
- The numerical assignment of Seats 1, 2, and 3 shall be designated by the port authority and appointed by the Governor.
  - Members occupying Seat 4 and Seat 5 shall be appointed from a list of persons who have maritime industry backgrounds, notwithstanding any provision of general law to the contrary, nominated for that purpose by a nominating committee and as otherwise provided by this act.

The Governor shall make appointments through the standard application process if no nominations for Seat 4 or Seat 5 are received from the nominating committee.

- Seat 6 shall be occupied by a member of the board of county commissioners, appointed by that board, ex officio.
- Seat 7 shall be occupied by the Mayor of the City of Tampa, ex officio.

Each appointed member of the port authority must be a qualified elector of the county.

**Additional** Terms shall be for four years.

**Requirements:** Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Lindell served in the Florida National Guard from 1968 to 1974.  
Number 8 - Seat 1

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Swindal, Stephen W.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 02/06/2016

Prior Term: 02/06/2012 - 02/06/2016

City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough

Office: Tampa Port Authority, Member

Authority: 95-488, L.O.F. & 05-332, L.O.F.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/13/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	X		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/18/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office	X		See Below
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Owner of Marine Towing

**Attendance:** Attended 51 of 56 meetings (91%) from February 6, 2012 through January 24, 2013.

**Compensation:** Members may not be compensated by the port authority for their services but may be otherwise reimbursed for travel as provided by this act.



- Requirements:** The port authority shall consist of seven member seats with Seats 1 through 5 appointed by the Governor.
- The numerical assignment of Seats 1, 2, and 3 shall be designated by the port authority and appointed by the Governor.
  - Members occupying Seat 4 and Seat 5 shall be appointed from a list of persons who have maritime industry backgrounds, notwithstanding any provision of general law to the contrary, nominated for that purpose by a nominating committee and as otherwise provided by this act.

The Governor shall make appointments through the standard application process if no nominations for Seat 4 or Seat 5 are received from the nominating committee.

- Seat 6 shall be occupied by a member of the board of county commissioners, appointed by that board, ex officio.
- Seat 7 shall be occupied by the Mayor of the City of Tampa, ex officio.

Each appointed member of the port authority must be a qualified elector of the county.

**Additional** Terms shall be for four years.

**Requirements:** Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Seat 4

Number 9 - FDLE and DHSMV reported Mr. Swindal was charged with D.U.I. on 2/14/07, in St. Petersburg. He was placed on one year probation and his driver's license was suspended for six months. Mr. Swindal disclosed this violation in his questionnaire.

Number 16 - Mr. Swindal reported he is the chairman/owner of a tugboat/towing company that has a land lease with the Tampa Port Authority.

Number 18 - Mr. Swindal served on the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, from 1986-1993.

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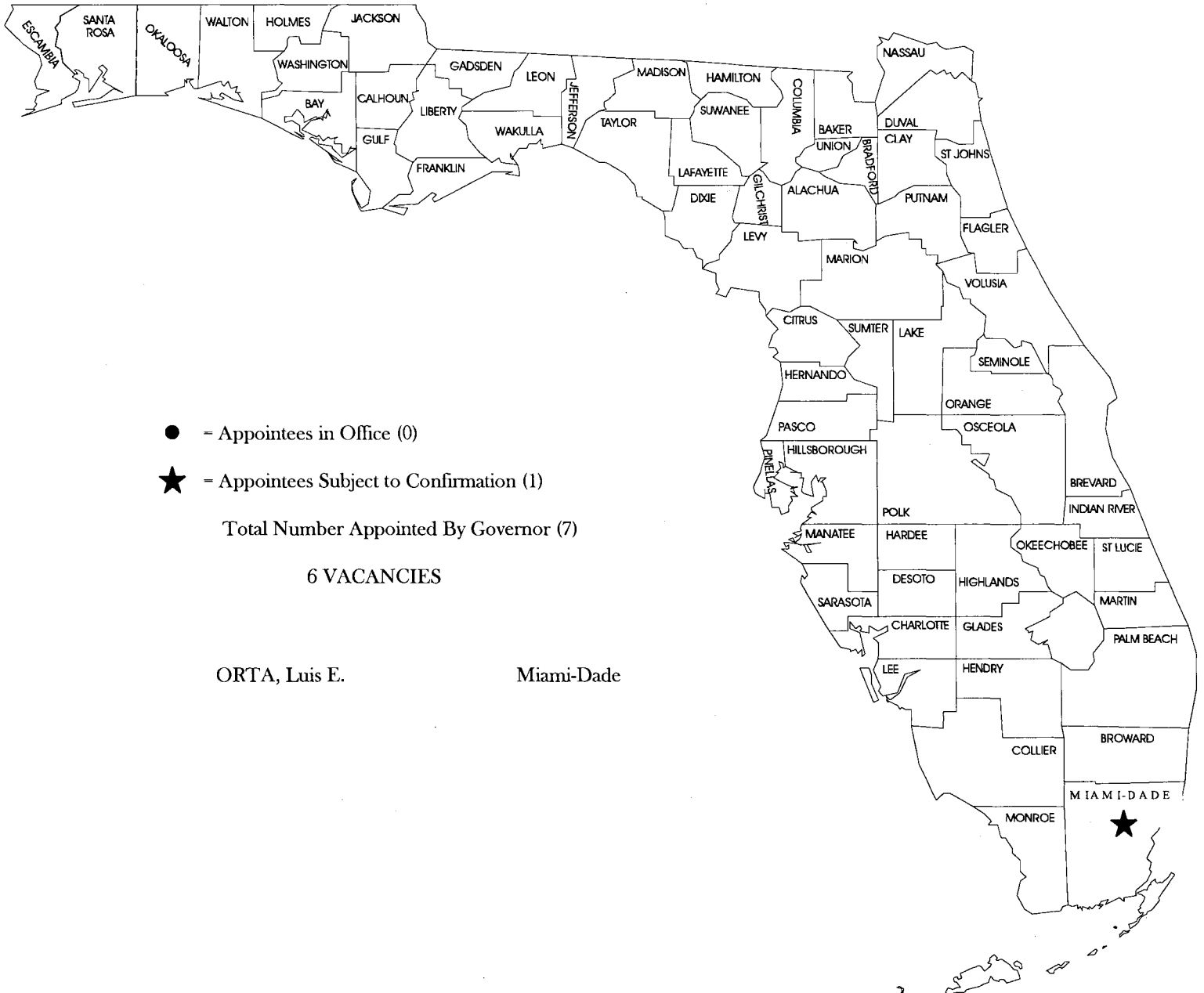
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**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Psychology



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Orta, Luis E.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 07/23/2012 – 10/31/2014

Prior Term: 06/21/2011 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Miami/Miami-Dade

Office: Board of Psychology, Member

Authority: 490.004(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)27, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/20/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/18/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** School Psychologist, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

**Attendance:** Attended 12 of 12 meetings (100%) from June 21, 2011 through January 18, 2013.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The seven-member board consists of:
- Five members who are licensed psychologists in good standing in this state;
  - Two members who are citizens of this state who are not and have never been licensed psychologists and who are in no way connected with the practice of psychology; and
  - At least one member who is sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Psychologist

Number 19 - Dr. Orta is a Psychologist with the Miami-Dade County Public School district, 1986-Present.

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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

**TIME:** 3:30—5:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Education  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 05, 2013  
**TIME:** 3:00 —5:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Don Gaetz, President

**FROM:** Education

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University

**Appointee:** Teske, Julius J.

**Term:** 4/23/2012-1/6/2016

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Teske, Julius J.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 01/06/2016

Prior Term: 05/24/2011 - 01/06/2016

City/County: Vero Beach/Indian River

Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Atlantic University, Member

Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Committee on Education-Recommend Confirm-02/05/2013

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/1/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/16/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	



**Occupation:** Retired

**Attendance:** Attended 13 of 14 meetings (93%) from May 24, 2011 through June 21, 2012.

**Compensation:** Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.

- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

**Additional Requirements:** Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Dr. Teske served in the US Army from 1968 to 1974.

Number 8 - Governor's Appointment

Number 10 - AG Report 2013-037

Number 19 - Dr. Teske was employed by the Indian River County School system for 36 years, 1975 - 2010. During this time, Dr. Teske was a teacher, principal, and assistant superintendent. Education verified.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Education  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
**TIME:** 1:00 —3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Don Gaetz, President

**FROM:** Education

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Board of Trustees, Florida State University

**Appointee:** Bense, Allan G.

**Term:** 4/23/2012-1/6/2016

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Bense, Allan G.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 01/06/2016

Prior Term: 05/18/2011 - 01/06/2016

City/County: Panama City/Bay

Office: Board of Trustees, Florida State University, Member

Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Education-Recommend Confirm-02/19/2013  
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Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 8/21/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/18/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** President and CEO of Bense Enterprises, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 10 of 11 meetings (91%) from May 18, 2011 through January 25, 2013.

**Compensation:** Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.

- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

**Additional Requirements:** Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

**Notes:** Number 10 - AG Report 2013-072

Number 15 - Speaker Bense indicated that he is a partner/stockholder with GAC Contractors, Inc. that has a contractual relationship with the Department of Transportation.

Number 17 - Speaker Bense serves on the Enterprise Florida, Inc., Board of Directors, 2007-Present.

Number 18 - Speaker Bense was a Representative to the Florida House of Representatives from 1998 to 2006 and served as Speaker of the House from 2004-2006. Speaker Bense served on the Florida Taxation and Budget Reform Commission from 2007-2008.

Education verified.

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**MEETING DATE:** Monday, March 4, 2013

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EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Education  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
**TIME:** 1:00 —3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Don Gaetz, President

**FROM:** Education

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University

**Appointee:** Little, John R.

**Term:** 4/23/2012-1/6/2015

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Little, John R.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 01/06/2015

Prior Term: 08/03/2011 - 01/06/2015

City/County: Naples/Collier

Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University, Member

Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

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Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 5/23/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/18/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	



**Occupation:**

**Attendance:** Attended 9 of 9 meetings (100%) from August 3, 2011 through January 22, 2012.

**Compensation:** Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.

- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

**Additional Requirements:** Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Governor's Appointment  
Education verified.

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON  
EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

**COMMITTEE:** Education  
**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, February 19, 2013  
**TIME:** 1:00 —3:30 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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**TO:** The Honorable Don Gaetz, President

**FROM:** Education

The committee was referred the following executive appointment subject to confirmation by the Senate:

**Office:** Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University

**Appointee:** Priddy, Russell A.

**Term:** 4/23/2012-1/6/2016

After inquiry and due consideration, the committee recommends that the Senate **confirm** the aforesaid executive appointment made by the Governor

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Priddy, Russell A.

Appointed: 04/23/2012

Term: 04/23/2012 – 01/06/2016

Prior Term: 04/26/2011 - 01/06/2016

City/County: Immokalee/Collier

Office: Board of Trustees, Florida Gulf Coast University, Member

Authority: 1001.71(1), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Committee on Education-Recommend Confirm-02/19/2013

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/4/12
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/25/13
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Co-Trustee/Natural Resources Manager of John E. Price Jr. Trust, Agribusiness/Ranch

**Attendance:** Attended 10 of 10 meetings (100%) from April 26, 2011 through January 22, 2012.

**Compensation:** Members of the board of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** Each university in the State University System shall have a 13-member board of trustees.

- Six citizen members shall be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation.
- Five citizen members shall be appointed by the Board of Governors subject to Senate confirmation.

In addition, the chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor shall consider diversity and regional representation.

**Additional Requirements:** Members of the board of trustees shall be appointed for staggered 5-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.  
No citizen member of a board of trustees of a local constituent university, shall have or hold any employment or contractual relationship as a legislative lobbyist requiring annual registration and reporting pursuant to s. 11.045.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Governor's Appointment  
Number 18 - Mr. Priddy served eight years on the Collier County Planning Commission beginning in 1992. In addition, Mr. Priddy is a past member of the Collier County Landfill Site Selection Committee and he served two years on the Collier County East of 951 Horizon Committee.  
Number 19 - Mr. Priddy was the Risk Manager for the City of Ft. Myers from 1986 to 1989.  
Education verified.

By Senator Latvala

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to elections; amending s. 97.0555,  
 3 F.S.; revising qualifications for late voter  
 4 registration; amending s. 101.161, F.S.; revising what  
 5 constitutes a ballot summary; deleting a provision  
 6 providing that a ballot statement consisting of the  
 7 full text of a constitutional amendment or revision is  
 8 presumed to be a clear and unambiguous statement;  
 9 repealing s. 101.56075(4), F.S., relating to the  
 10 requirement that all voting systems used by voters in  
 11 a state election allow placement of the full text of a  
 12 constitutional amendment or revision containing  
 13 stricken or underlined text by a specified date;  
 14 amending s. 101.64, F.S.; revising the requirements of  
 15 the voter's certificate accompanying an absentee  
 16 ballot; amending s. 101.65, F.S.; revising the  
 17 instructions to absent electors; amending s. 101.68,  
 18 F.S.; revising what a canvassing board may consider an  
 19 illegal absentee ballot; amending s. 101.6921, F.S.;  
 20 revising the voter's certificate accompanying a  
 21 special absentee ballot; amending s. 101.6923, F.S.;  
 22 revising special absentee ballot instructions;  
 23 amending s. 102.031, F.S.; revising restrictions  
 24 relating to the solicitation of voters; providing an  
 25 effective date.  
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 27 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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 29 Section 1. Section 97.0555, Florida Statutes, is amended to

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30 read:  
 31 97.0555 Late registration.—An individual or accompanying  
 32 family member, including a member of the uniformed services or  
 33 the Merchant Marine, who is otherwise qualified to register to  
 34 vote and who, after the book-closing date for an election  
 35 pursuant to s. 97.055, returns from a combat zone or other  
 36 forward-deployed area or ~~who~~ has been discharged or separated  
 37 from the uniformed services or the Merchant Marine, or from  
 38 employment outside the territorial limits of the United States,  
 39 ~~after the book-closing date for an election pursuant to s.~~  
 40 ~~97.055 and who is otherwise qualified~~ may register to vote in  
 41 such election until 5 p.m. on the Friday before that election in  
 42 the office of the supervisor of elections. Such persons must  
 43 produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying  
 44 for late registration pursuant to this section.  
 45 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 101.161, Florida  
 46 Statutes, is amended to read:  
 47 101.161 Referenda; ballots.—  
 48 (3) (a) Each joint resolution that proposes a constitutional  
 49 amendment or revision shall include one or more ballot  
 50 statements set forth in order of priority. Each ballot statement  
 51 shall consist of a ballot title, by which the measure is  
 52 commonly referred to or spoken of, not exceeding 15 words in  
 53 length, and ~~either a ballot summary that describes the chief~~  
 54 ~~purpose of the amendment or revision in clear and unambiguous~~  
 55 ~~language, or the full text of the amendment or revision.~~ The  
 56 Department of State shall furnish a designating number pursuant  
 57 to subsection (2) and the appropriate ballot statement to the  
 58 supervisor of elections of each county. The ballot statement

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shall be printed on the ballot after the list of candidates, followed by the word "yes" and also by the word "no," and shall be styled in such a manner that a "yes" vote will indicate approval of the amendment or revision and a "no" vote will indicate rejection.

(b)1. Any action for a judicial determination that one or more ballot statements embodied in a joint resolution are defective must be commenced by filing a complaint or petition with the appropriate court within 30 days after the joint resolution is filed with the Secretary of State. The complaint or petition shall assert all grounds for challenge to each ballot statement. Any ground not asserted within 30 days after the joint resolution is filed with the Secretary of State is waived.

2. The court, including any appellate court, shall accord an action described in subparagraph 1. priority over other pending cases and render a decision as expeditiously as possible. If the court finds that all ballot statements embodied in a joint resolution are defective and further appeals are declined, abandoned, or exhausted, unless otherwise provided in the joint resolution, the Attorney General shall, within 10 days, prepare and submit to the Department of State a revised ballot title or ballot summary that corrects the deficiencies identified by the court, and the Department of State shall furnish a designating number and the revised ballot title or ballot summary to the supervisor of elections of each county for placement on the ballot. The court shall retain jurisdiction over challenges to a revised ballot title or ballot summary prepared by the Attorney General, and any challenge to a revised

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ballot title or ballot summary must be filed within 10 days after a revised ballot title or ballot summary is submitted to the Department of State.

~~3. A ballot statement that consists of the full text of an amendment or revision shall be presumed to be a clear and unambiguous statement of the substance and effect of the amendment or revision, providing fair notice to the electors of the content of the amendment or revision and sufficiently advising electors of the issue upon which they are to vote.~~

Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 101.56075, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 4. Subsections (1) through (3) of section 101.64, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

101.64 Delivery of absentee ballots; envelopes; form.—

(1) The supervisor shall enclose with each absentee ballot two envelopes: a secrecy envelope, into which the absent elector shall enclose his or her marked ballot; and a mailing envelope, into which the absent elector shall then place the secrecy envelope, which shall be addressed to the supervisor and also bear on the back side a certificate in substantially the following form:

Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before  
Marking Ballot and Completing Voter's Certificate.

#### VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, ...., do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a qualified and registered voter of .... County, Florida, and that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I

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understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more than once in an election, I can be convicted of a felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years. I also understand that failure to sign this certificate will invalidate my ballot.

...(Date)... (Voter's Signature)...

Note: Your Signature Must Be Witnessed by One Witness 18 Years of Age or Older as Provided in the Instruction Sheet.

I swear or affirm that the voter signed this Voter's Certificate in my presence.

...(Signature of Witness)...

...(Printed Name of Witness)...

...(Date)...

...(City/State)...

(2) The certificate shall be arranged on the back of the mailing envelope so that the line for the signature of the absent elector is across the seal of the envelope; however, no statement shall appear on the envelope which indicates that a signature of the voter must cross the seal of the envelope. No candidate may serve as an attesting witness. The absent elector and the attesting witness shall execute the certificate on the

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envelope.

(3) In lieu of the voter's certificate provided in this section, the supervisor of elections shall provide each person voting absentee under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act with the standard oath prescribed by the presidential designee with an appended section in substantially the following form:-

Witness signature and date:

...(Signature of Witness)...

...(Printed Name of Witness)...

...(Month/Day/Year)...

Section 5. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor shall enclose with each absentee ballot separate printed instructions in substantially the following form:

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your absentee ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.

2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.

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You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote for One" candidate and you vote for more than one candidate, your vote in that race will not be counted.

4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy envelope.

5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

6. Seal the mailing envelope and completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your absentee ballot to be counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's Signature). An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and not be counted if the signature on the voter's certificate does not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature that will be used to verify your signature on the voter's certificate. If you need to update your signature for this election, send your signature update on a voter registration application to your supervisor of elections so that it is received no later than the start of the canvassing of absentee ballots, which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before election day.

8. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your absentee ballot to be counted, it must include the signature of an attesting witness 18 years of age or older affixed to the Voter's Certificate. If the signature is illegible, the Voter's Certificate must also

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include a readable printed name of the attesting witness. No candidate may serve as an attesting witness.

~~9.8-~~ VERY IMPORTANT. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or your ballot may not be counted.

~~10.9-~~ Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

~~11.40-~~ FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote in an election using a false identity or false address, or under any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.68 Canvassing of absentee ballot.—

(2)

(c)1. The canvassing board shall, if the supervisor has not already done so, compare the signature of the elector on the voter's certificate with the signature of the elector in the registration books to see that the elector is duly registered in the county and to determine the legality of that absentee ballot. The ballot of an elector who casts an absentee ballot shall be counted even if the elector dies on or before election day, as long as, prior to the death of the voter, the ballot was postmarked by the United States Postal Service, date-stamped with a verifiable tracking number by common carrier, or already in the possession of the supervisor of elections. An absentee ballot shall be considered illegal if it does not include the signature of the elector, as shown by the registration records,



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and the signature of an attesting witness; however, if the signature of the attesting witness is illegible, the printed name of the attesting witness must clearly identify the name of the witness or the ballot shall be considered illegal. However, an absentee ballot shall not be considered illegal if the signature of the elector does not cross the seal of the mailing envelope. If the canvassing board determines that any ballot is illegal, a member of the board shall, without opening the envelope, mark across the face of the envelope: "rejected as illegal." The envelope and the ballot contained therein shall be preserved in the manner that official ballots voted are preserved.

2. If any elector or candidate present believes that an absentee ballot is illegal due to a defect apparent on the voter's certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the canvassing board a protest against the canvass of that ballot, specifying the precinct, the ballot, and the reason he or she believes the ballot to be illegal. A challenge based upon a defect in the voter's certificate may not be accepted after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

Section 7. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 101.6921, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

101.6921 Delivery of special absentee ballot to certain first-time voters.—

(3) The Voter's Certificate shall be in substantially the following form:

Note: Please Read Instructions Carefully Before Marking Ballot

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and Completing Voter's Certificate.

## VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, . . . , do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a qualified and registered voter of . . . County, Florida, and that I have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election. I understand that if I commit or attempt to commit any fraud in connection with voting, vote a fraudulent ballot, or vote more than once in an election, I can be convicted of a felony of the third degree and fined up to \$5,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years. I also understand that failure to sign this certificate will invalidate my ballot. I understand that unless I meet one of the exemptions below, I must provide a copy of a current and valid identification as provided in the instruction sheet to the supervisor of elections in order for my ballot to count.

I further certify that I am exempt from the requirements to furnish a copy of a current and valid identification with my ballot because of one or more of the following (check all that apply):

☐ I am 65 years of age or older.

☐ I have a permanent or temporary physical disability.

☐ I am a member of a uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the county on election day.

☐ I am a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the county on election day.

☐ I am the spouse or dependent of a member of the uniformed

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service or Merchant Marine who, by reason of the active duty or  
 service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
 election day.

☐ I am currently residing outside the United States.

...(Date)... Voter's Signature...

Note: Your Signature Must Be Witnessed By One Witness 18 Years  
 of Age or Older as Provided in the Instruction Sheet.

I swear or affirm that the voter signed this Voter's Certificate  
 in my presence.

...(Signature of Witness)...

...(Printed Name of Witness)...

...(Date)...

...(City/State)...

(4) The certificate shall be arranged on the back of the  
 envelope so that the line for the signature of the absent  
 elector is across the seal of the envelope.

Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida  
 Statutes, is amended to read:

101.6923 Special absentee ballot instructions for certain  
 first-time voters.—

(2) A voter covered by this section shall be provided with  
 printed instructions with his or her absentee ballot in

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substantially the following form:

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR  
 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE  
 YOUR BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

1. In order to ensure that your absentee ballot will be  
 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county  
 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
 date of the election.

2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
 that race will not be counted.

4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
 envelope and seal the envelope.

5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
 envelope.

a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
 Signature).

b. You must have your signature witnessed by a person 18  
 years of age or older. Have the witness sign on the line above  
 (Signature of Witness) and include his or her address. If the

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signature is illegible, the Voter's Certificate must also  
include a readable printed name of the attesting witness. No  
candidate may serve as an attesting witness.

~~c.e.~~ If you are an overseas voter, you must include the  
date you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date)  
or your ballot may not be counted.

~~d.e.~~ An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and will  
not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate does  
not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature  
that will be used to verify your signature on the Voter's  
Certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
election, send your signature update on a voter registration  
application to your supervisor of elections so that it is  
received no later than the start of canvassing of absentee  
ballots, which occurs no earlier than the 15th day before  
election day.

6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
identification:

a. Identification which must include your name and  
photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;  
military identification; student identification; retirement  
center identification; neighborhood association identification;  
or public assistance identification; or

b. Identification which shows your name and current  
residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
voter identification card).

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7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
if you meet one of the following requirements:

a. You are 65 years of age or older.

b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty  
who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the  
county on election day.

d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason  
of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the  
county on election day.

e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to  
in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active  
duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
election day.

f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into  
the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy  
of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR  
IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR  
INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR  
BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

Section 9. Subsection (4) of section 102.031, Florida

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Statutes, is amended to read:

102.031 Maintenance of good order at polls; authorities; persons allowed in polling rooms and early voting areas; unlawful solicitation of voters.—

(4) (a) No person, political committee, committee of continuous existence, or other group or organization may solicit voters inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the entrance to any polling place, or polling room where the polling place is also a polling room, or early voting site. ~~Before the opening of the polling place or early voting site, the clerk or supervisor shall designate the no solicitation zone and mark the boundaries.~~

(b) For the purpose of this subsection, the terms "solicit" or "solicitation" shall include, but not be limited to, seeking or attempting to seek any vote, fact, opinion, or contribution; distributing or attempting to distribute any political or campaign material, leaflet, or handout; conducting a poll except as specified in this paragraph; seeking or attempting to seek a signature on any petition; and selling or attempting to sell any item. The terms "solicit" or "solicitation" shall not be construed to prohibit exit polling.

(c) Each supervisor of elections shall inform the clerk of the area within which soliciting is unlawful, ~~based on the particular characteristics of that polling place.~~ The supervisor or the clerk may take any reasonable action necessary to ensure order at the polling places, including, but not limited to, having disruptive and unruly persons removed by law enforcement officers from the polling room or place or from the 100-foot zone surrounding the polling place.

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(d) Except as provided in paragraph (a), the supervisor may not designate a no solicitation zone or otherwise restrict access to a polling place, polling room, early voting site, or surrounding property in any manner to any person, political committee, committee of continuous existence, candidate, or other group or organization for the purposes of soliciting voters. This paragraph applies to any public or private property used as a polling place or early voting site.

Section 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.

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## **Recommendations for Increased Accessibility & Efficiency in Florida Elections**

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**Executive Summary**

Following the 2012 General Election, Governor Rick Scott tasked Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner with making recommendations to increase the accessibility and efficiency in Florida Elections. In response to this task and in an effort to make the most beneficial, comprehensive and educated recommendations, Secretary Detzner and a team of Department of State employees from the department's Office of the Secretary, Office of the General Counsel and the Division of Elections' Bureau of Voter Registration Services and Bureau of Voting Systems Certification traveled throughout Florida to meet with county supervisors of elections and their staffs and receive their input on how to improve Florida's election system. Secretary Detzner also sought out and received valuable input from other elected officials and knowledgeable Floridians and organizations such as the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections and the League of Women Voters. The Secretary also considered input from Florida voters, poll workers, Miami-Dade's Election Task Force, the Miami-Dade Grand Jury report and Division of Elections' staff.

During Secretary Detzner's fact-finding efforts, supervisors of elections and others agreed the 2012 General Election was a fair election as a whole. However, it was similarly believed by all that the election process should be improved upon. The area for improvement most commonly mentioned was the length of lines at polling places, which were believed to have been caused by the record number of voters, a shortened early voting schedule, inadequate voting locations and a long ballot. Other areas for improvement frequently mentioned in the Secretary's meetings included the unprecedented number of "in-person absentee" ballots cast and the burden they put on supervisors of elections to distribute and canvass in a timely manner; the increased number of overall absentee ballots and the time in which they could be requested, mailed and canvassed; deficiencies in the local administration of elections; and the limited funding by county commissions to purchase the best available voting equipment.

After evaluating and giving strong consideration to the ideas presented to him by elections experts throughout Florida, and also based on his own experience and knowledge as Florida's chief election officer, Secretary Detzner makes the following recommendations for Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature to consider as a means to improve the accessibility and efficiency in Florida elections:

**Early Voting**

- Extend the early voting schedule from a minimum of 8 days to a maximum of 14 days, while also allowing supervisors of elections the flexibility to offer early voting on the Sunday immediately prior to Election Day.
- Expand the allowable locations of early voting sites at government owned, managed or occupied facilities to include the main or branch office of a supervisor of elections, a city hall, courthouse, county commission building, public library, civic center, convention center, fairgrounds or stadium.



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**Ballot Length**

- Set a word limit for proposed legislative amendments.
- Repeal statutes allowing the full text (stricken or underlined) of a constitutional amendment or revision to be placed on a ballot.
- Allow mail ballot elections for candidates in certain elections.

Furthermore, Secretary Detzner suggests county governments strongly consider making the necessary voting equipment upgrades to meet current voter needs. He also suggests supervisors of elections re-evaluate their 2012 General Election precincts, upload votes earlier in elections to test county systems, establish best practices and ensure contracts with their vendors have safeguards to ensure the warranty, maintenance and upgrading of voting equipment.

**2012 General Election Overview and Findings**

**A. Overview**

During the 2012 General Election, more Floridians voted than in any previous election in Florida history, with more than 8.5 million Floridians casting a ballot. Among these voters, more than half of them voted prior to Election Day. More than 2.4 million Floridians cast a ballot during the early voting period and nearly 2.4 million Floridians voted an absentee ballot – also a Florida election record.

Florida is one of only three southeastern states, and one of only 26 states nationwide, that offers both early voting and no-excuse absentee voting. However, despite the variety of voting methods in Florida, many voters found themselves waiting in line for hours to cast a ballot both during the early voting period and on Election Day. These lines can be attributed, in part, to county supervisors of elections underestimating the turnout of voters in certain precincts. But most, if not all, counties experienced longer wait times than in previous elections due to factors including the record number of voters, a shortened early voting schedule, inadequate voting locations, limited voting equipment and a long ballot.

**B. Early Voting**

Changes to the Florida Election Code in 2011 reduced the number of early voting days from 14 to 8, but maintained the same maximum number of hours (96) during the early voting period. These hours included up to 12 hours a day of early voting to allow voters more flexibility to cast a ballot before or after work. However, whether the new early voting hours encouraged more voters to vote early or because fewer early voting days funneled more voters into polling places at the same time, or a combination of both circumstances, several early voting sites in some counties could not manage the volume of voters without enduring excessive and unreasonable waiting times to vote.

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Due to varying populations, geography and voting habits in Florida counties, “one size does not fit all” for early voting days and hours. Lesser populated counties can be overburdened with extended early voting hours because they are not cost effective or necessary for voters to avoid long lines. Alternatively, some of the higher populated counties can benefit by having longer early voting hours and days.

The Sunday before Election Day, in particular, is an example of a “one size does not fit all” day. The vast majority of supervisors of elections prefers and needs to use this Sunday as a day to prepare for Election Day. However, some supervisors of elections strongly believe they are capable of conducting organized elections while also offering this regionally popular day of voting to their voters.

Current Florida law restricts early voting locations to the main or branch offices of supervisors of elections, city halls and permanent public libraries. In many circumstances, these sites lack adequate floor space to accommodate voting equipment and voters, have insufficient security and present other logistical issues such as limited parking space for election staff and voters who frequently have to compete with each other and/or the public who are using other parts of the facilities for non-election purposes. If given the flexibility to choose more and larger sites, supervisors could more effectively select early voting locations that meet the geographic needs of their voters and reduce the wait times at these locations.

### **C. Ballot Length**

The Florida Legislature included 11 proposed constitutional amendments on the 2012 General Election ballot. The additional language for voters to read and consider greatly contributed to the longer than usual lines at polling places. For several counties, compounding the issue of 11 proposed constitutional amendments was the federal requirement to provide as many as two foreign translations, which extended the ballot up to 12 pages in some areas. As of 2011, 14 counties in Florida must provide the ballot in Spanish.

In addition to the time it took to read the amendments, multi-page ballots required more time to place ballots through tabulators and more time to tabulate each ballot. Printing different ballots for each language has been raised as a way to shorten the ballot length, but this option would be expensive for counties and complicated to administer.

Unlike other public measures and constitutional amendments proposed by initiative, proposed constitutional amendments by the Legislature are not bound by a 75-word ballot summary limitation. This lack of any word limitation permits the limitless length of a ballot.

Additionally, the legislature has the ability to place the full text of a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot. Florida Statutes presently require that by December 31, 2013, all voting systems must permit the full coded text of constitutional amendments to be placed on a ballot. Therefore, the length of the ballot could possibly be longer if these statutes are implemented. Moreover, implementation issues exist involving the stricken and underlined text on voting systems for visibly impaired voters that will make the section difficult, if not impossible, to conform to federal requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Help America Vote Act.

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**D. Absentee Ballots**

The 2012 General Election featured a record number of absentee ballots cast, with nearly 2.4 million. Absentee ballots are an effective way to relieve pressure at polling places during the early voting period and on Election Day. However, as the demand for absentee ballots increases, steps must be taken to relieve the pressure they put on supervisors of elections to provide and canvass these ballots in a timely manner. Some supervisors of elections not only had problems with contractors handling the mailing of the absentee ballots on a timely basis, but also had delays with the U.S. Postal Service in the mailing and delivery of the ballots.

Additionally, some supervisors of elections did not anticipate and were not prepared for the large number of voters seeking to cast “in-person absentee” ballots at the supervisor’s office instead of voting a regular ballot at an early voting or Election Day location. The increase of “in-person absentee” voting can primarily be attributed to political activism and the media attention created by a lawsuit asking Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties to offer “in-person absentee” voting, although the law already allowed the counties to do so. The simultaneous casting of “in-person absentee” ballots and early voting occurring at the supervisors of elections’ offices created confusion and long lines. In effect, voters were using “in-person absentee” ballots as a substitute for early voting or as an alternative to going to their precinct.

Absentee ballots require additional time to canvass compared to regular ballots because absentee ballots must be individually reviewed by a canvassing board to ensure every signature matches a voter’s signature on file. A supervisor of elections is typically one of the three members on a canvassing board and the additional time he or she must spend canvassing absentee ballots is less time the supervisor has to administer the election.

Supervisors of elections may begin canvassing ballots 15 days prior to Election Day. In some cases, counties will have already received tens of thousands of absentee ballots by this date. For supervisors to be best prepared for Election Day, absentee ballots should be nearly, if not entirely, counted by the Sunday before Election Day. However, this may not be logistically possible under current law for some counties. Furthermore, the significant increase of regular and “in-person absentee” ballots required many supervisors to continue canvassing absentee ballots days after Election Day.

Due to the close margin of votes between President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney, the media was highly critical of Florida’s inability to have all of its absentee ballots counted on Election Day, even though this is not required by law. The first unofficial report of General Election results is not due until the fourth day after an election. As a result of the continued canvassing of absentee ballots, however, the media falsely reported Florida was the last state to finish counting ballots. The reality is that many states were counting ballots after Florida, but their margin of victory was enough for the media to “call” those elections.

**E. Election Administration**

Even when a state has the best election laws possible, it requires the proper administration of those election laws at the local level to have a successful election. For this reason, supervisors of elections have a responsibility to make the proper preparations for an election and their county

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commissions have the responsibility to provide the appropriate support to meet these needs. Overall, supervisors of elections were very successful in the administration of the 2012 General Election. However, some counties failed to prepare effectively and it reflected poorly on the entire state.

The use of outdated voting equipment created issues during the 2012 General Election. Upgraded equipment could have prevented issues in some counties such as memory card failures. Additionally, some Florida counties continue to operate without utilizing technological advances, such as electronic poll books, which can shorten the time it takes to do voter intake and minimize the possibility of dual voting fraud.

In addition to technological shortcomings in some counties, supervisors of elections who delayed the realignment of precincts until after the election required some voters in the same precinct to have different ballot styles, which created additional time consuming quality assurance steps, which further impacted the voting time for voters in large precincts and those with the heaviest turnout. Delays at the polling place were also caused by supervisors of elections who used fixed formulas to distribute vote scanners to precincts based on the number of registered voters rather than based on turnout.

**Priority Recommendations**

**1. Extend the Early Voting Schedule**

Amend § 101.657(1)(d), Fla. Stat., to require supervisors of elections to offer at least eight consecutive days of early voting with the flexibility to extend up to 14 consecutive days of early voting, ending on either the Saturday or Sunday immediately prior to Election Day.

***Current Law:***

Early voting begins on the 10th day before an election and ends on the 3rd day (Saturday) before the election.

**2. Expand the Definition of an Early Voting Site**

Amend § 101.657(1)(a), Fla. Stat., to expand the allowable locations of early voting sites at government owned, managed or occupied facilities to include the main or branch office of a supervisor of elections, a city hall, courthouse, county commission building, public library, civic center, convention center, fairgrounds or stadium, which will benefit voters by increasing the size of early voting locations and improve their indoor occupancy and outdoor parking availability.

***Current Law:***

Early voting locations are limited to the main or branch office of the supervisor. However, for a branch office to be used for early voting, it must be a permanent facility of the supervisor and been designated and used as such for at least one year prior to the election. The supervisor may

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also designate any city hall or permanent public library facility as early voting sites. However, if so designated, these sites must be geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is possible.

### **3. Limit Ballot Length**

#### **a. Set a word limit for proposed legislative amendments.**

Amend § 101.161(1) and (3)(a), Fla. Stat., to set a word limit for proposed constitutional amendments or revisions made by the Florida Legislature, unless it is determined by an extraordinary vote of the Legislature that 75 words or less cannot effectively summarize an amendment's intention and allow voters the information they need to vote in favor or against it.

***Current Law:***

All constitutional amendments and other public measures on the ballot are limited to a 75-word ballot summary in § 101.161(1), Fla. Stat., except constitutional amendments or revisions proposed by joint resolution. In 2011, the statute created an expedited judicial review process for constitutional amendments proposed by joint resolution and permitted the legislature to provide one or more ballot summaries (to include the full text of the amendment) set forth in order of priority in the joint resolution so that if a court declared all the summaries defective the Attorney General must rewrite the summary to correct the deficiencies.

#### **b. Allow mail ballot elections for candidates in certain elections.**

Amend the Mail Ballot Election Act (§§ 101.6101 – 101.6107, Fla. Stat.) to allow mail ballot elections involving candidates in special district elections (e.g., community development districts, fire control districts, soil and water conservation districts).

***Current Law:***

No election in which any candidate is nominated, elected, retained or recalled may be a mail-ballot only election; nor may a mail ballot election be held on the same day as another election.

#### **c. Repeal statutes allowing the full text (stricken or underlined) of a constitutional amendment on a ballot.**

Repeal § 101.56075(4), Fla. Stat. and § 101.161(3)(b)3., Fla. Stat., which allow the full text (stricken or underlined) of a constitutional amendment or revision to be placed on a ballot.

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***Current Law:***

By December 31, 2013, all voting systems utilized by voters during a state election shall permit placement on the ballot of the full text of a constitutional amendment or revision containing stricken or underlined text. Furthermore, a ballot statement that consists of the full text of an amendment or revision shall be presumed to be a clear and unambiguous statement of the substance and effect of the amendment or revision, providing fair notice to the electors of the content of the amendment or revision and sufficiently advising electors of the issue upon which they are to vote.

**Considerations for Effective Election Administration**

**Absentee Ballot Voting**

**1. Establish an earlier timeframe for absentee ballot mailings and requests and an earlier timeframe to canvass absentee ballots.**

Amend § 101.62, Fla. Stat., and mitigate the possibility of mail delivery delays by revising the deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to be at least 10 days before an election and the deadline for the supervisor of elections to mail the ballot to be at least eight days before an election. Also, revise the mailing period for absentee ballots to non-UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act) voters who have requested an absentee ballot to between the 45th and 35th days before an election. Supervisors of elections should also be allowed to begin canvassing these absentee ballots earlier than the current statutes allow.

***Current Law:***

The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is six days before the election and the deadline for the supervisor of elections to mail the ballot is four days before the election. Meanwhile, non-UOCAVA absentee ballots must be mailed between the 35th and 28th day before Election Day. The deadline for UOCAVA ballots to be mailed is 45 days prior to Election Day. Canvassing of absentee ballots may begin 15 days prior to Election Day.

**2. Improve “In-person Absentee” Voting**

“In-person absentee” voting, as currently implemented, has created a de facto early voting extension that can interfere with Election Day preparations and delay election results until after Election Day. Suggestions to make the voting process more efficient in the days leading up to Election Day include requiring in-person voters to cast a ballot at early voting sites during early voting or at a voting precinct on Election Day rather than at a supervisors of elections office, which requires additional staff time to facilitate and canvass. Considerations should also be given to whether “in-person absentee” voting is necessary on the day before Election Day if the voter is able to vote on Election Day.

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***Current Law:***

“In-person absentee” voting may occur before or on Election Day. Current law allows a voter to pick up his or her absentee ballot from the supervisor of elections office at any time up to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. While at the supervisor of elections office, the voter may choose to mark it and turn the ballot in rather than mail it at a later time.

## **Elections Management**

### **1. Add Alternates to County Canvassing Boards**

Amend § 102.141, Fla. Stat. to allow a chief judge of the judicial circuit to appoint two alternate members to each county canvassing board. The chair of the county canvassing board or his or her designee will designate which three members comprise the official board at any of its meetings.

***Current Law:***

A county canvassing board consists of three members: a county judge who serves as chair, the chair of the board of county commissioners and the supervisor of elections. A majority vote governs the canvassing board’s decisions.

### **2. Allow Fines for Underperforming Voting Vendors**

Provide authority to the Secretary of State to make vendors of certified voting systems in Florida more accountable by imposing fines and administrative actions against vendors whose systems do not perform at a high level.

***Current Law:***

The Secretary of State must certify a voting system before it may be used in Florida. However, the Secretary has no authority other than decertifying the equipment if it should later develop problems or the vendor fails to keep the system serviceable and performing at a high level.

### **3. Require Supervisors of Elections to Upload Results Earlier**

Supervisors of Elections should be required to do an early, but not public, upload of early voting and absentee voting results through the end of the early voting period. Although currently permitted, not all supervisors of elections upload any early results before Election Day. An early upload can help flag or identify issues with technology or administration issues and provide an opportunity to more timely address any issues before Election Day.

***Current Law:***

Supervisors of elections can wait until Election Day to begin uploading voting results.

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**Additional Considerations**

1. **Signature Updates** – Allow signature updates to be made from paper precinct register/electronic poll books, early voting certificates and absentee ballot certificates (if counted). Current law only allows signature updates to be accepted from a completed application form. These signature updates would ensure more current signatures are on record.
2. **Absentee Voters with New Addresses** – Allow the absentee ballot of a voter who makes an address change after casting an absentee ballot to be counted in the county in which the absentee ballot was cast. Currently, a voter remains on the rolls for purposes of counting his or her absentee ballot if the voter dies on or before Election Day. The same consideration should be applied to voters who move after casting their ballot.
3. **Florida Election Emergency Act** – Revise the Florida Election Emergency Act, which has not been updated since it was enacted in 1992. During Hurricane Sandy, several Florida voters were either visiting or serving as first responders in the impact area and were unable to return home to vote. Additionally, the storm impacted major city hubs and could have delayed the delivery of absentee ballots if the mail had not been rerouted. Updates should be made to allow Floridians in such circumstances to vote.
4. **Voter Registration Processing** – Require paper voter registrations, including signatures to be scanned and entered within seven days of receipt in the office of any voter registration official. The current timeframe is 13 days. A shorter timeframe, however, would ensure more timely notice for voters who need to provide missing information in order to become a registered voter in time for an election.
5. **Voter Registration Records** – Allow the official voter registration record to be the application image or information that is in the statewide voter registration system. This change would minimize the paper transfer of voter registration applications from one official to another as long as the image is properly scanned and recorded in the voter registration system.
6. **Supervisor of Elections Continuing Education** – The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, individual supervisors of elections and the Division of Elections should work closely to identify and promote best practices from around the state that are continually revised and communicated to election officials and their staff in routine trainings conducted online and in person. This effort should include new supervisors of elections to undergo a minimum number of hours of certified training and testing on the Election Code.
7. **Local Administration of Elections** – Supervisors of elections should strongly consider the following ideas presented during Secretary Detzner’s fact-finding efforts:
  - a. Purchase certified voting equipment that reflects advances in technology.



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- b. Review their precincts from the 2012 general election and determine whether the number used, their locations and any combining of precincts created longer than acceptable voting lines. If so, supervisors of elections should re-precinct their voting locations.
- c. Ensure contracts with voting equipment vendors have sufficient safeguards within them to guarantee the warranty, maintenance and upgrading of the equipment meets voter needs.

**Closing Commentary**

I can confidently say Florida conducted a fair election in 2012. But I am just as confident we can improve upon the election, because every election can be improved upon. Technology changes, needs change, voter behavior changes and experience encourages more innovation. In 2013, Florida can make the right adjustments again because it is what Florida voters expect, need and deserve. Voter confidence must be restored.

Furthermore, the local administration of an election is a key component to the success of an election. All of Florida's 67 county supervisors of elections (all but one of whom are elected) are responsible for making the right decisions for their county. Their constituents rely on them to ensure elections are accessible, efficient and fair. Similarly, supervisors of elections rely on county commissions to ensure they have the necessary support to conduct an election properly. One county or precinct that does not properly serve its voters does a disservice for the entire state and has the potential to cloud the positive steps taken by the rest of the state to conduct an accessible and efficient election. Supervisors of elections and county commissions must take it upon themselves to oversee elections through responsible leadership and efficient administration. Similarly, the Florida Legislature must ensure Florida has the best election laws possible in which supervisors of elections may operate.

- Secretary of State Ken Detzner



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## **FSASE Legislative Package (2013 Legislative Session)**

**The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) strongly urges the Florida Legislature to adopt the following during the 2013 Legislative Session:**

- **Length of Ballot:**
  - Amend FS 101.161 (1) to include constitutional amendments or revisions proposed by joint resolution not to exceed the 15 word caption/75 word ballot summary.
  - Repeal FS 101.56075 (4) which mandates that  
all voting systems utilized by voters during a state election shall permit placement on the ballot of the full text of a constitutional amendment or revision containing stricken or underlined text.
- **Early Voting:**
  - Amend FS 101.657 (1) (a) to allow the Supervisor the ability to select early voting sites consistent with the procedure used to select election day polling places.
  - Amend FS 101.657 (1) (d) to require eight (8) days for Primary and General Elections, with the option for Supervisors to provide additional days not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

## **FSASE Legislative Package “Ancillary” Items for 2013 Legislative Session**

**In addition to the Primary Legislative items previously published by the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) addressing the Length of Ballot and Early Voting, the below are recommended as additional items for consideration:**

- Create Section 101.2521 Restriction on the withdrawal of certain candidates. (A candidate who has qualified as prescribed by law and whose withdrawal would otherwise result in all electors, regardless of party affiliation, being able to vote in the primary election for the office sought by the candidate may not withdraw as a candidate during the period beginning five days after the end of the qualifying period until the day after the primary election.)
- Amend FS 101.68(1) and 101.68(2)(c)1 to allow voters who did not sign their absentee “Voter’s Certificate” either to file an affidavit with the Supervisor of Elections that addressed the inadvertent “unsigned” Voter’s Certificate or allow the Supervisor of Elections to “spoil” and re-issue the absentee ballot. (Note: Potential deadline could be with the commencement of absentee ballot canvassing outlined in FS 101.68(2)(a).)
- Amend FS 101.6102 (Mail Ballot Elections) to authorize the governing body to include municipal, Community Development Districts and/or special elections that involve candidates included in mail ballot elections.
- Remove 90 day limit for State Write-In Ballots (SWAB’s) in FS 101.695(1). This is no longer necessary (dates back to when we had advanced ballots).
- Remove language in FS 101.5608(2)(b) and reference to “stubs” on spoiled ballots as it’s outdated and no longer utilized.
- Amend FS 102.031(4)(a) to include a “cone of protection” for voters in line beyond the current 100 foot limit for early voting

locations and election day polling places with regards to solicitation.

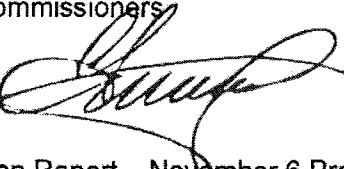
- Amend FS 101.20(2) to allow option for voter to receive a sample ballot electronically. (A county may send a sample ballot to each registered elector by electronic mail at least 7 days prior to any election, if an electronic mail address has been provided and the elector has not opted out of electronic delivery. If an electronic mail address has not been provided, or if the elector has opted out of electronic delivery, current delivery will occur.)
- Amend FS 97.071 to allow option to receive a voter information card information electronically. (A county may send information contained on the voter information card to each registered elector by electronic mail, if an electronic mail address has been provided and the elector has not opted out of electronic delivery. If an electronic mail address has not been provided, or if the elector has opted out of electronic delivery, current delivery will occur.)
- Amend FS 98.077 and FS 101.68(1) to allow SOEs to use the precinct register or Electronic Poll Book voting pass to update the voter signature. (Signatures given at the polling locations are verified by inspectors by comparison and with photo identification. Since a large number of voters never update their signature after their initial registration, this would allow supervisors a mechanism to keep signatures updated.)
- Amend FS 101.64 to allow counties (make optional) to utilize security-enhanced envelopes for absentee ballots as an alternative to the secrecy envelope. (The security enhanced envelope would remove the need for the secrecy envelope. Currently, the SOE supplies voters with a secrecy envelope to insert their absentee ballot in. This is to ensure voters' ballots remain secret. In an effort to improve the operational efficiencies and minimize labor costs associated with absentee ballots, the SOE is seeking to automate the opening of ballots. Also, if an automated process is used, there would be no personnel viewing the ballots as they were opened, further protecting the voter's secrecy!)
- Amend FS 102.141(4) to exclude reference to "untabulated absentee results" as it conflicts with FS 101.68(2)(a) and reference to when county canvassing board may begin canvassing of absentee ballots (. . . but not later than noon on the day following an election).

# Memorandum



**Date:** December 19, 2012

**To:** Honorable Vice Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson and Members  
Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez   
Mayor

**Subject:** Elections After Action Report – November 6 Presidential Election

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For your review, attached is the After Action report for the November 6<sup>th</sup> Presidential Election prepared by the Supervisor of Elections. This report will be presented for review and consideration to the Elections Advisory Group on January 7, 2013 at 9am. The work of the Advisory Group will continue through January and a report with findings and recommendations will be finalized at that time for a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please call me directly or Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections at 305-499-8509.

Attachment

c: R. A. Cuevas, Jr., County Attorney  
Alina T. Hudak, Deputy Mayor  
Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections  
Elections Advisory Group Members

# Memorandum



**Date:** December 19, 2012

**To:** Honorable Carlos A. Gimenez  
Mayor

**From:** Penelope Townsley  
Supervisor of Elections

**Subject:** After Action Report – November 6, 2012 General Election

At the conclusion of the November 6, 2012 General Election, my staff and I began to assess the planning and operational aspects of conducting this election. As is true with every election, important lessons were learned and improvements will be made in the best interest of our voters.

This After Action Report addresses the challenges experienced within the three methods of voting – Early Voting, Absentee Voting, and Election Day. Analyses of the General Election activities were conducted to identify opportunities for process improvements and technology enhancements. The executive summary highlights our priority findings and recommendations both administrative and legislative in nature. Detailed information regarding these, as well as other recommendations are included in the body of this report.

## Executive Summary

Miami-Dade County operates the largest and most complex election operation in the state of Florida, organizing logistics across a region that exceeds 2,400 square miles. The number of Miami-Dade voters who participated in this year's General Election exceeded all other counties in the state, as illustrated below:

LARGE COUNTY STATISTICAL COMPARISONS			
County	Total Registered Voters	Total Votes Cast	Overall Turnout Percentage
Miami-Dade	1,313,850	888,033	67.59%
Broward	1,145,988	762,345	66.85%
Palm Beach	872,114	602,956	69.13%
Hillsborough	758,068	545,134	72.92%
Orange	696,027	470,192	68.08%
Duval	564,777	414,111	73.98%

In order to accommodate this number of voters and adhere to all statutory requirements, planning and preparation began in April 2012. Planning activities were performed within the constraints of the \$11,304,245 General Election budget, which includes an approved budget adjustment of \$2,359,000 to fund the additional costs of absentee ballot printing and mailing, equipment rental and upgrade, and seasonal staff resulting from the increased size of the ballot and the effects of not re-precincting. Lessons learned from the 2008 General Election, coupled with the implementation of new election laws, served as the basis for preparing Elections Department poll workers, staff, administrators and County employees.

This election was the County's largest and one of the most complex. This is illustrated when comparing statistics to the 2008 General Election:

ELECTION STATISTICAL COMPARISONS		
Indicators	2008 General Election	2012 General Election
Registered Voters	1,253,428	1,313,850
Total Ballots Cast	872,260	888,033
Ballot Pages Scanned	1,751,278	4,440,165
Election Day Turnout	368,540	408,353
Early Voting Turnout	326,170	235,727
Absentee Ballots Mailed	207,667	310,311
Absentee Ballots Returned	177,550	243,953
Provisional Ballots Cast	3,696	2,818
Precincts / Polling Locations	814 / 574	829 / 541
Poll Workers Trained	8,292	8,900

Taking these statistics into consideration, there were many areas of review and recommendations for improvement discussed. While each operation is unique, there were a number of factors that contributed to the challenges encountered in the 2012 General Election. They are as follows:

**Ballot Length:** The length of the ballot is a significant factor that had impacts across many sections of our operation. The number of constitutional amendments was unprecedented, and the lengthy text on many of the constitutional amendments resulted in a 5-6 page ballot.

**Legislative Recommendation:**

- The County's critical priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session should include limiting the state constitutional amendments to the same 75 word restriction that other ballot language must adhere to. *(Note: This recommendation was endorsed by the Mayor's Elections Advisory Group on December 14, 2012).*

**Estimation of Voting Time:** An estimate of how long it would take to cast the 5-6 page ballot should have been further analyzed. The difficulty in estimating an average voting time was its dependence on the preparedness of individual voters. For instance, a voter who was reading the 5 page ballot for the first time would spend more time at the privacy booth than a voter who had pre-determined their ballot selections ahead of receiving their ballot. In light of this, we focused our education and outreach efforts on encouraging voters to be prepared. A methodology for estimating voting time may have yielded a better gauge for managing the wait times at Early Voting and Election Day voting locations.

**Departmental Recommendation:**

- Work with the Management Planning and Performance Analysis (MPPA) Division of the Department of Management and Budget and the Department of Audit and Management Services as consultancy resources to conduct process analyses whenever necessary to determine how long it takes to cast a ballot.

**Number of Early Voting Sites:** Miami-Dade County has operated 20 early voting sites since 2004 for all federal, state and countywide elections. Nonetheless, the experience of the 2012 General Election has taught us that each election requires an independent review of early voting sites. Without a doubt, more early voting sites would have helped to reduce the time voters waited in line. However, the need for additional early voting sites was not contemplated. Additionally, because the state requires that sites be designated 30 days prior to the start of Early Voting, and our inability to staff and equip additional sites, this was not an option.

**Departmental Recommendations:**

- Open additional early voting locations depending on the scale of the election within the guidelines set forth by the state. This will have a fiscal impact that is being reviewed and contingent upon the number of sites made available. The fiscal impact for the 2012 General Election Early Voting period is estimated at \$20,000 per site per day, based on the 5 page ballot.
- Staffing ratios and equipment should be commensurate with the scope of the election.

**Legislative Recommendation:**

- The County's critical priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session should include the expansion of allowable sites for use during early voting. Many of our current sites, which are limited to public libraries and city halls, are inadequate to accommodate the number of voters in Miami-Dade County. *(Note: This recommendation was endorsed by the Mayor's Elections Advisory Group on December 14, 2012).*

**Reduction of Early Voting Days:** The state's reduction of early voting days from 14 to 8 resulted in approximately 90,000 fewer early voters in 2012 compared to 2008, even though Miami-Dade County chose to offer the maximum number of hours allowable by law. Undoubtedly, the discouraging effect of long lines during Early Voting pushed more voters to Absentee Voting and Election Day. This unanticipated surge in historical voting habits, compounded by the lengthy ballot, greatly contributed to the long lines and wait times across the County.

**Legislative Recommendation:**

- The County's critical priorities for the 2013 Legislative Session should include extending the availability of early voting to 9 days to include the Sunday before Election Day. *(Note: This recommendation was amended from 14 days to 9 days to reflect the action taken by the Mayor's Elections Advisory Group on December 14, 2012).*

**Absentee Ballot Processing:** There were a number of challenges related to absentee voting. The Elections Department processed a record number of Absentee Ballots (ABs) for the 2012 General Election, surpassing the 2008 mailings and returns by 49% and 38% respectively. The law currently permits the canvassing of returned absentee ballots 15 days prior to Election Day. Over 74,000 ballots had been returned by the 15<sup>th</sup> day prior to the Election, putting the Department at a management and processing disadvantage with a large volume of ballots being returned on a daily basis. Our ability to canvass absentee ballots at least 20 days prior to the election would have contributed to more efficient management of the unanticipated volume, as 14,000 ballots had been returned by the 20<sup>th</sup> day prior to the Election.



Over 55,000 absentee ballots were received the day prior to and on Election Day. This challenged staffing resources especially since only 60 of the 150 hired seasonal workers assigned as absentee ballot openers consistently worked as scheduled. The remaining 90 did not consistently show up to work as the workload required. In order to process all of the absentee ballots, operations ran 24 hour days, which required staff who did remain committed to work exhaustively.

In addition, the automated absentee ballot processing unit that sorts all incoming and outgoing ballots experienced a 12 hour mechanical breakdown at 2:30 a.m. the morning of Election Day. This was a contributing factor to election night results being reported on Thursday, November 8, at noon.

**Departmental Recommendations:**

- Review available technologies that can improve the internal processing of absentee ballots, such as automated signature verification software and advanced mail ballot processing equipment. Also, establish stronger contingency plans for mechanical breakdowns. This will have a fiscal impact, and a budget request will be submitted accordingly.
- Increase seasonal staffing levels to account for 24 hour operations along with increased capacity for space and phone licensing. This will have a fiscal impact, and the department will submit a budget request accordingly.
- Continue to communicate with Miami-Dade County representatives at the USPS to ensure swift and successful ballot delivery for future elections.

**Legislative Recommendations:**

- Extend the number of days the Supervisor of Elections is permitted to canvass absentee ballots from the current 15 days prior to Election Day to 20 days prior to Election Day. *(Note: This recommendation was endorsed by the Election Advisory Group on December 14, 2012).*
- Discontinue the term “absentee ballot” and replace it with the more accurate term “Vote by Mail.” *(Note: This recommendation was endorsed by the Mayor’s Elections Advisory Group on December 14, 2012).*

**Polling Place Process Inefficiencies:** Inefficiencies in the Election Day voter check-in process was a factor that significantly contributed to long lines and wait times experienced at some precincts, especially those affected by the decision to not re-precinct. Currently, the Election Day voter check-in process is performed using preprinted precinct registers. Poll workers review a number of pages to look up the voter after which, the voter is required to sign in. When there is a question regarding a voter’s eligibility, this manual process requires poll workers to look the voter up on a laptop containing a static database or call the Department’s central phone bank (Election Central) for verification. The call volume on Election Day exceeded 7,000 calls, causing delays and bottlenecks at precinct check-in, further exacerbating the wait time.

**Departmental Recommendations:**

- Research available technologies to automate the voter check-in process using electronic poll books for implementation prior to the next Presidential Election. This will have a fiscal impact, which is being reviewed, and a budget request will be submitted accordingly.

**Additional Polling Place Inefficiencies:** Other factors included the time required to deploy additional equipment, call volume from precincts causing delays for poll workers trying to reach our call center (Election Central) for assistance, and the ability of some Clerks to manage their polling place.

**Departmental Recommendations:**

- Explore the use of handheld field technology that may be integrated with the existing inventory and tracking system to enhance accountability in as-needed equipment deployment. This will have a fiscal impact, which is being reviewed, and a budget request will be submitted accordingly.
- Equipment allocation should ensure a minimum of two scanners at each precinct.
- Utilize geographically stationed deployment centers around the county to respond to equipment needs expeditiously.
- Engage senior-level County employees to support the management of polling locations during Presidential Elections. This recommendation may have a fiscal or operational impact that will be assessed.
- Hire additional staff to answer calls in Election Central in order to reduce hold times for poll workers in need of assistance. This will have a fiscal impact, which is being reviewed, and a budget request will be submitted accordingly.
- Reinforce the importance of communication from troubleshooters about resource needs at their assigned polling locations.
- Conduct separate training classes for poll deputies prior to a presidential election with emphasis on line management.
- Include operational needs assessment in Election Day Clerk trainings; empower Clerks to make recommendations regarding equipment and staffing needs.
- Research software technology to systematically track and evaluate poll worker attendance and performance. This will have a fiscal impact, which is being reviewed, and a budget request will be submitted accordingly.

**Not Re-Precincting:** The decision to postpone re-precincting after redistricting and prior to this election was made in the best interest of voters in order to minimize disruption and limit confusion regarding where they vote on Election Day. More than a quarter of our voters would have been relocated to a new polling location had we done so. In preserving that convenience for our voters, “split” precincts were created across the county whereby multiple ballot variations (styles) existed in a single polling location. Typically, all voters in a single precinct receive the same ballot style in a General Election. However, once redistricting was complete, different district lines were created within a single precinct causing voters from that precinct to have different elected representatives. This meant that voters with different ballot styles were assigned to the same polling location. To ensure voters in these precincts received the correct ballot style, additional quality assurance steps were put in place during check-in. This change in procedure impacted voters who are assigned to large precincts and those with the heaviest turnout.

**Departmental Recommendations:**

- Present our re-precincting plan to the Board of County Commissioners in 2013 for approval. This plan will more equitably distribute the voting population across precincts. This will eliminate split precincts and help reduce wait times on Election Day in future elections.
- Research available technologies to automate the voter check-in process using electronic poll books for implementation at polling locations countywide prior to the next Presidential Election. This will have a fiscal impact, which is being reviewed, and a budget request will be submitted accordingly.

**Summary**

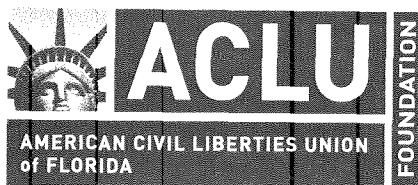
In summary, I am pleased to have the opportunity to provide this information to the Elections Advisory Group established to conduct a comprehensive and methodical analysis of the November 6 General Election. My staff and I have strived to provide as much information and detail as possible, within the limitations of available data, for the members to understand the complications of administering an election and make recommendations for improvement to the Board of County Commissioners. The Department will continue to perform research in other large jurisdictions nationwide that share the same challenges we face in Miami-Dade County in an effort to identify other process improvements that may be of value here locally.

I want to thank my staff for their dedication to this department and to the principles of fair and accurate elections in Miami-Dade County. While there is little doubt that important lessons have been learned from this historic election, I hope that this report also demonstrates the competence and hard work of my team in the face of great complexities and logistical challenges. I also want to thank the County departments who provided immeasurable support in staffing and preparing for this election cycle. While virtually every department provides some level of staffing inside our polling locations, there are a multitude of departments who work tirelessly in the background to help administer an election of this scope, especially the Library Department, Internal Services Department, Information Technology Department, the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Community Information and Outreach Department. Their work truly demonstrates the collective meaning of teamwork and I am proud to be among such incredible professionals.

**Attachments**

c:      Members, Elections Advisory Group  
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January 30, 2013

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Dear Sen. Latvala,

Thank you for your interest in hearing the views of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida on necessary voting reforms, and for your interest in addressing this important matter.

I apologize that my schedule has not permitted me to come to Tallahassee. In fact, I just returned from a week of meetings in San Diego.

Nevertheless, I have enclosed a list of suggested voting reforms that I hope will have several useful suggestions. I have also enclosed a copy of an "op-ed" which appeared earlier this week in *The Miami Herald* and *Tampa Bay Times* and which is based on the list of reforms we had prepared.

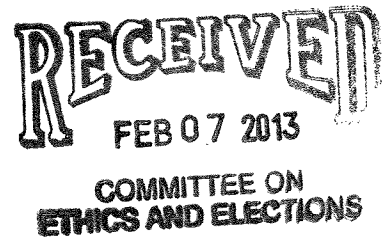
I would be more than happy to meet with your and/or the Ethics and Elections Committee staff on these matters.

If that is not convenient, I hope that you and your staff will have an opportunity to discuss our suggested voting reforms with Pamela Burch Fort and Ron Bilbao who represent the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida in Tallahassee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Howard L. Simon  
Executive Director

cc: ✓ Dawn Roberts  
Jennifer Wilson  
Pamela Burch Fort, ACLU of Florida  
Ron Bilbao, ACLU of Florida



**Suggested Voting Reforms for 2013**  
**American Civil Liberties Union of Florida**

➤ **Voting Reforms Consistent with Gov. Scott's January 17, 2013 Press Release**

- Increase the opportunity for early voting to 14 Early Voting days
- Increase early voting hours to 12 hours each day
- Mandate early voting availability on the Sunday before Election Day (Mandate that early voting be available on the Saturday and Sunday of both weekends prior to Election Day.)
- Allow Supervisors of Elections greater flexibility in choosing appropriate Early Voting sites (not limited to SOE offices, libraries and city halls) - Also supported by the FL League of Women Voters
- Eliminate the restrictions on the number of Early Voting sites per County (allow SOEs to set number based on voting age population)
- Reduce the length of the ballot, including ballot summaries of proposed constitutional amendments (Impose the same 75 word limit for ballot summaries on amendments that are proposed by the Legislature that are imposed on citizen-initiated constitutional amendments.)

➤ **Additional Changes to Address Problems Voters Encountered at the Polls in November 2012 Election**

- Restore ability of voters who move from County to County to update their address at the polls on Election Day and vote a regular Ballot, rather than a provisional ballot (change made in HB 1355) (Maintain the change that allows voters who move from another County to change their address by email or telephone on Election Day and vote a regular ballot.)
- State should consider a uniform ballot design (at least for federal and statewide elections) that would reduce confusion some voters experience with the ballot
- Request that FSASE develop a formula for the proper number of voting machines (including optical scan readers and EViD machines to sign in voters and update their address) per number of voters per voting precinct;
- The Legislature should ensure that each County has sufficient funds to provide voting equipment per the formula of voting equipment per voters in a precinct.
- Review and reform voter challenge process; Create standards for a voter challenge
- Eliminate the authority of the Attorney General to rewrite a Ballot Summary of a proposed constitutional amendment that has been struck from the ballot by the Florida Supreme Court for being misleading. HB 1355 gave the Attorney General authority that should be reserved for the Legislature. The task of rewriting the Ballot Summary should be that of the Legislature.

➤ **Additional voting reforms:** Addressing problems that voters encountered at the polls in November 2012 should not be a lost opportunity to address needed Florida voting reforms. Merely undoing the restrictions that were imposed by the 2011 Legislature and returning to the system of elections before the adoption of HB 1355 is not a program for election reform. For example, the Legislature should:

1. Amend the Florida Statute that mandates disfranchisement the discarding of the entire ballot of eligible registered voters who cast a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct. (See Florida Statutes 101.048 generally, and specifically 101.048 (b) 2.) This mandatory disfranchisement includes disfranchising voters who cast ballot in the wrong precinct inadvertently or based on incorrect information provided by poll workers. Why should

the votes for President, U.S. Senator and Governor of eligible registered Florida voters be discarded because the provisional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct?

2. Adopt same day voter registration – or, at the very least, shorten the period to register to vote from the current 30 days prior to an election;
3. Explore methods by which the government plays more of an affirmative role in registering eligible voters so that the burden to register citizens to vote falls more on the government rather than the citizen. For example, where possible, state agencies should registering their clients to vote (or, if already registered, update his/her voter registration record).
4. Expand and support arrangements by which schools work with SOEs to register students. Fla. Stat. §97.041 (1)(b) provides “A person who is otherwise qualified may preregister on or after that person’s 16th birthday and may vote in any election occurring on or after that person’s 18th birthday.” Thus, registration of students could and should begin at age 16.
5. Online voter Registration: Develop a secure online voter registration system to supplement the current, paper-based system. Online voter registration, currently used in 15 states, can significantly reduce costs for already strapped state and local governments and can reduce errors that occur from misinterpreting handwritten forms.
6. Voter Identification: The state should expand the list of permissible identifications a voter can use in order to cast a ballot at the polls. If a voter needs a state issued photo ID in order to vote (that is, the voter does not have other forms of acceptable identification), the state should issue a state ID at no cost to the voter.
7. Absentee ballots: Create a uniform and timely process for notifying voters if their absentee ballot has been accepted or rejected, and allow voters whose absentee ballots have been rejected a remedy for ensuring they are not unduly disenfranchised. (FL League of Women Voters)
8. Consider restoring the witness signature requirement for absentee ballots
9. Research for further voting reforms: Study voter registration and voting practices of states with the highest voter turnout – for the replication of their practices.

## ➤ **Restoration of Civil Rights**

The principal restriction on the right to vote in Florida continues to be the system of lifetime felon disfranchisement, largely stemming from the period of Reconstruction following the Civil War.

No discussion can honestly address voting problems and voter suppression in Florida without addressing the system of lifetime felon disfranchisement.

In Florida, as of 2010, there were more than 1.5 million former felons who have been disfranchised. Florida has the nation’s highest rate of African-American disfranchisement (23 percent) – more than one in five African-Americans in Florida has been disenfranchised.

Constitutionally, Restoration of Civil (and voting) Rights falls within the Clemency power of the Executive, there are steps that the Legislature can take to address this scandalous remnant of Florida’s Civil War history.

- The Legislature should allocate more resources to the Parole Commission for staff in order to speed the RCR process;
- the Legislature should encourage the Board of Executive Clemency to change the Rules of Executive Clemency to speed the process of Civil Rights Restoration;
- The Legislature can propose a constitutional amendment to eliminate the Civil War-era provision mandating lifetime disfranchisement;
- The Legislature should explore other ways to address this problem in addition to a proposed constitutional amendment.

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# A plan for real election reform

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**G**ov. Rick Scott has announced that he now supports reforms to address problems voters faced during the November elections.

"Our ultimate goal must be to restore Floridians' confidence in our election system. We must continually push to make improvements," he said. He wants shorter ballots, more early voting locations and more early voting hours and days.

These bare bones need flesh. Will ballots be shortened by requiring the Legislature to adhere to the same 75-word limit as required for ballot summaries of citizen-initiated constitutional amendments? Will he allow county supervisors of elections discretion to identify appropriate early voting sites for their communities? Will he support a uniform number of early voting days and hours, permitting early voting on the Sundays before elec-

tion days?

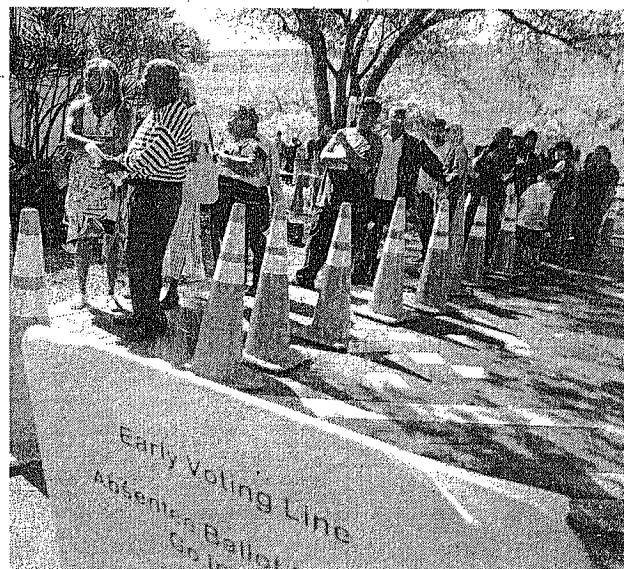
Of course, candor dictates that the reforms the governor now supports will simply undo the problems created as a result of him signing the 2011 Legislature's HB 1355 into law (aka The Voter Suppression Act).

Candor also dictates making clear that the shift in policy comes after the governor has spent almost two years (and a reported half-million dollars in state funds) defending voter suppression laws against several lawsuits, including some filed by the ACLU.

Sure, there's a lot of anger, especially from voters who heroically stood in line for hours — even after the presidential election had been called — and who were determined not to allow the Legislature's attempted election manipulation to deprive them of their right to vote.

But if all we do is address the problems voters endured in November, we will have lost the opportunity to address badly needed reforms.

Just undoing restrictions imposed by the Legislature and returning to



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People wait in line for early voting last November at a site in North Miami Beach after Gov. Rick Scott authorized limiting early voting from 14 days to 8.

the way it was before the governor signed HB 1355 into law is not a program for election reform.

• **Voter registration:** The Legislature should explore strategies for government to bear the responsibility to register all eligible voters. State agencies should register their clients, and programs to preregister 16-year-old students in school should be supported and increased statewide.

Online voter registration, already used in 15 states, should be employed here too. It is convenient, and reduces cost and errors that come from misinterpreting handwritten forms.

Ubiquitous digital communication allows the state to employ same-day voter registration or, at the very least, shorten the period to register to vote from Florida's traditional 30 days prior to an

election.

• **Ballot design:** The governor has called for shorter ballots. Good, but the state should also consider an easy-to-read, uniform ballot design to reduce voter confusion.

• **Voter identification:** The state should expand the list of approved identification a voter can use at the polls. If a voter does not have a suitable photo ID, the state should issue a state ID at no cost.

• **Address changes:** The Legislature should restore the right of voters who move from county to county to update their address at the polls on Election Day and vote a regular ballot.

• **Voter disfranchisement:** The Legislature should change the law that mandates discarding the entire ballot of an eligible voter if a provisional ballot is cast in the wrong precinct. This absurd law disfranchises voters who make an inadvertent mistake or follow incorrect information by a poll worker. How could we allow the votes of eligible registered voters for president, U.S. senator or governor to be discarded because their pro-

visional ballot was cast in the wrong precinct?

• **Felon Disfranchisement:** Florida's principal restriction on the right to vote remains the system of lifetime felon disfranchisement. Any discussion that honestly addresses voting problems and voter suppression must address felon disfranchisement.

As of 2010, there were more than 1.5 million disfranchised former felons in Florida.

Our state has the nation's highest rate of African-American disfranchisement (23 percent) — more than one in five African-Americans in Florida have been disfranchised.

In March 2011, the governor and the Cabinet issued new rules that made this scandalous remnant of Florida's Civil War history worse. The governor should also shift direction on the Restoration of Civil (and voting) Rights.

Addressing voter anger over laws that contributed to the chaos of the 2012 election should not be the only voting reforms the state makes.

That would be a missed opportunity.



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Dear Chairman:

The League of Women Voters of Florida, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to the protection of voting rights for all citizens, salutes your acknowledgement that Florida's election system needs reform and we appreciate the bipartisan tone that you have fostered within the Ethics and Elections Committee thus far.

Based on our research and analysis, along with our communications with thousands of voters throughout the state via our 2012 Voter Hotline, our voter registration efforts, our speakers' bureau and our other voter protection activities, LWVF has identified five priorities, which we urge you to incorporate in your committee's election reform proposal this year:

- Improve the early voting process
- Modernize Florida's voter registration system
- Reform the absentee ballot process
- Restrict the length of constitutional ballot amendment summaries
- Address mobility and safety concerns for voters who are disabled or elderly

These priorities can be addressed through the following recommendations for specific action:

Create a schedule for general elections as well as their related primaries that provides sufficient time for early voting, so that no Floridian is forced to stand in long lines in order to vote. Provide a minimum of nine days for early voting, with an option to extend to 14 days. The early voting period should include at least two weekends and at least two weekdays with extended access of 12 hours or more.

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Allow supervisors of elections the ability to select early voting sites in each county consistent with the procedure used to select Election Day polling sites.

Restore the prior protocol that allowed voters to update their address at the polls on Election Day and still cast a regular ballot.

Develop an online voter registration system to supplement the current, paper-based system.

- Create a uniform and timely process for notifying voters if their absentee ballot has been accepted or rejected, and provide a window of opportunity to allow voters whose absentee ballots have been rejected a remedy for ensuring they are not unduly disenfranchised.

Address mobility and safety concerns for voters who are disabled or elderly and provide an expedited process to allow them to vote without having to wait in line.

Require legislatively proposed constitutional amendments be held to the same standards for clarity and concision as citizens' initiatives, including limiting ballot summaries to 75 words or less.

Early voting restrictions, an outdated voter registration system, and a lengthy ballot all coalesced to create excessive lines, delays in the counting of ballots and a significant number of disenfranchised voters. In order to help prevent such problems in the future, the League of Women Voters of Florida has identified the specific recommendations outlined above for election reform. It is imperative that the state move quickly to address Florida's electoral system and institute these reforms, which will help ensure that future elections run smoothly.

We look forward to working with you throughout the upcoming session, and please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Macnab", with a stylized, cursive script.

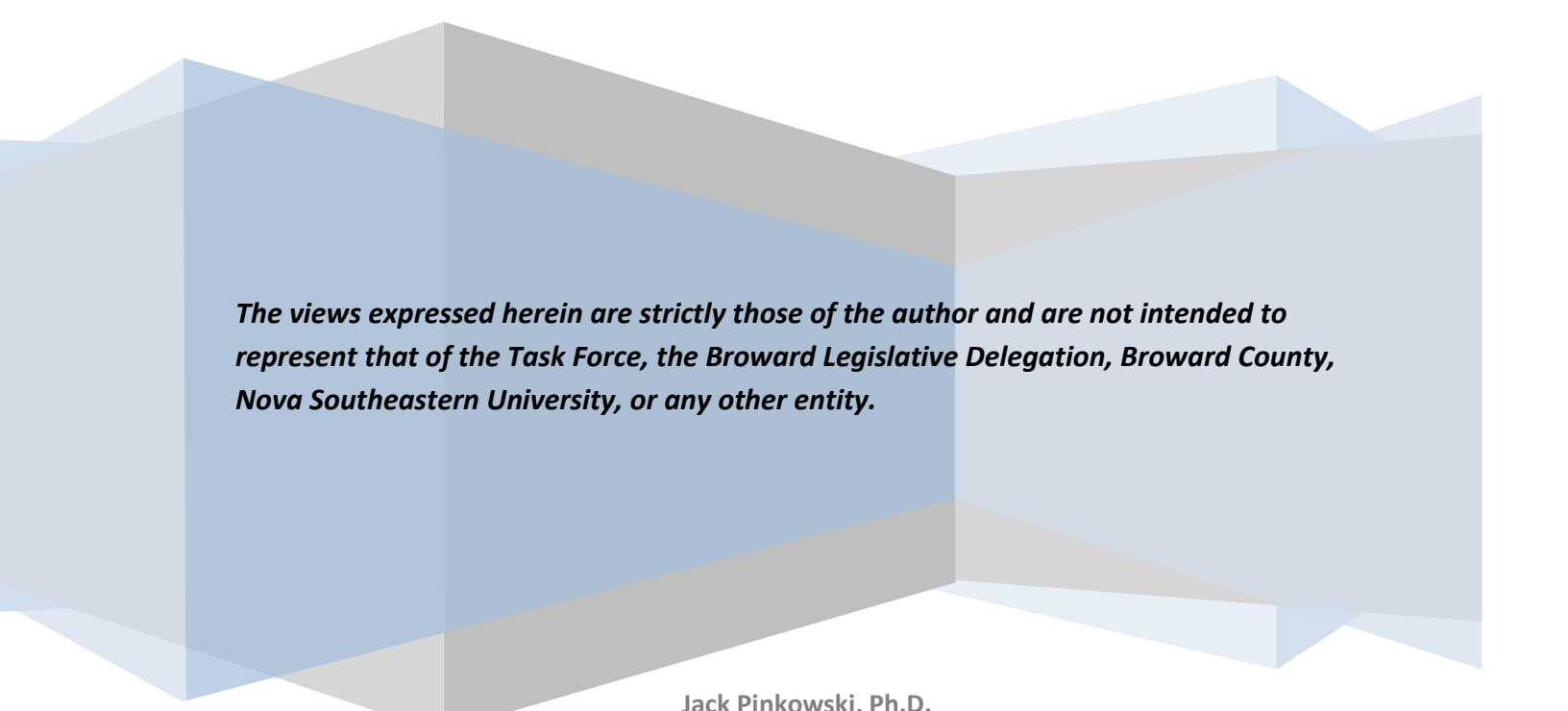
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# **Broward Legislative Delegation 2012 Elections Task Force**

**Report on Proceedings and Recommendations**

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## Introduction

Senator Eleanor Sobel created the 2012 Elections Task Force as Chair of the Broward Delegation to find solutions to the problems that have been frustrating Broward County voters. Senator Sobel and Sandy Harris, Executive Director of the Broward Legislative Delegation, worked closely to have the members of the Task Force reflect the community as well as having representation from experts from Broward's local universities. As Chair of the 2012 Elections Task Force, Sen. Sobel and Rep. Elaine Schwartz Vice-Chair, planned to create a report for the Legislature to repair Florida's image in the overall electoral process.

## Mission Statement

The Purpose of the task force is three-fold: First, to work in a cooperative fashion to identify what, if any, problems Broward County voters may have had in accessing voting opportunities during the 2012 election cycle; Second, to identify possible solutions to these problems in order to reduce their likelihood of occurring again; finally, to make legislative recommendations to the Florida State Legislature so that they may make necessary changes to the law and equitably and effectively solve voting problems for our County and for the state as a whole.

## Public Testimony from Individuals

*In a public meeting on December 10, 2012, the Task Force afforded the public an opportunity to address the panel with the only restrictions that they identify themselves by written request before the meeting and that their remarks were to be limited to three minutes. Approximately 100 people were in attendance for this frank discussion. Task Force Chair Senator Eleanor Sobel moderated the discussion, ensuring that every member of the Task Force and those individuals from the public were all given a chance to speak.*

*Comments offered by the public in testimony expressed their **personal opinions** about the problems that they experienced or witnessed during the 2012 presidential elections in Broward County. It included their suggestions on what needs to change or be improved. None of the people offering voluntary public testimony suggested that they represented any group of stakeholders other than themselves. Because of the limited number offering comments, it must be noted that this testimony should not be considered as a representative sample of public opinion at large, although it may be. There is a larger sample of public opinion, approximately 1400 comments, which was compiled by the Supervisor of Elections Office and made available to the Task Force.*

*The comments below are not intended to be considered as verbatim. No statements offered by those offering personal comments have been verified against third party sources or data.*

### **Bernie Parness**

There was an issue at the polling places concerning handicap access. As well as access, there were not chairs for elderly voters to rest while in line; this caused people to leave and resulted in *voter suppression*. We need to make voting easier, not difficult. You need to find the money to make it possible. Many people don't like absentee ballots and want to vote in person. It is your job to make it possible for them to exercise that right.

**Rep. Schwartz**-“Early voting was in the libraries, do they not have mandatory ADA access?”

**Parness**-the issue is waiting and the difficulty with standing in line for many seniors. The Hollywood library had helpers from the Supervisor's office while in Coconut Creek there was no assistance. Although

there was seating in Hollywood there was nobody to tell the people they could use the seats or where they were. All the polling places need signage to that affect, directing people in this regard. It is not just seniors, a pregnant woman was escorted to the front of the line and there are other people that may need assistance.

#### **Carol Smith**

There are roadblocks being thrown up against the voters. Some of this has been caused by the legislature. Some has resulted from the lack of money. One change that is needed is to allow voters who cast a vote at the wrong precinct to count in the election when their identity can be verified. We need to allow early voting to be done at places other than government buildings, and to include two Sundays. There needs to be a limit in the number of words on proposed amendments. There needs to be a statewide database so people can change their address on Election Day and still vote.

There were numerous equipment breakdowns and scanners that failed. There is a need for more trainers to train poll workers. There is a need for training for call center people who are mostly volunteers. There needs to be a better method of returning absentee ballots.

#### **Gail Marie Perry**

There are five issues to bring to the attention of the committee. 1) The distance from early voting sites to normal polling places and where people live required some to drive long distances, which inhibited voters from early voting. 2) Those that brought absentee ballots to the supervisor's office at Lauderhill were tied up in heavy traffic. 3) There were problems with handicap and elderly voters waiting in long lines at the polls. 4) The three precincts that ran out of ballots were unprecedented. 5) We need neighborhood polling places for early voting.

#### **Christine Timmon**

In Michigan they have only 13 hours of early voting, not eight days. The problem is not Gov. Scott's fault. It's not the amendments. It's the equipment breakdowns. We simply needed more equipment and more preprinted forms. Most sites for early voting only had two machines; but there were plenty of machines in the warehouse. We need offices with at least 20 machines in every one of them. The training of the volunteers is excellent. Most states don't have early voting and don't have problems.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Edward Bender**

Active duty military cast absentee ballots that should be returned and certified before Election Day. Regarding voter fraud, when boxes of ballots are found after the count is finished it indicates that there is a problem. Someone must be held accountable. When there is only one machine for three precincts voting in one building potential problems with the accuracy of the votes and voting delays are more than likely going to happen.

#### **Ellen Brodsky**

The long lines were due to unequal distribution of voting booths and the voters. Why are the absentee votes and provisional votes lumped together in one category by the canvassing board? No one knows how many people attempted to cast provisional ballots. The inspector general needs to examine contracts for outsourced absentee ballots, who and why.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to the Survey of Secretaries of States in the appendix for actual comparable conditions relating to early voting.

## Public Testimony from Organizations

*The Task Force also invited representatives of organizations in the community to offer their opinions on behalf of their constituents regarding problems with the elections. They also were required to identify themselves by written request before the meeting and their remarks were to be limited to five minutes. The comments below are not intended to be considered as verbatim. No statements offered by those offering personal comments have been verified against third party sources or data.*

### **Mark McCarthy, Treasurer Broward Republican Executive Committee**

You need to look at how early voting problems were handled elsewhere in the state.

### **Dr. Dorsey C. Miller, Operation Big Vote, Inc.**

There was a concerted attempt to keep people from voting by the reduction in the number of days for early voting.<sup>2</sup> There was an attempt to suppress the vote of certain groups. Gov. Scott would not extend the voting hours even after he saw the lines at the polls increasing. We recommend extending early voting. Some states goes far as 3 to 4 weeks before the election. We encourage the governor to extend the hours if necessary and allow supervisors of elections the flexibility to determine the number of sites for early voting.

### **Sandra Kay Yeager, League of Women Voters of Broward**

We suggest that there should be a uniform number of voting sites and early voting should extend for two weeks before the election. There should be a permanent voter system to allow changes of address on the day of election. Supervisors of election should be allowed to determine the number of sites for early voting. A big issue in this election was the number of amendments on the ballot, which required 20 minutes on average to complete the ballot.

### **Mitch Caesar, Broward Democratic Party**

We have issues with the fact that some people never received their absentee ballots after they were requested or did not receive them in time. We believe the supervisor needs to have the right to open sites other than the narrow definition of polling place in the statutes.<sup>3</sup> There need to be more electronic readers available to scan the ballots. There has to be a limit on the number of amendments on general election ballots. We believe that the elimination of the extra Sunday and early voting was designed to suppress the vote of minorities.

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<sup>2</sup> House Bill 1355 approved May 19, 2011 changed Florida law Chapter 2011 – 40, 101.657 (1)(d) from 15 days before an election that contains state or federal races to 10 days before. Early voting had been suspended on the second day before an election. The change in the law now closes early voting on the third day before the election. It also changed the time for opening hours from no less than eight hours and no more than 12 hours per day to no less than six hours per day at each site during the applicable period. It also eliminated the restriction of opening hours that stipulated that sites should open no sooner than 7 AM and close no later than 7 PM.

<sup>3</sup> Florida law Chapter 2011 – 40, 101.657 (1)(a) Early Voting, allows for early voting at the main or branch offices of the supervisor of elections if it is a permanent facility of the supervisor and had been used as such for one year prior to the election. The supervisor is also allowed to designate any City Hall or permanent public library facility but must choose locations geographically to provide equal opportunity to cast ballots in the County.



## Public Testimony from the Supervisor of Elections

We do need to do more work with handicap access at certain sites. Due to the legislative restrictions, we are limiting early voting to city halls, public libraries and branch offices of the supervisor of elections. This resulted in no early voting locations on the east side of the County because the limited number of buildings that qualified. The E. Pat Larkins branch office at the Pompano Beach community center allowed for the largest number of voters to address this need.

Scanners were an issue during the election; they did break down and slowed things down.

We have a process in the supervisor's office to track absentee ballots by the voters who requested them with a Pitney Bowes tracking system. We know when the ballots were sent and we record when they are returned. The issue is that they were not received by the voters. Absentee ballots were sent to voters and we tracked them going out multiple times. We do not know, and we need to know, why some ballots were not delivered. But it is due to the post office and not the supervisor's office. This is a result of the U.S. Post Office downsizing that resulted in some post offices being closed, no Saturday hours, and no overtime allowed. The problem lies with the post office and its problems.

### Mary Hall, Supervisor's Office

Our system now tracks absentee ballots very well. But the law needs to change so that they can be mailed back six days before the election.<sup>4</sup> After we receive the ballots they have to go through a sorter, which is a hand process. Now the absentee ballots for five counties go through the Opa-Locka post office business mail unit; they were formally processed by the Fort Lauderdale post office. Many counties across the state experienced problems with the post office.

Some of the problems with absentee ballots that returned were related to the signature. In Florida when we are not able to match a signature, or there is no signature, we do not accept the ballot.<sup>5</sup> But this is allowed in other states.<sup>6</sup> There were not a lot of issues with signature differences. Personnel in the supervisor's office are trained in handwriting analysis to identify key components of the signature, which helps us oftentimes match the voter signature even though it may not be identical. If there is an issue with for example Parkinson's disease the voter can contact the supervisor's office and update their signature with a more recent sample. In 2011 we sent letters to nursing homes and assisted living facilities suggesting that resident may need to update their signatures.

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<sup>4</sup> Florida law Chapter 2011 – 40, 101.68 (2)(a) was changed by HB 1355 in 2011 to provide for the canvassing of ballots beginning 15 days before the election (from six days before). Paragraph 101.6923 (2)(1) provides that absentee ballots must be returned so as to reach the supervisor of elections office no later than 7 PM on Election Day. However Paragraph 101. 68 (2)(a) now allows for tabulating return ballots using electronic tabulating equipment to begin on the 15th day before the election(from six days before). No results of such **counting** May Be Released until after the closing of the polls on Election Day.

<sup>5</sup> Florida law Chapter 2011 – 40, 101.6923 (2) 5.c. was changed by HB 1355 in 2011 to include a paragraph wherein absentee ballots "will be considered illegal and will not be counted if the signature on the voter certificate does not match the signature on record."

<sup>6</sup> See the survey of Secretary of States in the appendix. Many states allow a voter to exercise the right to vote with a provisional ballot but make no promise that such provisional ballot would count in the election.

The Canvassing Board meets to review all provisional ballots and issues where voters cast their ballot in the wrong precinct. The Canvassing Board is made up of one Broward County commissioner, a judge, and the supervisor of elections, who is also trained in handwriting analysis.

We need to do something about the status of felons on the voter rolls. For example the removal from the voter rolls of someone whose violation may have been 30 years ago.

On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Election Day, too many people showed up at one time, as many as 300 in one instance. This made it hard to pull their ballots. We need more ballot on demand (BOD) machines.

### **Ed Solomon, Supervisor's Office**

Although we have 1031 precincts we reduce that to 786 for this election due to cities that were not conducting their own votes. This was then reduced further to 430 polling locations on Election Day by combining precincts at a number of locations.

There is a new concept in the country called Voting Centers that operate similar to early voting. But this includes massive amounts of equipment and may extend over 20 days. It relies on the BOD concept.

We determine how many precincts would be acceptable for a voting site based primarily upon the square footage available at the site and the electric power available. We try to have three BOD machines, five EViD machines<sup>7</sup> and 50 privacy booths at each location.

In Oregon, their elections are 100% voting by mail. We are looking into municipal community centers as additional possible sites for voting locations. The funding for the machines must come from the county. The state only gets money for federal elections and any equipment purchased for those elections can only be used for federal elections, not state or local contests.

Another issue is the postage necessary to return the ballot. This time it was \$1.50. Miami-Dade County had free postage. And Broward accepted all ballots that did not have postage, but didn't advertise it.

## **Comments and Remarks from the Task Force Members**

### **Senator Eleanor Sobel**

We want to hear firsthand accounts of the problems that led to long lines and delayed reporting. Although we expect in-depth probing of problems with some solutions, we want to maintain an atmosphere of professionalism, non-partisanship and fairness with no *finger-pointing*. I am also Vice Chair of the Committee on Ethics and Elections. I am looking for solutions so that we can be proud of our state when the votes are counted and that they are counted efficiently and on time. We want to end the history of Florida's problems once and for all and be able to say that Florida got everything done on election night.

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<sup>7</sup> EViD machines are an electronic voter identification system that takes the place of paper records that precinct workers used to check. Now voters verify their address of record and the system checks the voter registration information in a voter registration database. After the voter signs an electronic signature pad they receive a pass that they take to the voting machine. This is intended to assure only one vote is cast against one voter registration and thereby reduces voter fraud.

**Commissioner Bobby DuBose**

The cities' ballot initiatives are always at the end of the proposed state constitutional amendments. This actually results in an issue of *voter fatigue* at the end of long ballots, which is to the detriment of the local governments.

**Representative Elaine Schwartz**

I have always been amazed at how the supervisor's office ramps up and staffs the offices for elections and accomplished an accurate count in that one day and I love Commissioner DuBose's comments to empower the supervisor's office so there are not these delays.

**Commissioner Barbara Sharief**

I am looking forward to taking a positive and collaborative approach to enable our supervisor of elections office to hear some of the on the ground concerns and issues that we experienced during this election cycle. Hopefully we going to work together so that everybody in Broward county can have confidence that when they vote in person or mail that it will definitely count.

**Representative Shevrin Jones**

I would like to have a process where we can make sure that we do not have a repeat of the problems that we saw in this last election; that the process will be solution-oriented. The issue of the shortage of paper ballots was a problem. It would seem that with a list of registered voters and a projection of the turnout, the number of printed ballots that needed to be made available could be readily determined. But for some reason the supervisor's office didn't get it right. The supervisor's office did produce some emergency ballots. But still some locations were out for several hours. The elections office should be sending out ballots to the capacity plus a few more as extras and they should be delivered two weeks before the election.

**Dorsal Spencer, Supervisor's Office**

We have looked into a secure ballot transfer case that would be delivered to each precinct before Election Day and contain an ample supply of ballots along with the other essential materials but cost has prohibited us from implementing this plan.

**Representative George Moraitis**

I am very excited about the Task Force because running a successful election is critical to the function and the legitimacy of a democracy. I am very concerned with what's going on. Having voted for all of the amendments that we put on the ballot, I will say now that perhaps that wasn't the wisest choice. I am glad that we are approaching this in a bi-partisan fashion; we all want to see this go well. It is not about finding blame; it is about finding a solution.

**Representative Richard Stark**

As a newly elected representative I have been working with the voters and they are concerned that Florida remains a place where we still have election difficulties and I applaud the Chair, Senator Sobel, for organizing this Task Force.

**Commissioner Chip LaMarca**

My concerns are that we looked at Florida for far too long after the election for the results. It is not a Broward only issue. I want to be able to assist and aid our supervisor with the necessary resources in our

county and making sure that we have the results quicker and have changes in the language that will enable us to have additional early voting sites in eastern Broward County where we do not have them.

#### **Representative Gwyndolen Clark –Reed**

I appreciate serving on the Task Force and was very involved in the past election. I look forward to serving with the members to solve whatever problems there were.

#### **Larry Davis**

The biggest problem with the election has to do with the inventory of supplies and what equipment is needed. Perhaps the supervisor needs to hire someone for this job or it should be outsourced so that they can keep on top of what they have and what they need per location. It wasn't that there were not enough sites; the need was for more machines and replacement machines for those that went down. In the Northeast of the county, the locations for early voting were not convenient. People were standing in line for long hours, which resulted in *suppressed voting*. Poll workers said they didn't need more machines; the problem was the length of the ballot.

#### **Shane Strum**

I am glad that I was asked to have a seat at the table with the elections going on. There is a small group of Republicans here this evening so we will have a voice at the table and the Senator will wait and listen to what they have to say.

#### **Kevin Wagner**

Same-day registration for voting is used in a lot of states.<sup>8</sup> This would encourage more young people to participate as typically they do not plan far ahead. If there is an issue of voter fraud, it does not appear to be in the supervisor's office. Some states have experimented online voting via the Internet.<sup>9</sup> This was done in Arizona for the primary election in 2000. Michigan and Alaska have also conducted elections with Internet voting. The issue in most people's mind is security and identity of the voter. However, most of these initiatives were curtailed after the 2000 presidential election. Yet, Internet voting is more common in Europe.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Brian Blackwelder**

It would be useful if the supervisor's office compiled a list of where the problems were. For example, where was the electric power limited, what was the length of lines at different polling places? Does it vary by precinct and how are these related to the length of the ballot? For example, why was there a five-hour long line in Hollywood on the weekend of early voting?

**Supervisor's response** - some locations attract more voters than others. We put on our website the wait times each day and how many voted each day at each early voting location. We can track the

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<sup>8</sup> See the national survey of Secretaries of State in the appendix. In the states where Election Day registration is allowed, it is not for simultaneous casting of a ballot in the current election.

<sup>9</sup> See the national survey of Secretaries of State in the appendix. No states reported any prior Internet voting despite Arizona's Democratic primary experiment in 2000 for the first legally binding election online. Delaware does allow electronic transmission of military and overseas ballots as well as for voters with disabilities.

<sup>10</sup> See for example mixed results among the experience in Australia, Canada (in local government races), Estonia, the European Union, France, Ireland, Norway and Switzerland.

number voting through the EVID machines. We actually did better than other counties in Florida, 50 ballots cast per hour.

#### **George Núñez, Supervisor's Office**

We know that the BODs are capable of 50 per hour; if we had four machines that would mean 200 voters per hour. Cost of the BOD machine is about \$65,000. The problem we found is the physical space to house the machine. We knew from the 2008 election that it took approximately 7 minutes to complete the ballot. In 2012 we estimate that it took 20 minutes to complete the ballot and some people took as long as 45 minutes. The DS 200 machine averages 40 seconds to process the ballot.<sup>11</sup> The limitation of space issue has been since the beginning of early voting. This was the highest ever voting in Broward County with 762,000 people.

#### **Representative Jim Waldman**

Before we get distracted by the many compliments paid to the supervisor's office, the fact is that lines for voting were excessive, 4-5-6-7-8 hours to cast a ballot is unacceptable. And the fact remains that 62 of 67 counties in Florida had lines less than four hours long, which was acceptable in Gov. Scott's eyes.

Although some libraries are very small, especially the satellite libraries, the needs of the voters must to be taken into account. There were parking issues and some people received parking tickets and others had their vehicles towed because they were parked too long while tied up in lines waiting to vote.

**Supervisor's response** - the rooms we have to use in the libraries are often too small. Often we are in hallways and there is limited space to put machines. In the main library in Fort Lauderdale we were given the back of the stage and the public kept walking by. In the African-American research Library we were in the hallway in the entrance where everybody entering the building passed the location where we set up voting equipment.

Regarding length of time for voting lines, when you compare the population in the southeast counties of Florida with the rest of the state it is not a fair comparison. Broward County has 1.1 million voters registered and Miami-Dade County has 1.2 million [See Table 1 In the Appendix]. For example, many other counties in the state average from 500,000 down to 200,000 populations.<sup>12</sup> We also have three languages on the ballot here.

We have received 1400 comments from voters and will study all of their issues. We are working with the National Council of State Legislatures and looking at what other states are doing regarding absentee voting and early voting.

#### **Ashley Walker**

In Hillsboro County there were 20,000 people that voted on the first day and no line was longer than two hours. There were only 17 sites for early voting in Broward County but is that all of the sites that qualified or could you have open more locations?

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<sup>11</sup> The DS 200 is a device that optically scans paper ballots that were completed by hand. There have been issues reported in Florida as well as other states with inaccuracy, phantom votes, over votes, misread ballots and other flaws in vote counts related to these machines.

<sup>12</sup> In context, the three South Florida counties, Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach have 3,344, 970 registered voters while the 62 smallest counties total 6,027,206 registered voters. Or the voters in the three S. Florida counties constitute 55% as many voters as the entire 62 smallest counties where the lines were less than four hours long.

**Supervisor's response** - there could be more locations but they weren't large enough. Regarding the scanners at the early voting sites, during early voting there are no problems. But on Election Day there were problems and there were machines that had to be replaced. We added privacy booths where necessary.

## **Categorization of the Issues and Problems Related from the Testimony**

- 1) Long Lines during Early Voting and on Election Day.
- 2) Length of the Ballot due to Proposed Amendments and Time to Complete It.
- 3) Number of Days Early Voting and Opening/Closing on the Sunday before Election Day.
- 4) Voter Accommodation during Extensive Waiting in Lines.
- 5) Absentee Ballot Mailing, Verifying and Processing.
- 6) Restriction on Selection of Early Voting Sites.
- 7) Quantity and Reliability of Mechanical Voting and Processing Equipment.
- 8) Procedures in Supervisors Office Concerning Printed Materials, Equipment and Personnel.
- 9) Voter Registration and Eligibility.

### **Not mentioned or highlighted in public testimony but subjects for possible consideration:**

- 10) Voter Fraud.
- 11) Delay in Vote Counting and Reporting.
- 12) Redistricting and Precinct Changes.
- 13) Disparate Impact on Minority Voting.

## **Decision Points for Solutions to the Issues and Recommendations**

- 1) Long Lines during Early Voting and on Election Day.
- 2) Length of the Ballot due to Proposed Amendments and Time to Complete It.
- 3) Number of Days Early Voting and Opening/Closing on the Sunday before Election Day.
- (13) Disparate Impact on Minority Voting.

a. **State Legislature** – the reasons for the long lines on Election Day were several fold:

- i. The length of the ballot and the time necessary to read and complete the ballot, which measured on average 20 minutes. This was attributable in large part to the number of proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot and the extensive descriptions used for those

proposals. Both houses voted on all of the amendments and approved them so that they would be on the 2012 general election ballot. The bills for three questions (number 1, 2 and 4) originated in the Florida Senate and the Florida House proposed the other eight. (See Source and Status of Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2012 in the appendix).

Of the states responding to the Secretary of State Survey (SOS) (see Secretary of State Survey in the appendix) none had a limit on the number of ballot questions. Although many states limit the number of words in the proposal description, which ranged from 30 words in Washington State to 200 in Louisiana; 100 words limit appeared most typical. The 2012 Florida general election proposed amendments descriptions ranged from 73 to 679 words and averaged 224 words including the title and the body of the text.

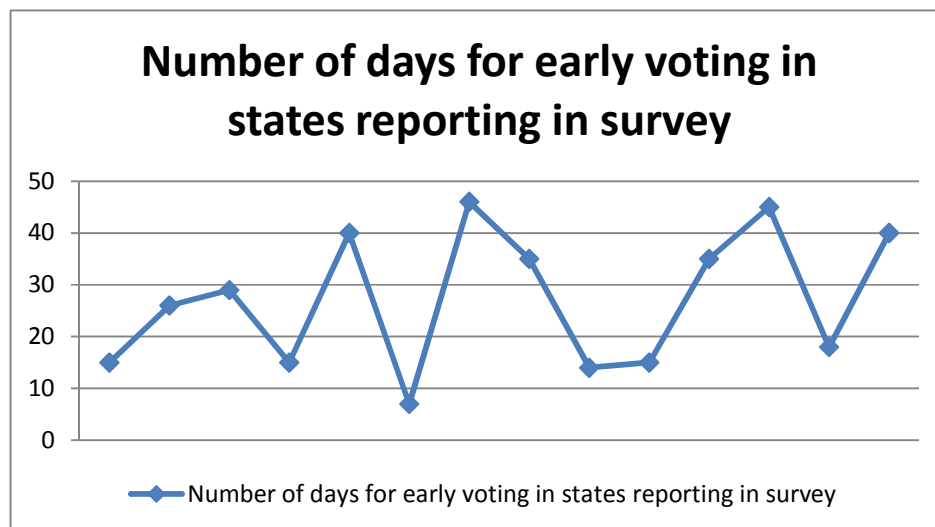
The Tampa Bay Times published a voter summary with brief notes for each proposed amendment to answer the question “What Does It Do?” The summaries were prepared with assistance Of the Collins Center for Public Policy and Florida Trend magazine. These brief summaries range from 14 words 298 words and averaged only 73 words [See “Proposed Amendments with Abbreviated Summaries” in the appendix]. The voting public would be better served if the legislature allowed summary descriptions that were briefer, to the point and to the level of information for the *average* voter to express their opinion that would be based on their understanding in common language within a reasonable timeframe.

Only three of the 11 ballot questions statewide were approved by the voters; eight were turned down. The legislature should re-examine, or create, a vetting process to assess public opinion and truly gauge whether proposed constitutional changes would be desirable or acceptable. (See Table 2 in the appendix).

- ii. The change in Florida law resulting from House Bill 1355 approved May 19, 2011, (Chapter 2011 – 40, 101.657 (1)(d)) reduced the number of days of early voting from 15 days before an election that contains state or federal races to 10 days before. This directly contributed to long lines and peaked on the Saturday before Election Day.

As discovered in the SOS survey, 75% of the states have early voting in some form, 25% do not. Some states refer to absentee voting as early voting if it is allowed before Election Day. Others refer to early voting as “in person absentee voting.” North Dakota differentiates between the two in that early voting means that there is a polling place open with election board staff present, the same as would be on Election Day.

The range in dates in advance of Election Day for early voting reported was from 7 to 46, **with an average of 26 days for early voting. Consequently, Florida’s new allowance of eight days is now on the extreme small end of the spectrum for the number of days of early voting.**



**Figure 1 Number of Days Early Voting in States**

Source: J. Pinkowski, “Survey of U.S. State Secretaries of States,” December 2012.

- iii. Previously early voting had ended on the second day before an election. The change in the law now closes early voting on the third day before the election. This eliminated the Sunday immediately before Election Day. Some have alleged that this change that involved eliminating the Sunday before has a disparate impact on minorities in early voting.<sup>13</sup> By checking early voting logs against Florida Department of State voter registration lists, it was found that racial and ethnic minorities as well as registered Democrats cast ballots in early voting, especially on the final Sunday and Saturday, in proportionately greater numbers than whites and Republicans. The early voting records include a unique registered voter number for each vote cast for every individual who voted early. The Florida state voter registration lists include demographics such as race, ethnicity and party, which allows the determination of the demographics of early voters without actually identifying how they voted.

However in SOS survey, we learned that several states close their early voting on the Friday before Election Day. Washington DC mandates “no Sundays.” (see Survey in the appendix).

The 2011 voting law changes also altered the time for opening hours from no less than eight hours and no more than 12 hours per day to no less than six hours per day at each site in Florida. Most states have early voting locations open for a period of time equivalent to “normal business hours,” and range from 8 to 10.5 hours (see Secretary of State Survey in the appendix).

- b. **Supervisor of Elections Office** - management of the general election could have been improved substantially by paying closer attention to known norms and limitations. Data in the supervisor’s office indicated that typically it would take the average voter 7 minutes to complete a ballot. In

<sup>13</sup> Herron Michael C. and Smith, Daniel A. *Early Voting in Florida, 2012*. November 7, 2012. Available <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~herron/HerronSmithFloridaEarly2012.pdf>.



this election during Early Voting they recorded that the time to complete the ballot was running 20 minutes on average, and as long as 45 minutes. This should have been a signal to implement a plan to provide three times the capacity based on each ballot taking nearly three times as long. This would have required primarily a greater number of privacy booths to complete the ballot. It would not necessarily have required additional equipment to scan the ballots or the EViD machines to confirm voter identity.

The supervisor's office can provide better training as to when additional materials are allowed to be carried by the voters into their privacy booths. For example, third-party independent analysis and recommendations that include summaries of the proposed constitutional amendments would have made those decisions more clearly understood and possibly quicker in the voting booth. For example, see the Tampa Bay Times 2012 Ballot Guide summaries, "Proposed Amendments with Abbreviated Summaries," in the appendix.

About 60% of the states responding to the SOS survey indicated that they did not have time estimates for completing the ballot in their states. Those that did respond with a time estimate indicated that it was only a few minutes and several said they had a time limit of 10 or 20 minutes.

Without question, additional privacy booths to allow more people to complete their ballots simultaneously would have required either larger locations or a greater number of locations for voting. And it is true that the supervisor was constrained by Florida law regarding the characteristics of early voting sites. But their own testimony provided to the Task Force in response to Ashley Walker's question was that the 17 sites that they were using for early voting were not the only possible sites. But alternatives were deemed too small compared to the buildings that were used. Nevertheless, with the constraints presented by the length of the ballot and the time necessary to read and complete them the appropriate step would have been to add locations instead of allowing the lines to build so long.

A number of states had lines of voters waiting to vote but this was mostly due to peak hour congestion and ranged from 30 minutes to no more than two hours.

Still, the number of voters in Broward County must be considered in the context of relative size. There were more votes cast in Broward County alone than in 14 entire states and the District of Columbia. The total votes cast in Broward County exceeded the number and every other Florida county except for Miami-Dade. See Table 3 in the Appendix for Comparisons.

- c. **Broward County Commission** - the commission must be responsible for the operation of the supervisor's office to the extent that they make financial resources available to purchase or lease equipment, adequate quantities of ballots and leased, rented or owned facilities in order to conduct fair elections with limited and reasonable time constraints on voters.

#### 4) Voter Accommodation during Extensive Waiting in Lines

- a. **Supervisor of Elections Office (SOE)** - these responsibilities directly fall on the shoulders of the SOE. No voting sites should be selected or used without review as to their compliance with the

removal of barriers under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). When long lines are anticipated or experienced it is prudent and necessary to provide rest areas, outdoor shade, or whatever else a reasonable person would expect in order to exercise their right to vote, without being dissuaded, discouraged, or abandoning the attempt to cast a ballot.

5) Absentee Ballot Mailing, Verifying and Processing.

- a. **Supervisor of Elections Office (SOE)** - there should be a mechanism to follow up with voters who make apparently minor oversights in their attempt to cast a ballot. This might include telephoning the voter by the call center based upon voter registration records when the signature is missing. The same reminder can be accomplished with a postcard if the ballot is received far enough in advance.

When absentee ballots are requested and sent out but not received by the voter, instead of continuing to mail in the same way, perhaps an alternative vendor for mail delivery should be considered. At the very least, inquiry and coordination with the local U.S. Postal Service office should be mandated instead of blaming another entity for failure of delivery.

Processing of absentee ballots and early voting ballots should begin with the first day of Early Voting. The Florida statute permitting counting such votes still stands unchanged to commence 15 days before the election. Results are not released until after the close of the polls on Election Day. Many states actually close the receipt of absentee ballots the day before Election Day (see SOS this survey in appendix).

Another procedure that could be considered is *outsourcing* the processing of completed ballots to the voter. That is, having the voter place their paper ballots into the scanning equipment, with supervision of SOE staff instead of waiting for the end of the day or the end of voting, which is accompanied by growing volume of paperwork to process.

Only about 25% of the states in the SOS survey reported printing ballots on demand (BOD); about 40% do not use BODs.

An electronic procedure for receiving ballots from the military overseas should also be considered, not just faxing back the paper ballots.

Most states require the receipt of the absentee ballot in the elections office by 7 or 8 PM on Election Day. Some rely on a postmark and then receipt of the ballot within a week following. Some require the ballot the day before Election Day. These are all ways to reduce the paper crunch at the last minute (see SOS survey in appendix). Most states make special accommodation for military and overseas ballots regarding the time of their receipt and method submitted.

About 35% of the states do not require postage on absentee ballots to be returned. Most ballots require regular postage, which is generally about one dollar.

- b. **U.S. Postal Service** - to the extent that absentee ballots are not being delivered or addresses in the database are not correct, the SOE must coordinate with the USPS to solve this issue. Currently,

there are no post offices in the entire Broward County (1million plus voters) handling absentee ballots, which are routed through Opa Locka. To keep costs under control, during presidential elections, temporary satellite post offices should be put into service in vacant retail or government properties to expedite the processing of these ballots, which seem to be growing disproportionately compared to on-site voting.

Perhaps the congressional delegation should consider proposing free return postage on absentee ballots so that voters in all of the states have the same benefit, i. e., no additional cost to vote by mail for absentee ballots (see Secretary of State Survey Results in the appendix for comparative policies on return postage). This could be by diversion of the funds already voluntarily collected for presidential elections based upon taxpayer authorization from federal tax returns.

6) Restriction on Selection of Early Voting Sites

- a. **State Legislature** - revisions in state law are necessary that presently limit early voting sites to city halls, public libraries, or offices of the SOEs that have been in place for more than a year. Community centers have proven to be viable, accessible, and welcoming sites for voting. Hurricane evacuation shelters might serve as well as high schools, which would also contribute to a greater appreciation for Civics in our education system. There would also be numerous commercial, retail, or otherwise vacant or available properties that could be leased as secure voting sites and temporary offices of the SOEs if the restriction was modified instead of at present that requires any such election office to have been in service for more than a year.

Early voting sites should be geographically spread out so that it does not adversely affect, nor preferentially affect, any targeted neighborhoods or demographics. Flexibility is paramount for the local supervisor of elections to be most effective in selecting early voting sites.

7) Quantity and Reliability of Mechanical Voting and Processing Equipment.

- a. **Supervisor of Elections Office (SOE)** - there is no good justification for not having well-maintained mechanical voting equipment in place and ready on Election Day and at early voting sites, with reasonable excess capacity to allow for breakdowns.

8) Procedures in Supervisors Office Concerning Printed Materials, Equipment and Personnel

- a. **Supervisor of Elections Office (SOE)** -there is no good justification for not having sufficient quantities of printed ballots on Election Day and at early voting sites, with reasonable excess capacity to allow for strong turnouts in general elections of state or national significance.

9) Voter Registration and Eligibility

- a. **State Legislature** - it is hard to understand why with a statewide Voter Registration Bureau that was established by the Florida Division of Elections in compliance with the stipulations of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) there should be questions about legally qualified voters. The HAVA mandated registration based on an application to register or to change a registration in any county, regardless of whether that county was the voter's legal residence.

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 mandated access to voter registration through drivers' licenses, library cards, etc. in order to support statewide voter registration.<sup>14</sup>

Because the voters will be recorded in the database once they have voted, they cannot go to another location, or another county, and vote again. In addition because the voter's identity is verified before they even get to a voting booth by the EViD technology, there should be no reason why someone couldn't vote anywhere in the state.

From the SOS survey, 55% of the states have voter databases; 40% do not. About 40% of the states allow registration on Election Day; 55% do not. This does not mean that they can register and vote at once. North Dakota is the only state without any voter registration.

#### 10) Voter Fraud.

- a. **State Legislature** - although there is no indication that voter fraud was an issue in Broward County, other counties did report perceived problems. Whether they are verified will have to be determined. (See Miami-Dade County after action reports and St. Lucie County).

#### 11) Delay in Vote Counting and Reporting.

- a. **Supervisor of Elections Office (SOE)** -with the trend for increased absentee ballots and ballots that are cast before Election Day and at early voting sites, new methods and procedures must be devised and implemented in order to process the paperwork even if the volume is generated by actions of others. This will involve scanning paper ballots earlier.

It may involve having the voter scan their ballots after they complete them, with SOE supervision. Instead of treating all early voting ballots as absentee ballots to go into a secure bin and counted at a remote location later, the ability to process those ballots when they are cast will expedite the final vote counting and reporting at the end of Election Day.

Cutting off receipts of absentee ballots and early voting one day or two days before Election Day will also move the last minute crush of paper processing away from the time that should be devoted to precinct reporting.

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<sup>14</sup> See <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/division/bureau/voter-reg.shtml>.

Even with the capacity to scan 1000 ballots an hour, Broward County didn't finish counting absentee ballots until nearly midnight on Thursday after the Tuesday election. The absentee ballots in Broward County exceeded the 2008 presidential election ballots by more than 30,000; Miami-Dade County still had to count nearly more 47,000 absentee ballots.<sup>15</sup>

## 12) Redistricting and Precinct Changes.

- a. **State Legislature and Supervisor of Elections Office** - redistricting did not seem to be a problem in Broward County. However in other counties, such as Miami-Dade, there was confusion at polling places when several precincts were combined or the former precinct was no longer voting at that voting station. The only issue in Broward County of that nature had to do with multiple precincts at a location, which was more of an issue for the SOE to direct traffic inside the polling place.

## Alternative Methods of Voting

No states surveyed reported experimenting with online voting. However North Dakota allows military and overseas voters to apply for and receive ballots, then cast them electronically. The state of Delaware also has electronic transmission of military and overseas ballots as well as for voters with disabilities. Washington State "has electronic ballots for any voter at their address."

With the increasing popularity of absentee voting, which frequently is without requiring a reason or justification (only Michigan and Minnesota stated that they required specific reasons for requesting an absentee ballot, and with the long lines that people recently experienced, which discouraged an unknown number of people from voting, new approaches and alternative methods of voting should be considered for the future.

As a result of Superstorm Sandy having displaced millions of voters from their homes and their polling places due to destruction or the lack of electricity, New Jersey voters were allowed to vote via email this year. Part of the unexpected demands of such a system was that it took the state 15 minutes to validate a voter's credentials in response to their request to vote in this way.

Another legal issue arose when the actual day designated for voting was augmented by the state supreme court when email voting was extended to Friday due to the overwhelming volume of requests for email voting were submitted to the New Jersey Division of Elections.

Thus, New Jersey has the distinction of being the first state to allow electronic voting for its whole population, not just military and overseas voters.<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> Alanez, Tonya. "How Florida's 2012 Election Was Bungled: Absentee Ballots, Provisional Votes, and the Legislature," Sun Sentinel, November 12, 2012.

<sup>16</sup> Curry, Colleen and De Vogue, Ariane, Associated Press. November 6, 2012. See "[New Jersey lets Sandy victims vote via e-mail](http://www.cnn.com/2012/11/05/tech/web/new-jersey-voting-email/index.html)". <http://www.cnn.com/2012/11/05/tech/web/new-jersey-voting-email/index.html>. and "[N.J. Extends Email Voting to Friday, Other States Hurry to Fix Polling Problems](http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/jersey-extends-email-voting-friday-election-workers-inundated/story?id=17653589#.UJqdi4bZ2Sp)". <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/jersey-extends-email-voting-friday-election-workers-inundated/story?id=17653589#.UJqdi4bZ2Sp>.

# Report of the Sub-Committee on Local Recommendations

## Local Recommendations

- Establish target thresholds for length of lines or time to vote in order to provide the SOE guidance on resources to be sought and dedicated.
  - Tackling long lines or delays in voting are a product of resources dedicated; purchase of # of equipment + proper size sites + number of sites.
  - Right now, there is no guidance under Florida law defining lines that are “too long” or a wait that is considered unreasonable.
  - SOE is able to make predictions, generally, about the number of voters who can vote per hour based upon the number of machines, and the site characteristics.
  - Setting expectations and thresholds will permit the SOE to structure resources and/or budget to reflect those goals.
- With sufficient time prior to the next major election cycle, there must be an evaluation of the inventory and life-span of existing equipment, as well as projected equipment requirements.
  - The results of this evaluation must be reported publicly to the County Commission.
- The Broward League of Cities must develop a more sustained relationship with the SOE to evaluate resource and budgetary requests made by the SOE to the County Commission, provide assistance in advocacy at State and Local level, and engage the electorate in support of necessary procedures and resources.
  - If the legislature provides flexibility regarding the permissible character of sites for early voting (i.e., expanding the available sites from City Halls and libraries), then the BLOC and the municipalities must assist the SOE in identifying available sites and granting permission for use;
  - Even if certain legislative actions are not taken, the County Commission, BLOC and municipalities will need to assist the SOE to address predictable challenges and advocate for dedication of sufficient resources;
  - The SOE must recognize the potential for pre-election day litigation and/or Court orders which might impact the operations of the SOE in the days during and between Absentee Voting and Election Day voting.
    - The SOE alleged that pre-election day litigation and agreed-to procedures that resulted from the litigation between the Saturday preceding Election Day and Election Day itself impacted the SOE performance on Election Day. Therefore, it is important for the SOE to prepare for Election Day well in advance of Election Day in the event of unforeseen conditions, including storms, weather, and/or litigation.
- The SOE must develop an early-warning system and county-wide precinct communications capabilities to address common problems identified on Election Day.
  - Members of the Taskforce identified issues involving the application of Florida law in certain precincts. The ability of the SOE to communicate corrective procedures and/or to clarify proper procedures through mass and direct communications would assist in reducing potential errors.
- The SOE should develop recommendations, consistent with state law, for the use of available new technology including but not limited to electronic voting technology and provide the County Commission options and comparative costs with sufficient time to permit the study and review prior to implementation.

## Additional Legislative Action Recommendations

In addition to supporting each of the Elections Taskforce Recommendations made to date, each of which would have an impact on elections in Broward County if implemented, the Local Sub-Committee identified the following potential Legislative Action Recommendations:

- Amendment to Florida Law to permit College Students who are residents of Florida to vote in their home county where their parents live.
- Amendment to Florida law to permit those who move into Broward County from out of county to vote a regular ballot by executing an affirmation, similar to the current treatment under Florida law wherein county residents may vote a regular ballot by executing an affirmation. Because the databases are supposed to be linked state-wide, this should not be a technological impediment.
- Amendment to Florida Law to permit flexibility on the type of technology a local SOE may implement or vendors who may supply such equipment.

## Achievement of Outcomes as Stated in Mission Statement

- A. Problems Broward County voters may have had in accessing voting opportunities during the 2012 election cycle—as stated by public officials, representatives of the Supervisor of Elections Office and members of the public at large in testimony reported previously in this document. They may be summarized as follows:
  1. Long Lines during Early Voting and on Election Day.
  2. Length of the Ballot due to Proposed Amendments and Time to Complete It.
  3. Number of Days Early Voting and Opening/Closing on the Sunday before Election Day.
  4. Voter Accommodation during Extensive Waiting in Lines.
  5. Absentee Ballot Mailing, Verifying and Processing.
  6. Restriction on Selection of Early Voting Sites.
  7. Quantity and Reliability of Mechanical Voting and Processing Equipment.
  8. Procedures in Supervisors Office Concerning Printed Materials, Equipment and Personnel.
  9. Voter Registration and Eligibility.
- B. To identify possible solutions to these problems in order to reduce their likelihood of occurring again—Recommendations within the power of local elected officials are summarized in the section from the Local Recommendations Sub-Committee.
- C. To make legislative recommendations to the Florida State Legislature so that they may make necessary changes to the law and equitably and effectively solve voting problems for our County and for the state as a whole.
  1. The length of the ballot and the time necessary to read and complete the ballot, which measured on average 20 minutes. **The Legislature should amend the law to limit the length of the descriptions of ballot questions to 75-word summaries and 15-word captions (FS 101.161(1)) and repeal the mandate for full-text descriptions in current law (FS 101.56075(4)). Based on a survey of Secretaries of State reported herein, 75-100 word limits would be appropriate.**

2. The change in Florida law resulting from House Bill 1355 approved May 19, 2011, (Chapter 2011 – 40, 101.657 (1)(d)) reduced the number of days of early voting from 15 days before an election that contains state or federal races to 10 days before; this directly contributed to long lines. **The Legislature should amend Florida law (FS 101.657 (1)(d)) back to allow early voting at least 14 days before an election that contains state or federal races and 8 days for primary elections. Based on a survey of Secretaries of State reported herein, 26 days for early voting is the national average. A change to 18-21 days for early voting would be appropriate and make available the opportunity for supervisors of elections to make adjustments based on findings during the first few days of actual experience. The Taskforce also recommends consideration for mandating that counties with population of 1.2 million or more allow local choice in extended voting.**
3. Previously early voting had ended on the second day before an election. The change in the law now closes early voting on the third day before the election. This eliminated the Sunday immediately before Election Day resulting in a disparate impact on minorities in early voting. **To cure this disparate impact, the Legislature should amend the law back to close early voting on the second day before an election.**
4. Presently early voting sites are restricted to city halls, public libraries, or offices of the supervisors of elections (SOEs) that have been so used for a period of at least one year. This overly restricts SOEs due to available floor space within the allowed sites that can accommodate the voting equipment as well as waiting voters. This results in fewer sites available than are necessary as well as geographical limitations on possible early voting sites. **The Legislature should amend the law (FS 101.657(1)) to allow local SOEs the flexibility of choosing any appropriate venue that best serves the elections process and the voting public on the same basis as used to select Election Day polling places. In addition, the requirement that SOE offices must have been in use for at least one year should be changed to allow for shorter tenancy, which will contribute to flexibility during dynamic changes in the election process.**
5. The statewide Voter Registration Bureau that was established by the Florida Division of Elections to comply with the stipulations of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) should be expanded and refined so that last minute changes to voters' address of record and other changes are instantly updated and verifiable at any elections site. This should include instant updates as to whether the voter has already cast a ballot anywhere in the current election. Consideration should also be given to whether the voter registration number should be recorded on Florida driver's licenses to facilitate identity confirmation at voting sites.
6. There should be a mechanism to follow up with voters who make apparently minor oversights in their attempt to cast a ballot. **The Legislature should amend Florida law Chapter 2011 – 40, 101.6923 (2) 5.c. wherein absentee ballots "will be considered illegal and will not be counted if the signature on the voter certificate does not match the signature on record" to allow for when there is no signature on the outside of an envelope such ballot will be declared provisional instead of null and void.** SOEs should attempt to validate such provisional ballots in a similar way to the process for any other provisional ballots cast during the election.



## Appendix

**Table 1 Florida Voter Registration by Party Affiliation and County**

County	Republican	Democrat	Minor	None	Total	County	Republican	Democrat	Minor	None	Total
LIBERTY	457	3,716	26	221	4,420	FLAGLER	25,766	24,628	1,908	17,624	69,926
LAFAYETTE	1,233	3,083	49	214	4,579	SUMTER	36,968	22,928	3,332	11,012	74,240
GLADES	1,988	3,604	188	868	6,648	INDIAN RIVER	44,636	27,217	3,259	19,197	94,309
FRANKLIN	1,722	4,865	127	567	7,281	CITRUS	42,305	32,035	3,365	19,649	97,354
UNION	2,389	4,336	136	489	7,350	MARTIN	51,696	27,070	5,541	17,738	102,045
HAMILTON	1,853	5,292	148	680	7,973	BAY	56,756	35,414	2,559	19,379	114,108
CALHOUN	1,629	5,903	70	639	8,241	CHARLOTT E	50,105	35,713	4,856	25,272	115,946
GULF	3,311	4,983	119	703	9,116	SANTA ROSA	67,225	27,177	3,670	19,482	117,554
JEFFERSON	2,420	6,251	203	645	9,519	HERNANDO	49,169	45,273	5,059	24,373	123,874
DIXIE	2,784	6,106	278	1,036	10,204	OKALOOSA	75,951	28,036	2,240	24,399	130,626
GILCHRIST	5,216	4,335	331	1,258	11,140	CLAY	73,712	31,976	3,855	24,112	133,655
HOLMES	4,149	6,282	143	1,023	11,597	ST. JOHNS	81,399	38,992	5,123	28,079	153,593
MADISON	2,619	8,245	262	939	12,065	ALACHUA	47,068	80,668	4,012	34,184	165,932
HARDEE	4,478	6,156	248	1,520	12,402	OSCEOLA	44,082	72,898	4,460	45,487	166,927
TAYLOR	3,417	8,242	256	796	12,711	ST. LUCIE	56,245	75,758	6,482	37,964	176,449
BAKER	6,155	6,834	199	1,083	14,271	COLLIER	94,373	45,771	4,477	39,972	184,593
WASHINGTON	6,024	7,070	230	1,410	14,734	LEON	52,818	104,999	4,649	30,676	193,142
BRADFORD	6,312	7,440	279	1,625	15,656	ESCAMBIA	88,648	74,576	5,388	32,425	201,037
DESOTO	4,776	8,578	297	2,801	16,452	LAKE	89,785	68,182	8,157	37,343	203,467
HENDRY	5,645	8,930	360	2,400	17,335	MANATEE	90,425	68,798	6,212	45,847	211,282
WAKULLA	6,051	9,783	594	2,096	18,524	MARION	95,404	82,313	10,880	34,274	222,871
OKEECHOBEE	7,115	8,847	572	2,733	19,267	SARASOTA	122,150	88,514	8,679	59,731	279,074
SUWANNEE	9,053	12,594	1,087	2,383	25,117	SEMINOLE	111,129	95,022	8,206	65,366	279,723
LEVY	10,405	10,661	1,569	2,794	25,429	PASCO	121,021	108,379	16,700	65,888	311,988
JACKSON	8,475	17,900	329	2,422	29,126	VOLUSIA	114,832	128,991	10,951	80,960	335,734
GADSDEN	4,096	23,259	347	2,000	29,702	POLK	131,503	140,744	11,068	70,034	353,349
COLUMBIA	14,646	16,256	991	4,474	36,367	BREVARD	162,590	132,273	14,093	74,119	383,075
WALTON	21,860	10,245	804	6,219	39,128	LEE	170,827	115,940	12,638	93,060	392,465
PUTNAM	14,521	22,388	1,022	6,261	44,192	DUVAL	209,195	243,224	17,810	95,720	565,949
NASSAU	28,522	14,450	1,953	7,343	52,268	PINELLAS	226,796	235,138	25,630	143,260	630,824
MONROE	19,503	17,997	1,616	13,536	52,652	ORANGE	204,768	299,092	16,384	176,916	697,160
HIGHLANDS	27,475	23,381	2,204	9,341	62,401	HILLSBORO UGH	247,654	313,437	9,797	188,185	759,073
						PALM BEACH	249,328	388,214	32,237	204,297	874,076
						BROWARD	259,593	597,055	18,615	271,192	1,146,455
						MIAMI-DADE	379,581	578,889	19,350	346,619	1,324,439
						Total	4,265,802	4,823,346	338,679	2,606,354	12,034,181

Source: Florida Division of Elections, "Statistical Roadmap of Florida Voter Registration."

**Table 2 Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2012**

<b>Amendment</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Words</b>
#1: Healthcare Services	3,856,307	3,632,276	298
#2: Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury Homestead Property Tax Discount	2,850,794	4,907,704	78
#3: State Government Revenue Limitation	4,346,703	3,204,617	181
#4: Property Tax Limitations; Reduction for Non- Homestead Assessment Increases	4,268,535	3,244,367	679
#5: State Courts	4,654,188	2,728,190	587
#6: Prohibition on Public Funds Funding of Abortions	4,307,973	3,511,326	145
#8: Religious Freedom	4,286,139	3,440,937	74
#9: Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder	2,950,014	4,747,930	119
#10: Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	4,113,421	3,433,117	126
#11: Additional Homestead Exemption; Low Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency	2,984,221	4,718,155	103
#12: Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System	4,306,047	3,060,669	73
		<b>Average</b>	<b>224</b>

## Source and Status of Proposed Constitutional Amendments 2012

2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Health Care Services</a>	(1)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/Senate (Cs/Sjr 2)</a>
2012 Gen	Passed	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Veterans Disabled Due To Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount</a>	(2)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/Senate (Cs/Sjr 592)</a>
2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">State Government Revenue Limitation</a>	(3)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/Senate (Cs/Sjr 958)</a>
2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction For Nonhomestead Assessment Increases; Delay Of Scheduled Repeal</a>	(4)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 381)</a>
2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">State Courts</a>	(5)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 7111)</a>
2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Prohibition On Public Funding Of Abortions; Construction Of Abortion Rights</a>	(6)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 1179)</a>
2012 Gen	Removed	12/20/2011	<a href="#">Religious Freedom</a>	(7)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 1471)</a>
2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Religious Freedom</a>	(8)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 1471)</a>
2012 Gen	Passed	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Homestead Property Tax Exemption For Surviving Spouse Of Military Veteran Or First Responder</a>	(9)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 93)</a>
2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption</a>	(10)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 1003)</a>
2012 Gen	Passed	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency On Property; Equal To Assessed Value</a>	(11)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 0169)</a>
2012 Gen	Defeated	11/06/2012	<a href="#">Appointment Of Student Body President To Board Of Governors Of The State University System</a>	(12)	<a href="#">The Florida Legislature/House (Cs/Hjr 0931)</a>

## Proposed Amendments with Abbreviated Summaries

Source: "2012 Florida ballot guide to propose constitutional Amendments," Tampa Bay Times, available at [http://tampabay.com/tbprojects/elections/2012/ballot\\_guide/index.html#](http://tampabay.com/tbprojects/elections/2012/ballot_guide/index.html#).

### #1 Health Care Services

Amendment 1 would prohibit any law or rule up to the state level from forcing citizens to buy health insurance [Florida Trend].

Passage would send a message that a majority of Florida voters are against the individual mandate and that message might become ammunition for lawmakers vowing to overturn the federal Affordable Care Act [Collins Center for Public Policy].

52 vs. 298 words

### #2 Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount

This amendment would expand an existing homestead property tax exemption for disabled veterans who were Florida residents when they entered the military to any veterans disabled as a result of combat [Florida Trend].

31 vs. 78 words

### #3 State Government Revenue Limitation

The State of Florida has a constitutional limit to how much tax money it can use for state spending, and that limit is currently defined by personal income growth. Amendment 3 would recalculate that limit from now on to be based on inflation and population changes. The net effect is that the state could use the same amount that it had in the previous year, plus whatever changes apply due to inflation and population flux.

If the state still collects more taxes than it's allowed to use, the rest of the money goes into the "rainy day" Budget Stabilization Fund until which point that fund caps. Amendment 3 then stipulates that any leftover money past that cap would go into another fund, this one for support and maintenance of public schools, or under certain conditions, returned to the taxpayers.

139 vs. 181 words

### #4 Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction for Nonhomestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal

For those who pay taxes on non-homestead (essentially anything not a primary residence) properties, the maximum annual increase in taxable value of those properties would be reduced from 10 percent to 5 percent, although that annual increase would expire, under Amendment 4, in 2023 as opposed to 2019, which is when it's scheduled to expire now. [Florida Trend].

For first-time home buyers (those who have not owned a home in Florida in the past three years), Amendment 4 would provide an extra homestead exemption up to \$150,000 past the initial \$50,000, phased out over five years [Florida Trend].

And it allows for the Florida Legislature to repeal Florida's "recapture" rule, which causes taxable property values to rise even when market values have dropped [Florida Trend].

119 vs. 679 words

## **#5 State Courts**

Amendment 5 makes it easier for the Legislature to repeal court rules, and then makes it harder for the court to override the Legislature's decision. It also allows for judicial nominating and qualifications commissions' rules to be repealed by a majority vote of any legislators present at that vote. This changes the way that repeal can be done, and loosens the requirements for doing so.

The governor currently appoints a Florida Supreme Court justice who has been vetted by a judicial nominating commission, without any other confirmation. Amendment 5 changes that so that the Senate gets 90 days to reject the governor's choice before that nominee is automatically confirmed.

Amendment 5 also forces the Judicial Qualifications Commission -- a group created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute a justice or judge -- to turn over any confidential files or proceedings to the speaker of the House before they're released to the public. Currently, the commission must only turn over paperwork it uses to decide whether to impeach a justice or judge, which is a power the speaker of the House currently holds.

And finally, the amendment makes some changes conforming to previous amendments and technical additions.

198 vs. 587 words

## **#6 Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights**

While federal and state laws already prohibit public financing of abortions, this amendment would enshrine that ban in the state Constitution. The amendment also prohibits spending public funds on health benefits that include coverage of abortion, but it would not apply to expenditures required by federal law, which include an abortion to save the life of the mother or pregnancies resulting from rape and incest [Florida Trend].

It also exempts abortions from the privacy clause of the state's Constitution [Florida Trend].

76 vs. 145 words

## **#8 Religious Freedom**

Amendment 8 would repeal the Florida Constitution's prohibition on state funding of religious organizations [Florida Trend].

14 vs. 76 words

## **#9 Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder**

Amendment 9 gives a full property tax exemption on homes to surviving spouses of veterans or first responders killed in the line of duty.

24 vs. 119 words

## **#10 Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption**

This amendment would double the tangible personal property tax exemption (taxes on furniture, fixtures, machinery, tools, shelving, signs and equipment used in a business or to earn income) and allow local governments to increase that exemption [Collins Center for Public Policy].

36 vs. 126 words

#### **#11 Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors Who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value**

Amendment 11 allows counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of the homestead property for senior citizens with an annual household income less than \$27,030 and with homes valued less than \$250,000 [Florida Trend].

40 vs. 103 words

#### **#12 Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System**

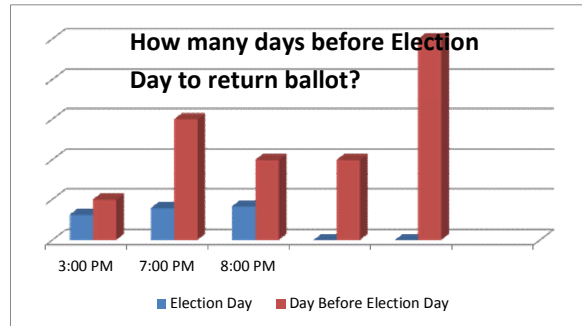
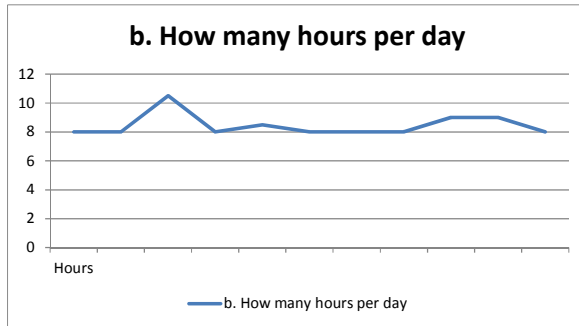
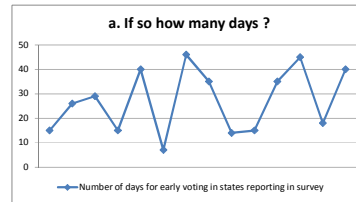
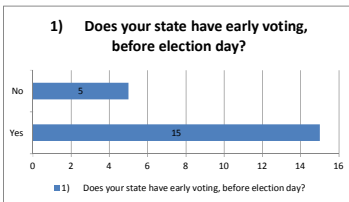
Currently, the student representative on the Board of Governors is the chairman of the Florida Student Association, which was established to serve as a council consisting of the student body presidents from each of the state universities[1]State University System of Florida (even though Florida State University does not participate).

This amendment requires the Board to organize its own council of state university student body presidents and instate that chairman as the student representative on the Board [Florida Trend].

76 vs. 73 words

## Survey of US Secretaries of State

Source: J. Pinkowski, "Survey of U.S. State Secretaries of States," December 2012.



## Secretary of State Survey Results

- 1) Does your state have early voting, before Election Day? Y = 15<sup>17</sup> N = 6
  - a. If so how many days = 15, 26<sup>18</sup>, 29<sup>19</sup>, 15, 40, 7, 46, 35, 14, 17<sup>20</sup>, 15, 35, 45, 18<sup>21</sup>, 40
  - b. How many hours per day = 8, 8, 105, 8, 8.5, 3-“normal business hrs.”, 8, 8, 9, 8
- 2) Does your state have absentee ballots or vote by mail? Y = 20<sup>22</sup> N = 0
  - a. If so, how many days before Election Day to return ballot?  
 Postmark = two-on ED, two -received w/in 10 days; Monday before w/receipt Monday following;  
 five-day before;  
 In-person on ED = three-7 PM, three -8 PM, 3 PM
  - b. Is postage required Yes = 12 No = 5 if so how much? \$.45; \$.65; \$.90; \$1.05
- 3) Can someone register to vote on Election Day? Y = 8 N = 10
- 4) Does your state have a database of addresses so that someone could change their address on Election Day? Y = 14 N = 4
  - a. If so, is the vote cast provisional = 8 or regular ballot? = 4
- 5) Have you ever tried Internet or online voting? Y = 1<sup>23</sup> N = 17<sup>24</sup>
- 6) Do you have limits on the number of amendments or ballot initiatives? Y = 0 N = 19
  - a. If so, are there limits on the number of words in the description? = 100, 75, 200, 100, 30
- 7) Do you have estimates of the time necessary to complete a ballot in the last election? Y=3 N =15
  - a. If so what is the estimate of time necessary? 10-20 minutes; a few minutes., 1-2 minutes
- 8) Did you have lines waiting to vote during the last election? Y =12 N = 6
  - a. If so what is the estimate of the waiting time? two-1 hr.; 45 minutes; 1-2 hrs.; 30-40 mins.
- 9) Do you print ballots on demand (BODs)? Y = 6 N = 10
  - a. If so, what is the estimate of the percentage of BODs? n/a
10. By what method or machinery do you tabulate votes?  
 Eleven - Optical scan, precinct-based and Accuvote Opti Scan Tabulators  
 Central Count and Touch Screen Systems; small towns count by hand  
 Two - Direct Recording Electronic (DRE); Electronic ballots are read from machine cartridges  
 GEMS; ES&S Model 100s and Model 650s tabulators; ES&S equipment and software; M100 tabulators  
 and/or iVotronic terminals. Some counties also use M650s; ES&S M100s and M650s paper ballot  
 scanners ;Digital Scan; M100s, M650; DREs & Accuvote

<sup>17</sup> Two states clarified that this was “in-person absentee voting.”

<sup>18</sup> Arizona ends the Friday before Election Day.

<sup>19</sup> California varies by county but earliest “counties can begin processing vote-by-mail applications and issuing ballots is 29 days prior to an election.”

<sup>20</sup> North Carolina ends the Saturday before Election Day;

<sup>21</sup> Washington State is entirely vote by mail.

<sup>22</sup> Minnesota requires a valid reason; Michigan states: “only eligible to vote absentee for specific situations.”

<sup>23</sup> North Dakota reports “Military and overseas voters are authorized under law to apply for, receive, and cast their ballot electronically”

<sup>24</sup> Delaware allows “electronic transmission of military and overseas ballots (also available for voters with disabilities); New York “make absentee ballots available to military and overseas voters by email transmission.”



**Table 3 Broward County Votes Compared to U.S. States and Florida Counties**

State	Total Vote	Florida County	Total Votes	Florida County	Total Votes	Population	Turnout %	Florida County	Total Vote	Population	Turnout %
CALIFORNIA	13,038,547			Miami-Dade	873,378	2,541,928	34%				
FLORIDA	8,490,162			<b>Broward</b>	<b>751,162</b>	<b>1,769,339</b>	<b>42%</b>				
TEXAS	7,993,851			Palm Beach	596,675	1,332,223	45%				
NEW YORK	7,061,925			Hillsborough	536,062	1,255,277	43%				
PENNSYLVANIA	5,753,893			Pinellas	497,158	919,110	54%				
OHIO	5,580,822			Orange	463,284	1,172,493	40%				
ILLINOIS	5,244,174			Duval	408,210	869,139	47%				
MICHIGAN	4,740,250			Brevard	282,242	545,109	52%				
NORTH CAROLINA	4,505,372			Lee	264,192	637,767	41%				
GEORGIA	3,900,050			Polk	246,176	603,534	41%				
VIRGINIA	3,854,489			Volusia	232,189	495,333	47%				
NEW JERSEY	3,645,887			Pasco	210,483	467,755	45%				
MASSACHUSETTS	3,167,767			Seminole	206,374	427,974	48%				
WASHINGTON	3,141,106			Sarasota	205,578	383,658	54%				
WISCONSIN	3,071,434			Marion	159,859	328,032	49%				
MINNESOTA	2,936,561			Manatee	152,092	330,112	46%				
MISSOURI	2,757,323			Lake	149,427	298,707	50%				
MARYLAND	2,707,327			Collier	148,186	329,775	45%				
INDIANA	2,624,534			Escambia	146,825	296,777	49%				
COLORADO	2,569,217			Leon	146,669	276,203	53%				
TENNESSEE	2,458,577			St. Lucie	122,071	280,242	44%				
ARIZONA	2,306,559			Alachua	118,399	245,480	48%				
ALABAMA	2,074,338			St. John's	113,645	195,847	58%				
LOUISIANA	1,994,065			Osceola	107,782	280,461	38%				
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,964,118			Clay	95,741	192,071	50%				
KENTUCKY	1,797,212			Okaloosa	93,533	185,803	50%				
OREGON	1,789,270			Charlotte	83,884	162,046	52%				
IOWA	1,582,180			Hernando	82,697	172,717	48%				
CONNECTICUT	1,558,993			Bay	78,900	168,232	47%				
OKLAHOMA	1,334,872			Martin	78,277	145,503	54%				
MISSISSIPPI	1,285,584			Santa Rosa	75,926	150,371	50%				
KANSAS	1,159,971			Citrus	73,110	140,600	52%				
ARKANSAS	1,069,468			Indian River	70,924	139,092	51%				
UTAH	1,019,815			Sumter	60,163	91,480	66%				
NEVADA	1,014,918			Flagler	50,170	97,160	52%				
NEBRASKA	794,379			Highlands	42,059	98,932	43%	DeSoto	9,761	32,510	30%
NEW MEXICO	783,757	Miami-Dade	873,378	Nassau	40,175	73,676	55%	Taylor	9,010	19,528	46%
MAINE	713,180	<b>Broward</b>	<b>751,162</b>	Monroe	38,626	72,828	53%	Madison	8,648	17,535	49%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	710,972	Palm Beach	596,675	Putnam	30,992	72,674	43%	Holmes	8,183	18,449	44%
WEST VIRGINIA	670,438	Hillsborough	536,062	Walton	28,148	55,409	51%	Gilchrist	7,802	16,045	49%
IDAHO	656,742	Pinellas	497,158	Columbia	26,891	63,660	42%	Jefferson	7,753	13,461	58%
MONTANA	484,048	Orange	463,284	Gadsden	22,396	44,618	50%	Hardee	7,155	25,859	28%
RHODE ISLAND	446,049			Jackson	20,759	41,866	50%	Gulf	7,008	12,601	56%
HAWAII	434,697			Levy	18,170	40,339	45%	Dixie	6,850	15,028	46%
DELAWARE	413,890			Suwannee	17,421	41,067	42%	Calhoun	6,030	12,941	47%
SOUTH DAKOTA	363,815			Wakulla	14,461	27,655	52%	Franklin	5,415	9,762	55%
NORTH DAKOTA	322,932			Okeechobee	12,181	37,917	32%	Hamilton	5,363	12,014	45%
ALASKA	300,495			Bradford	11,540	24,316	47%	Union	5,319	10,725	50%
VERMONT	299,290			Baker	11,284	24,926	45%	Glades	3,947	11,699	34%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	293,764			Washington	10,857	22,410	48%	Lafayette	3,355	6,917	49%
WYOMING	249,061			Hendry	10,106	37,872	27%	Liberty	3,243	6,775	48%

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## **2012 Elections Task Force**

### **Addendum to Dr. Pinkowski's Report**

- The Supervisor of Elections has the responsibility of making all election related decisions. This constitutional office is bound by the State Election Laws. Recommendations made to this office will be considered; however, until changes in the Election Laws take place some related recommendations cannot be implemented.
- The Supervisor of Elections works with the financial funding that the county provides.
- Changes in State Laws and proper funding will need to occur in order for the elections to take a different direction.
- Until standards (i.e. long lines) are defined by the state, the Supervisor of Elections must continue to work with the current resources based on state laws.
- Inventory evaluation is and has always been a standard operating procedure for the Supervisor of Elections' Office. This is/has been publicly disclosed during the annual budget workshops.
- The Supervisor of Elections welcomes the efforts of the municipalities for advocacy and lobbying in the budgetary process and legislative changes. We have always encouraged a partnership and cooperation with Municipalities to promote their individual elections.
- SOE plans and organizes elections months in advance through strategic planning which includes a Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP) in case of unforeseen disasters.
- There are multiple layers of support in place to deal with situations at all early voting and election day polling places which are: cellphones for all clerks and VSTs, field support personnel (Special Deputies, Technical Team, Emergency Response team) and 5 call centers.
- Voter turnout is determined by identifying the number of registered voters and percentage of those registered voters that turnout to vote.
- Florida Statutes 101.62 prescribes the time period of requesting an Absentee Ballot. On May 28, 2010, the state law changed the timeframe for how long an absentee ballot request would be good.
  - An absentee ballot request received before May 28, 2010 is good for all elections through the next 2 regularly scheduled general elections cycles, i.e., 2010 and 2012, based on the law in effect at that time.
  - An absentee ballot request received on or after May 28, 2010, is good only for elections through the next (one) regularly scheduled general election cycle, i.e., 2010 November general election. A person would have to renew an absentee ballot request after the 2010 November general election based on current law to be entitled to an absentee ballot for elections through the 2012 general election.
- The above presumes the requester is not requesting an absentee ballot for just a specific election. If a voter requests an absentee ballot in a previous year and moves or did a change of address and did not notify the Supervisor of Elections, the ballot will be mailed to the address on file. It is the responsibility of the voter to update his/her address with the Supervisor of Election before the mailing of the absentee ballots. A voter can request 3 replacement ballots to be mailed to a different mailing address or residential address. If a ballot comes back undeliverable or temporarily away it can be cancelled and the voter must request a ballot to be mailed with a corrected address.

February 27, 2013

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*Susan Gill*  
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Dear Senator Latvala,

Thank you for reaching out to supervisors to ask for our recommendations for changes to election administration and existing statutes. I attended the hearing for the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee and thought the hearing was very productive. It was clear to me that you, as chair, and the committee are dedicated to changing existing statutes to ensure we have fair, honest and accurate elections administered in a timely and organized way. The supervisors and the committee share a common goal.

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Secretary Detzner did a very thorough analysis and came to you with recommendations very much in line with the supervisors. I have heard from fellow supervisors that while the list of potential early vote sites is a great improvement, there are still areas in their counties where the sites available from the proposed list do not meet the criteria of being *“geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as practicable”*. Additional suggested sites might include meeting halls for rent in hotels or private or community clubs. Bottom line is, each supervisor knows best the locations that would best serve their county’s voters as we do with selecting polling places for Election Day.

We are also seeing more voters calling to complain that their birthdates are public record. We have had voters who have said they were going to request their names be taken off the voter registration rolls until their date of birth is exempted from public record. These people have been victims of identity theft and are quite concerned. I do think this privacy issue will become more prevalent in the future.

The use of electronic poll books would assist process greatly. As we all know, there is the expectation that we should have results immediately while most do not know of the slow, laborious nature of election administration. The electronic poll books would allow us to have voter history immediately posted instead of plowing through the process manually with exhausted election workers.

Lastly, Citrus County has been part of the pilot project for the Clear Ballot automated post-election audit process. What I would like to see is a change in the statute to provide an **option** for supervisors to utilize the automated, independent post-election audit system approved by the State. This would allow supervisors who want to utilize this process to be able to do so while supervisors who would like to continue with the manual audit are able to do so as well.

I hope my comments will be of some help to you and the committee as you go the very important process of crafting election law for the State of Florida. Please feel to contact me at any time if I can be of any assistance.

PS: On a personal note, please give my regards to Dawn Roberts. I am sure she is a great asset to the committee.

Thank you,

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February 26, 2013

Dear Senator Latvala and Representative Boyd:

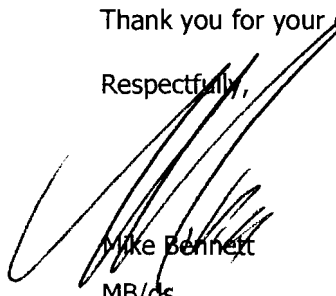
Gentlemen, I realize that it is still early in the process, but I am very concerned about any restrictions placed on the Supervisors relative to the selection of early voting sites. Let me explain, using Manatee County as the example. Rep. Boyd can attest to the fact that the preponderance of growth has been in the eastern part of our county. Our greatest need for additional early voting sites is in that area. However, we have done an exhaustive search and as of yet **cannot find any early voting site there** that would comply with the restrictions placed upon us as specified in the latest draft of the bill.

As you know, the law allows Supervisors to find all of their regular voting sites. Why place restrictions on early voting sites? We suggest that you talk to Supervisors and other government officials in your districts. How many government buildings would have office space that could be given up for 8-14 days? How many Churches could provide that space for that time period? We have gone as far as to inquire about Veterans halls, Legion halls, schools, etc. In general, they are willing to consider offering space "for a day or two" but not a week or more.

Please let me know what else I can do, and who I can talk to in order to express my concern about this issue. I urge you to visit with the other members of your committees, and ask them to talk to the Supervisors of Elections in their districts. It is important that they specifically ask, "do you have sufficient sites available, given the restrictions as drafted?"

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Mike Bennett  
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CC: The Honorable Don Gaetz, Senate President  
The Honorable Will Weatherford, Speaker of the House



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February 5, 2013

Dear Senator Latvala:

I am pleased to see where the elections bill is going, and would like to make a few suggestions to make it even better for all of us. FYI, I am also sending a similar letter to Rep. Jim Boyd.

1. Discharged military veterans are able to register to vote up until five days prior to the election (other citizens may register up until 30 days prior.) I would like to see the law changed to allow active duty service members returning from overseas assignments the same registration window as discharged veterans.
2. I also suggest that all candidates and elected officials be allowed to file financial statements on-line. Currently, they are completed in hard copy and snail mailed. Elections officials then scan them to store them digitally. It's a waste of time and money. It makes sense to file Loyalty Oaths electronically as well.
3. If two Sundays will be included in the early voting time frame, please do not require that one of them be the Sunday immediately before the Tuesday election. This will allow us adequate time to effectively prepare for Election Day.
4. As you know, the 2012 primary date was moved up to accommodate the Republican National Convention held in Tampa. Going forward it makes sense, as many have requested that the primary date be moved back to later in August.
5. Florida has a unique problem with some of the equipment vendors in that they are not required to report known issues with their equipment to the state or to the Supervisors of Elections. For example; Dominion, the vendor for "Ballot on Demand" equipment was aware of the equipment issues that resulted in significant problems and delays in several counties, notably, Palm Beach County. The issues were not disclosed to Florida officials. Dominion did disclose those same issues to California officials due to large fines imposed in California for non-disclosure.
6. It would be helpful to define in statute what specifically qualifies residency.
7. Not surprisingly, voting equipment upgrades are sometimes necessary. I suggest you consider matching grants to counties to facilitate upgrades, specifically to EVID (Electronic Voter ID) equipment.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

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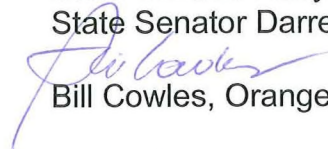
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February 22, 2013

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TO: State Senator Andy Gardiner  
State Senator Darren Soto

FROM:  Bill Cowles, Orange County Supervisor of Elections

RE: Flexibility in Early Voting Sites for Orange County

COMMITTEE ON  
ETHICS AND ELECTIONS

As part of the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee's first meeting, following the November 6, 2012 General Elections, a chart showing the potential number of early voting sites and the actual number of early voting sites used by the most populous counties was distributed to the committee members. During the January 14, 2013 Committee Meeting, with invited Supervisors, maps for each of these counties were reviewed as to the selection process. Finally at the February 5, 2013 Committee Meeting Secretary of State Ken Detzner presented his "Recommendations for Increased Accessibility & Efficiency in Florida Elections" report. As part of the report he recommended the expansion of allowable locations of early voting sites.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you Orange County's early voting situation in light of the discussions at the three meetings referenced above. First, I have attached (Attachment 1) an overview of the 28 statutory available early voting sites with an indication as to which 10 sites were used and why the other sites were not used. The map (Attachment 2) attached highlights that under current law Orange County has only two possible early voting sites east of Highway 436 - two libraries which we have used for years. Our statistics show that 25.84% of the voters eligible for this past election live east of Highway 436. These two sites cannot handle additional voters. This area is heavily populated, continues to grow and includes the University of Central Florida, the second largest University in the country. Your districts included all or a portion of this area. Finally, I've included an overview of Secretary Detzner's proposed early voting locations here in Orange County. Refer to Attachment 3. Currently these proposed sites do not adequately expand early voting options to help the voters of East Orange County and do not allow us to meet the "geographically located" portion of the law. You will see that I have identified some possible locations, including private facilities, in this area that are not currently being proposed but will help us better meet the geographic location requirement.

I'm sure this situation is not unique to Orange County. I have served as President of FSASE and was Legislative Chair for the association when Early Voting began. Over the years FSASE has struggled to define a list of potential early voting sites for the Legislature because counties face their own unique situations and "one size simply does not fit all". Here in Orange County, both the current and proposed early voting locations are simply not going to meet the needs of a sizeable portion of our voter roll. East Orange County - Avalon Park, Lake Nona, and Medical City – is experiencing tremendous growth but lacks the government owned facilities being considered as acceptable early voting locations. Unless given different options, voters in East Orange County will continue to experience long lines during major - particularly Presidential Elections.

Based on the limitations of existing law, the challenges we face as described above, and the fact that there are other non-government facilities available in Orange County (See Attachment 3) I urge you to either propose expanding the options of sites OR consider allowing Supervisors of Elections the flexibility to select the early voting locations just as we do for Elections Day polling places.

Cc: Ken Detzner, Secretary of State  
Maria Matthews, Division Director, Division of Elections  
Senator Jack Latvalla, Chair, Senate Ethics and Elections Committee  
Dawn K. Roberts, Director, Senate Ethics and Elections  
Representative Jim Boyd, Chair, House Ethics and Elections Subcommittee  
Ron Labasky, General Counsel, FSASE  
Brian Corley, FSASE Legislative Chair/Supervisor of Elections



**Attachment 1: Potential Early Voting Sites under current Florida Statutes with justification for using or not using the sites.**

Sites used in 2012 are bolded.

**Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office (119 West Kaley Street) (1)**

Orange County has only one office in the county and no branch offices.

**Orange County Municipalities/City Halls (13)**

**Apopka:** We use the Apopka City Hall Complex for Early Voting. The City Council redrew the City Hall Complex Boundaries in 2009 to include the new **Apopka VFW/Community Center**. Previously we used the North Orange Branch Library.

**Bay Lake:** One of two cities located on the Walt Disney World property in Orange County. Has a population of 47 residents. City Hall is a suite within the Reedy Creek Utilities Building. Early Voting site here would be very confusing to tourist during General Elections.

**Belle Isle:** City Hall is extremely small and has very poor parking. Facility is in a residential area.

**Eatonville:** Town Hall is extremely small and has limited parking. Area for early voting is also used for Town Council meetings and other meetings.

**Edgewood:** City Hall is extremely small. Only area for early voting is the council chambers which is used for Election Day for a single precinct.

**Lake Buena Vista:** The other city located on the Walt Disney World property in Orange County. Has a population of 10 residents. City Hall is a suite within the Reedy Creek Utilities Building. Early Voting site here would be very confusing to tourist during General Elections.

**Maitland:** During 2011 and 2012, Maitland's City Hall was under construction. Parking is very limited and the only meeting space for early voting is within the Council Chambers. The Maitland Civic Center, blocks south of the new City Hall, would be a much better location.

**Oakland:** City Hall is extremely small and has very limited parking.

**Ocoee:** City Hall complex is large but limited in space for early voting. Only space within City Hall is the Council Chambers. Ocoee is in the process of rebuilding their Community Center on the City Hall Complex.



Orlando: City Hall is located in downtown Orlando and is a multi-story building. Access to the building requires security check and parking is in a garage. The Orlando Public Library is several blocks north of City Hall and is currently used as an early voting site.

Windermere: Town Hall office space is extremely small with no meeting space. On the same property are the Windermere Branch Library and the Windermere Community Hall. The hall is used for Council Meeting, Rotary Meetings and other events. Library has an extremely small community area.

Winter Garden: City Hall is a new facility but meeting space is limited to the City Council Chambers. City owns Tanner Hall on the shores of Lake Apopka which would make an excellent early voting site.

Winter Park: City Hall space and parking are extremely limited. Several blocks away is the **Winter Park Library** (this is NOT part of the Orange County Public Library system) which we use for early voting. The City of Winter Park owns the Rachel Murrah Civic Center which has excellent space and parking and would make a good early voting site.

#### Orange County Public Libraries (15)

**Alafaya Branch:** This library is one of two Early Voting site currently allowed east of Highway 436. At this site, and several other libraries, we rent the community meeting room(s) to guarantee availability (\$900 per room/per week); pay to have furniture removed to create more floor space; and pay for parking attendants since parking spaces are very limited. This site is the closest early voting site to the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest University in the nation – the University of Central Florida. Following the Elections Office, this location is the most active site in Orange County.

**Eatonville Branch:** This is a very small library with no community room and only street parking. The Town of Eatonville is close to the Winter Park locations, which are large and better suited for early voting.

**Edgewater Branch:** This library is located in an underperforming shopping center in a commercial area.

**Herndon Branch:** This library has not been used due to its proximity to the main library in downtown Orlando and the Elections Office. We are planning to use this site in 2014.

**Hiawasse Branch:** This library was just relocated to a new shopping center and we are planning to use it in 2014. Should provide relief to the West Oaks Library site.

**North Orange Branch:** We used this library up until 2010. Once the City of Apopka opened the Apopka VFW/Community Center with more space and parking we moved there.

**Orlando Public Library:** We use this downtown site. Voting is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the hours are limited on weekends. We are considering closing this site and opening two other libraries - Herndon Branch and Hiawasse Branch in 2014.

**South Creek Branch:** We use this branch and have the same financial cost as outlined for the Alafaya Branch above.

**South Trail Branch:** This is a small library in a shopping center. We used this site as an Election Day polling place in the past but moved it after having issues with the property owner over solicitation. The elections office is the closest early voting site to this location.

**Southeast Branch:** We use this branch and it is considered the "Hispanic Library" by the community. We almost lost this site during Early Voting in 2012 due to issues with solicitation and the property owners. Maintaining this site will be a priority. Have the same cost issues here as outlined for the Alafaya Branch.

**Southwest Branch:** We use this branch. The Orange County Library System rents the building from the Dr. Phillips Foundation. We are required to find and pay for alternative meeting space for groups that normally meet in the community room.

**Washington Park Branch:** We use this branch library which is extremely small and in the same complex as an Orange County Community Center. It is considered the "African American Library" and the community supports its use even though it is our smallest site.

**West Oak Branch:** The West Oaks Branch is identical to the Alafaya site and we pay the same fees at this location. This is the third most active site.

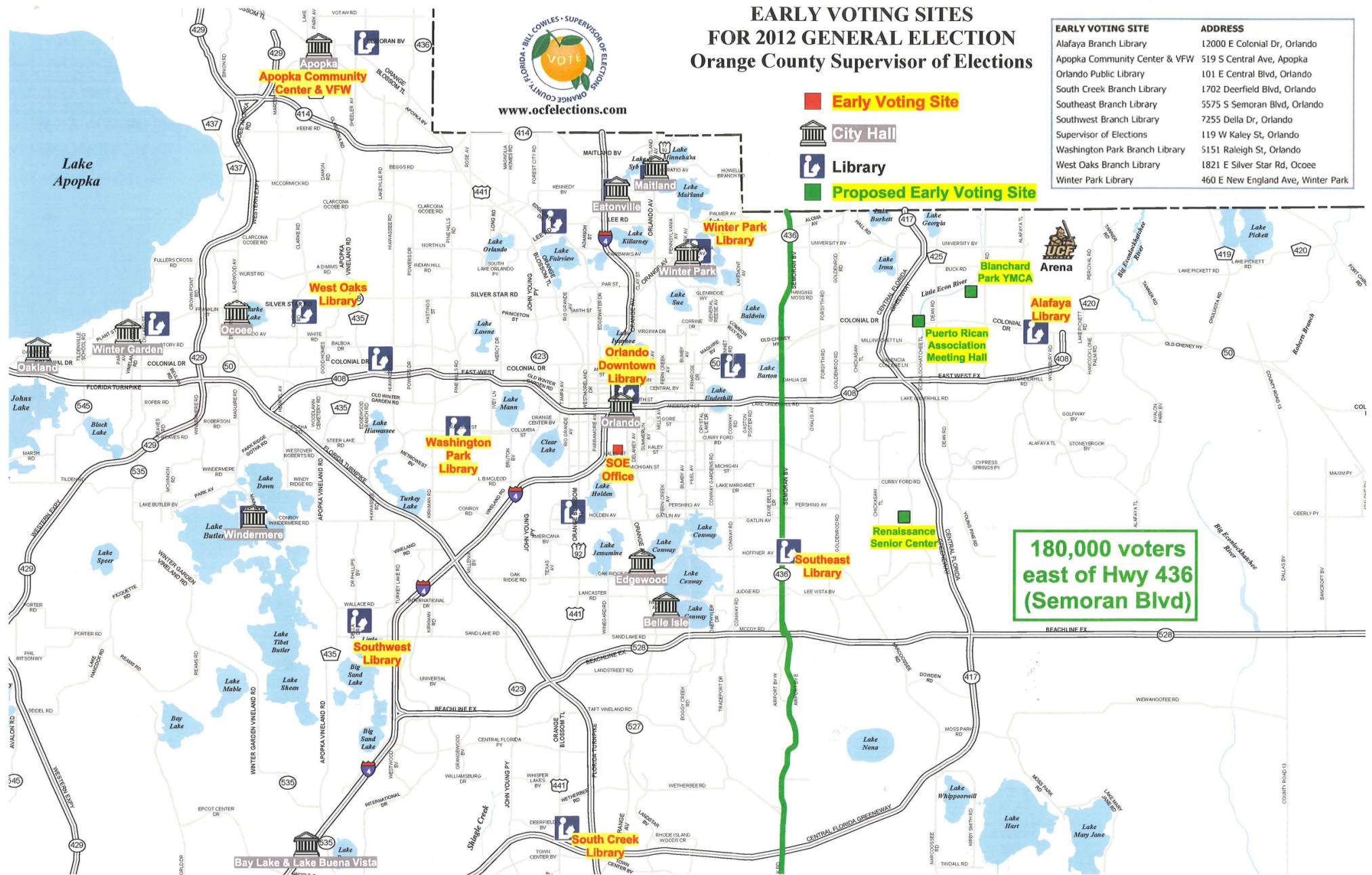
**Windermere Branch:** This library has a very small meeting space and is located next to the Town Hall. See notes under municipalities.

**Winter Garden Branch:** This new library would be ideal except for the fact that the community room is set up as computer lab. The Library System is unwilling to dismantle the lab.



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 **Early Voting Site**  
 **City Hall**  
 **Library**  
 **Proposed Early Voting Site**



### Attachment 3: Secretary Detzner's recommended Early Voting Sites

Secretary of State Detzner's Recommendations for Increased Accessibility & Efficiency in Florida Elections Reports states:

#### Priority Recommendations

##### 2. Expand the Definition of an Early Voting Site

Amend 101.657(1)(a), Fla. Stat., to expand the allowable locations of early voting sites at government owned, managed or occupied facilities to include the main or branch office of the supervisor of elections, a city hall, courthouse, county commission building, public library, civic center, convention center, fairgrounds or stadium, which will benefit voters by .....

How does this expansion of allowable sites help the current 25.84% of voters who live east of Highway 436 in Orange County? Please refer to the County Map (Attachment 2).

Main or branch office of the supervisor of elections	NONE
City Hall	NONE
Courthouse	NONE
County Commission Building	NONE
Public Libraries (currently use the only two in this area)	NO CHANGE
Civic Center (if you consider a County Senior Center with a Ballroom/Meeting Room)	+1
Convention Center	NONE
Fairgrounds	NONE
Stadium (The college football schedule would dictate whether the UCF stadium could be used )	NONE
Net gain based on Sec. Detzner's recommended sites:	+1

Listed below are other options in East Orange County that I would like to have the opportunity to use:

**Asociacion Borinquena:** This is the Puerto Rican Association Meeting Hall. This is a privately own facility that we use on Election Day for two precincts. It has excellent parking, larger floor space than any of our libraries, and meets the geographical requirement.

**Blanchard Park:** This is a **county owned park** in partnership with the Central Florida YMCA.

Additionally we have many **hotels** with large banquet facilities within East Orange County that should be considered. They are located either on Colonial Drive (Highway 50), at the Lee Vista Center by the airport, or by the University of Central Florida.

To: The Honorable Jack Latvala, State Senator, District 20  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

From: Deborah Clark, Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections

Date: February 3, 2013

Re: Legislative Issues for 2013 Session

Thank you for requesting an overview of the election process and for spending time with my staff and me at the Election Service Center last Thursday. We appreciate the opportunity to walk you through some of our procedures and discuss ideas to improve the process.

As you requested, below is a list of the issues we discussed during our meeting, as well as suggestions and comments. If any of the discussion points are not captured accurately, please let me know. We also appreciate your willingness to consider additional proposals and will send those separately.

Again, thank you for your sincere interest in what we do. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Issues discussed:

- Allow Supervisors to use voter signatures on early voting certificates and precinct registers to update signatures in the voter file [FS 98.077(1)]
- Allow Supervisors to update voter signatures until the time the voters' absentee ballots are canvassed (opened) [FS 98.077(4)]
- Reset the Primary Election date to 10 weeks prior to the General Election (instead of 12 weeks) [FS 100.061]
- Review the requirement to report election results by precinct [FS 98.0981(2)]
- Allow Supervisors to designate early voting sites in publicly funded buildings with adequate space and facilities to accommodate voters [FS 101.657(1)(a)]
- Require electronic poll books to improve voter check-in process at early voting sites and polling places [F.S. 102.012(3)]
- Allow Supervisors to notify voters who do not sign the absentee ballot certificate envelopes that they can come to the Supervisor of Elections office, show photo and signature ID and sign the envelope [FS 101.68(1)]. (Note: include a deadline.)
- Add a witness line to the absentee ballot certificate envelope – require witness to print and sign name [FS 101.64 and FS 101.65]



- Require voters to vote in their home precincts on election day. Only exceptions allowed to vote in Supervisor of Elections Office on election day. [FS 101.67(2)]
- Allow voters to return absentee ballots to early voting sites and polling places [F.S. 101.69]
- Repeal the provision for full text of a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot [FS 101.161(3)(a)3.]
- Repeal the requirement for a voter who moves from another Florida county to vote a provisional ballot if no address change is made prior to arriving at the polls [FS 101.045(2)(b)]

## **UPDATING VOTER SIGNATURES**

### **Current Language:**

F.S. 98.077(1) – “A registered voter may update his or her signature on file in the statewide voter registration system at any time using a voter registration application submitted to a voter registration official.”

### **Suggested Language:**

Chapter 98 - Add – “The supervisor of elections may use voter signatures from early voting and polling places to update the voter file.”

### **Comments:**

Voters show photo and signature ID before signing in at early voting or polling places, which is not required before signing a voter registration application.

### **Current Language:**

F.S. 98.077(4) “All signature updates for use in verifying absentee and provisional ballots must be received by the appropriate supervisor of elections no later than the start of canvassing of absentee ballots by the canvassing board. The signature on file at the start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature that shall be used in verifying the signature on the absentee and provisional ballot certificates.”

### **Suggested Language:**

“A voter’s signature update for use in verifying absentee and provisional ballots must be received by the appropriate supervisor of elections no later than the time the voter’s ballot is canvassed by the canvassing board. The signature on file at the time a voter’s ballot is canvassed is the signature that shall be used in verifying the signature on the absentee and provisional ballot certificates.”

### **Comments:**

This would allow voters to update their signatures until ***their*** ballots are canvassed as opposed to the time canvassing begins.

## **PRIMARY ELECTION DATE**

**Current Language:**

F.S. 100.061 "a primary election...shall be held on the Tuesday 12 weeks prior to the general election."

**Suggested Language:**

"a primary election... shall be held on the Tuesday 10 weeks prior to the general election."

**Comments:**

To avoid having the 2012 primary election the week of the National Republican Convention in Tampa, it was scheduled the Tuesday 12 weeks prior to the general election. If the Legislature intends to move the election back to 10 weeks prior to the general election, we request this change be made during the 2013 legislative session to provide sufficient time to confirm polling places for the 2014 elections.

**PRECINCT LEVEL RESULTS****Current Language:**

F.S. 98.0981(2) "...the supervisors of elections shall collect and submit to the department precinct-level election results for the election..."

**Suggested Language:**

Review the need for this requirement.

**Comments:**

Reporting election results by precinct increases the number of individual ballot styles that must be created. For example, we had 1,452 precinct ballot styles for the 2012 Primary Election and 484 precinct ballot styles for the 2012 General Election. Without the requirement to report results by precinct, there would have been 34 ballot styles for the 2012 Primary Election and 50 ballot styles for the General Election.

**DETERMINING VOTER ELIGIBILITY AT THE POLLS****Current Language:**

F.S. 102.012(3) "The supervisor shall furnish inspectors of election for each precinct with the list of registered voters for that precinct."

**Suggested Language:**

"The Supervisor shall furnish inspectors of election for each precinct with electronic poll books that provide access to the list of registered voters for that precinct or to the statewide voter registration system."

**Comment:**



This would streamline the process to check in voters during early voting and at polling places. It would also provide real time voter history in the county voter registration database, which could be expanded to the statewide voter registration database.

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## **EARLY VOTING**

### **Current Language:**

F.S. 101.657(1)(a) "The supervisor may also designate any city hall or permanent public library facility as early voting sites."

### **Suggested Language:**

"The supervisor may designate an early voting site in any publicly funded facility."

### **Comments:**

This will allow supervisors more options when choosing early voting locations. Current law restricts supervisors to use facilities that are not always adequate to meet the needs of the voters.

## **ABSENTEE/MAIL BALLOTS**

### **Current Language:**

F.S. 101.68(1) "After an absentee ballot is received by the supervisor, the ballot is deemed to have been cast, and changes or additions may not be made to the voter's certificate."

### **Suggested Language:**

"Upon being notified that the voter's absentee ballot certificate envelope was not signed, a voter may present him/herself to the supervisor of elections, show photo and signature identification and correct the voter's certificate prior to the time the ballot is canvassed."

### **Comments:**

This change will allow voters to correct this common mistake.

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### **Current Language:**

F.S. 101.65(5)(7.) "In order for your absentee ballot to be counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's Signature)."

### **Suggested Language:**

"In order for your absentee ballot to be counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's Signature) and a witness must attest to the voter's signature by printing and signing his/her name on the line above (Witness Signature)."

**Comments:**

This requirement would add a layer of oversight to the absentee ballot process. However, for our Primary and General Elections from 2000-2004, a total of 784 absentee ballots were rejected for “no witness signature.” This represents .59% of all absentee ballots returned during that time and at least 50% of all absentee ballots rejected.

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**Current Language:**

F.S. 101.69 “An elector who has received an absentee ballot and has not returned the voted ballot to the supervisor, but desires to vote in person, shall return the ballot, whether voted or not, to the election board in the elector’s precinct or to an early voting site. The returned ballot shall be marked “canceled” by the board and placed with other canceled ballots.”

**Suggested Language:**

“An elector may return a voted mail ballot to the election board at an early voting site or at the elector’s polling place.”

**Comments:**

Allowing voters to drop off their voted absentee ballots at their polling places will increase the number of absentee ballots that must be processed after election day. These ballots would be returned to the Election Office with other materials from the polling places after the polls are closed.

**BALLOT LANGUAGE****Current Language:**

FS 101.161(3)(a)3. “A ballot statement that consists of the full text of an amendment or revision shall be presumed to be a clear and unambiguous statement...”

**Suggested Language:**

Repeal the provision for full text.

**Comments:**

Providing full text of amendments lengthens the ballot, and voting systems currently being used cannot accommodate this requirement.

**OUT-OF-COUNTY ADDRESS CHANGES****Current Language:**

FS 101.045(2)(b) “...change of address is from outside the county,...is entitled to vote a provisional ballot.”

**Suggested Language:**

Repeal provision. "An elector who moves within the state may be permitted to vote in the precinct to which he or she has moved his or her legal residence upon completion of a 'change of legal residence of registered voter' affirmation."

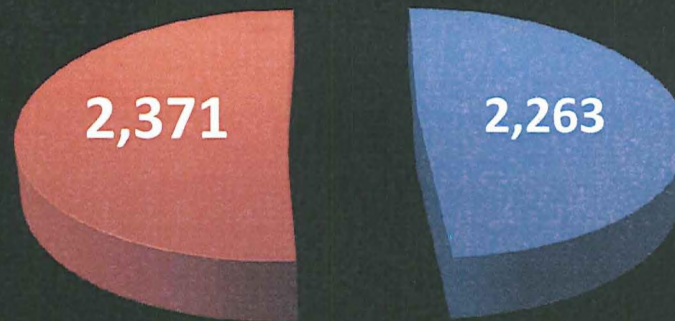
**Comments:**

The statewide voter registration database provides supervisors access to all registration files in the state. If a voter appears at the polls to vote and has an address change from another county, the precinct clerk contacts the elections office and the elections staff determines whether the voter is eligible to vote. In the 2012 General Election we processed 483 out-of-county address changes, and all of these provisional ballots were accepted by the canvassing board. We also researched 149 voters from other counties, and none voted in Pinellas County.

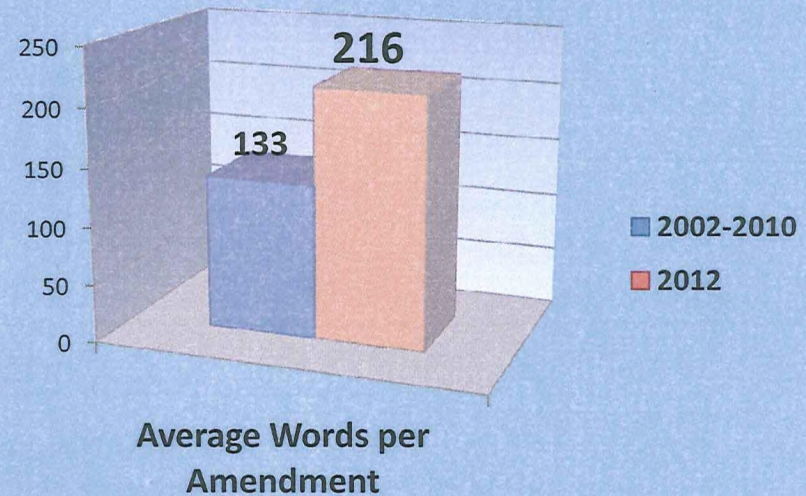
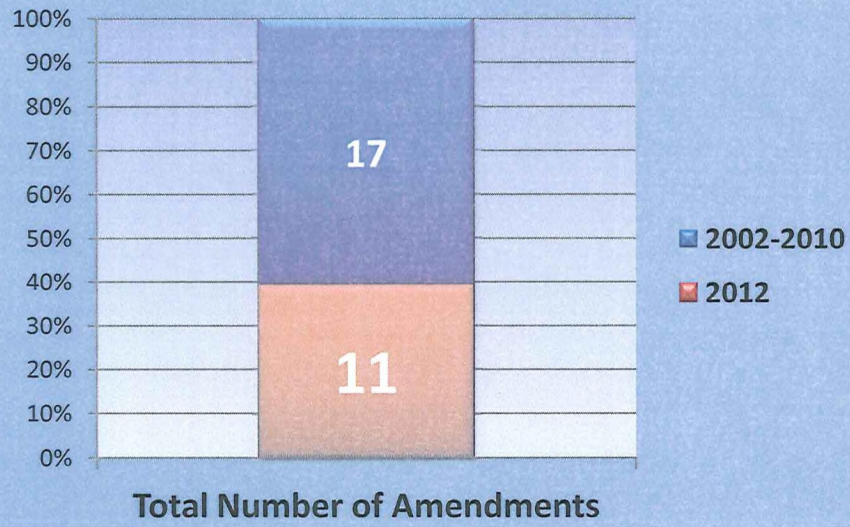
## Ballot Summary, WORD COUNT (Legislative Proposals, 2002-2012)\*

(\* Before 2002, legislative ballot summaries were limited to *75 words.* )

### Total # of Legislative Ballot Summary Words



■ 2002-2010 ■ 2012





<b>2012</b>			<b>Ballot Summary</b>
<b>Amend. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ballot Title</b>	<b>WORD COUNT</b>
1	Health Care	Health Care Services	295
2	Homestead	Veterans Disabled Due to Combat Injury; Homestead Property Tax Discount	68
3	Revenue Limit	State Government Revenue Limitation	177
4	Homestead; Taxes	Property Tax Limitations; Property Value Decline; Reduction for NonHomestead Assessment Increases; Delay of Scheduled Repeal	664
5	Judiciary	State Courts	585
6	Abortion	Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights	135
8	Religion	Religious Freedom	72
9	Homestead	Homestead Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouse of Military Veteran or First Responder	107
10	Taxes	Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption	121
11	Homestead	Additional Homestead Exemption; Low-Income Seniors who Maintain Long-Term Residency on Property; Equal to Assessed Value	88
12	Appointments	Appointment of Student Body President to Board of Governors of the State University System	59
2012 Total Legislative Ballot Summary Words			2371
2012 Average Legislative Words/Amendment			216



<b>2010</b>			<b>Ballot Summary WORD COUNT</b>
<b>Amend. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ballot Title</b>	
1	Public Campaign Financing	Repeal of Public Campaign Financing Requirement	28
2	Homestead	Homestead Ad Valorem Tax Credit for Deployed Military Personnel	127
8	Education; Class Size	Revision of the Class Size Requirements for Public Schools	190
2010 Total Legislative Ballot Summary Words			345
2010 Average Legislative Words/Amendment			115

<b>2008 (Presidential Preference Primary)</b>			<b>Ballot Summary WORD COUNT</b>
<b>Amend. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ballot Title</b>	
1	Homestead	Property Tax Exemptions; Limitations on Property Tax Assessments	498
2008 PPP Total Legislative Ballot Summary Words			498
2008 PPP Average Legislative Words/Amendment			498

<b>2008 (General Election)</b>			<b>Ballot Summary WORD COUNT</b>
<b>Amend. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ballot Title</b>	
1	Real Property; noncitizen aliens	Declaration of Rights	31
2008 Total Legislative Ballot Summary Words			31
2008 Average Legislative Words/Amendment			31



<b>2006</b>			<b>Ballot Summary</b>
<b>Amend. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ballot Title</b>	<b>WORD COUNT</b>
1	<b>Budget</b>	State Planning and Budget Process	118
3	<b>Initiatives</b>	Requiring Broader Public Support for Constitutional Amendments or Revisions	33
6	<b>Homestead</b>	Increased Homestead Exemption	106
7	<b>Homestead</b>	Permanently Disabled Veterans' Discount on Homestead Ad Valorem Tax	116
8	<b>Eminent Domain</b>	Eminent Domain	91
2006 Total Legislative Ballot Summary Words			<b>464</b>
2006 Average Legislative Words/Amendment			<b>93</b>

<b>2004</b>			<b>Ballot Summary</b>
<b>Amend. No.</b>		<b>Ballot Title</b>	<b>WORD COUNT</b>
1	<b>Abortion</b>	Parental Notification of a Minor's Termination of Pregnancy	97
2	<b>Initiatives</b>	Constitutional Amendments Proposed by Initiative	94
2004 Total Legislative Ballot Summary Words			<b>191</b>
2004 Average Legislative Words/Amendment			<b>96</b>



<b>2002</b>			<b>Ballot Summary</b>
<b>Amend. No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Ballot Title</b>	<b>WORD COUNT</b>
1	<b>Death Penalty</b>	Amending Article I, Section 17 of the State Constitution	<b>540</b>
2	<b>Initiatives</b>	Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Constitutional Amendments or Revisions	34
3	<b>Miami-Dade Home Rule</b>	Authorizing Amendments to Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter by Special Law Approved by Referendum	47
4	<b>Public Record/ Meeting Xempts</b>	Laws Providing Public Records or Meetings Exemptions; Two-Thirds Vote Required	32
7	<b>Homestead</b>	Exemption for Construction of Living Quarters for Parents or Grandparents	81
2002 Total Legislative Ballot Summary Words			<b>734</b>
2002 Average Legislative Words/Amendment			<b>147</b>

Data Source: Florida Division of Elections web site (Nov. 30, 2012):

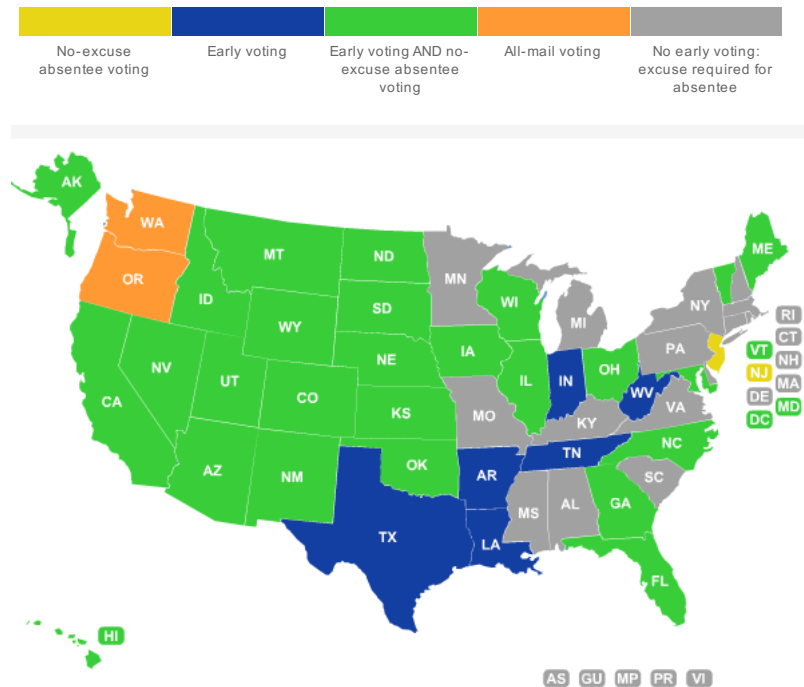
<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/initiatives/initiativelist.asp>

Word Count Software: Microsoft Word 2007.



## Absentee and Early Voting

**Updated September 4, 2012**



States offer three ways for voters to cast a ballot before Election Day:

1. **Early Voting:** In 32 states and the District of Columbia, any qualified voter may cast a ballot in person during a designated period prior to Election Day. No excuse or justification is required.
2. **Absentee Voting:** All states will mail an absentee ballot to certain voters. The voter may return the ballot by mail or in person. In 21 states, an excuse is required, while 27 states and the District of Columbia permit any qualified voter to vote absentee without offering an excuse. Some states offer a permanent absentee ballot list: once a voter asks to be added to the list, s/he will automatically receive an absentee ballot for all future elections.
3. **Mail Voting:** A ballot is automatically mailed to every eligible voter (no request or application is necessary), and the state does not use traditional poll sites that offer in-person voting on Election Day. Two states use mail voting.

## Overview

The table below details the types of pre-election day voting that are available in each state. Information on the details of each category may be found below the table.

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## Resources

## Deadlines and Requirements

To learn the deadlines and requirements for voter registration and early and absentee voting in your state, visit the National Association of Secretaries of State's [Can I Vote?](#) page.

### Military and Overseas Voters

To learn more about voting by military and overseas citizens, visit the [Overseas Vote Foundation](#).

State	In-Person	By Mail			
	Early Voting	No-Excuse Absentee	Absentee; Excuse Required	All-Mail Voting	Permanent Absentee Status
			X		
Alabama					
Alaska	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	
Arizona	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	X
Arkansas	X		X	<a href="#">(a)</a>	
California	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	X
Colorado	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	X
Connecticut			X		
Delaware			X		
D.C.	X	X			X
Florida	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	
Georgia	X	X			
Hawaii	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	X
Idaho	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	
Illinois	X	X			
Indiana	X		X		
Iowa	X	X			
Kansas	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	
Kentucky			X		
Louisiana	X		X		
Maine	X	X			
Maryland	X	X			
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New Hampshire			X		
New Jersey		X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	X
New Mexico	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	
New York			X		
North Carolina	X	X			
North Dakota	X	X		<a href="#">(a)</a>	
Ohio	X	X			
Oklahoma	X	X			
Oregon				X	
Pennsylvania			X		
Rhode Island			X		
South Carolina			X		
South Dakota	X	X			
Tennessee	X		X		
Texas	X		X		
Utah	X	X			X
Vermont	X	X			
Virginia			X		
Washington				X	
West Virginia	X		X		
Wisconsin	X	X			
Wyoming	X	X			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32 states + DC</b>	<b>27 states + DC</b>	<b>21 states</b>	<b>2 states</b>	<b>7 states + DC</b>

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, July 2011

(a) Certain elections may be held entirely by mail. The circumstances under which all-mail elections are permitted vary from state to state.

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## Early Voting

Two-thirds of the states--32, plus the District of Columbia--offer some sort of early voting. Early voting allows voters to visit an election official's office or, in some states, other satellite voting locations, and cast a vote in person without offering an excuse for why the voter is unable to vote on election day. Satellite voting locations vary by state, and may include other county and state offices (besides the election official's office), grocery stores, shopping malls, schools, libraries, and other locations.

The time period for early voting varies from state to state:

- ▶ The date on which early voting begins may be as early as 45 days before the election, or as late as the Friday before the election. The average starting time for early voting across all 32 states is 22 days before the election.
- ▶ Early voting typically ends just a few days before Election Day: on the Thursday before the election in three states, the Friday before in nine states, the Saturday before in five states, and the Monday before Election Day in 11 states.
- ▶ Early voting periods range in length from four days to 45 days; the average across all 32 states is 19 days.
- ▶ At least 12 of the 32 early voting states require that early vote centers be open on at least one Saturday or Sunday during the early voting period. Others give county or local officials the authority to determine the hours for early voting.

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## No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Absentee voting is conducted by mail-in paper ballot prior to the day of the election. While all states offer some version of it, there is quite a lot of variation in state procedures for absentee voting. For instance, some states offer "no-excuse" absentee voting, allowing any registered voter to request an absentee without requiring that the voter state a reason for his/her desire to vote absentee. Other states permit voters to vote absentee only under a limited set of circumstances.

The following 27 states and D.C. offer "no-excuse" absentee voting:

No-Excuse Absentee Voting		
Alaska	Iowa	North Carolina
Arizona	Kansas	North Dakota
California	Maine	Ohio
Colorado	Maryland	Oklahoma
District of Columbia	Montana	South Dakota
Florida	Nebraska	Utah
Georgia	Nevada	Vermont
Hawaii	New Jersey	Wisconsin
Idaho	New Mexico	Wyoming
Illinois		

**Source:** National Conference of State Legislatures, July 2011

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## Permanent Absentee Voting

Some states permit voters to join a permanent absentee voting list. Once a voter opts in, s/he will receive an absentee ballot automatically for all future elections. The states that offer permanent absentee voting to any voter are:

- ▶ Arizona
- ▶ California
- ▶ Colorado
- ▶ District of Columbia
- ▶ Hawaii
- ▶ Montana
- ▶ New Jersey
- ▶ Utah

At least seven states offer permanent absentee status to a limited number of voters who meet certain criteria:

- Alaska - voters who reside in a remote area where distance, terrain, or other natural conditions deny the voter reasonable access to the polling place
- Delaware - military and overseas voters, and their spouses and dependents; voters who are ill or physically disabled; voters who are otherwise authorized by federal law to vote by absentee ballot
- Kansas - voters with a permanent disability or an illness diagnosed as permanent
- Massachusetts - permanently disabled voters
- Minnesota - voters with a permanent illness or disability
- Missouri - permanently disabled voters
- West Virginia - voters who are permanently and totally disabled and unable to vote at the polls

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## Mail Voting

Two states -- Oregon and Washington -- conduct all elections by mail. A ballot is automatically mailed to every registered voter in advance of Election Day, and traditional in-person voting precincts are not available. Learn more about Oregon's vote-by-mail program [here](#).

17 states allow certain elections to be held by mail:

- Alaska - Elections other than general, party primary or municipal
- Arizona - Special districts may conduct elections by mail
- Arkansas - Primary elections in which only one candidate has filed for the position by the filing deadline and there are no other ballot issues to be submitted for consideration
- California - When there are 250 or fewer voters registered to vote in a precinct; and local, special or consolidated elections that meet certain criteria
- Colorado - Elections that are not for recall and do not involve partisan candidates (except for primary elections), and are not held in conjunction with or on the same day as primaries or Congressional vacancy elections
- Florida - Referendum elections at the county, city, school district or special district level; and the governor may call for a mail ballot election after issuing an executive order declaring a state of emergency or impending emergency
- Hawaii - Any federal, state, or county election held other than on the date of a regularly scheduled primary or general election
- Idaho - A precinct which contains no more than 125 registered electors at the last general election may be designated by the board of county commissioners as a mail ballot precinct no later than April 1 in an even-numbered year
- Kansas - Nonpartisan elections at which no candidate is elected, retained or recalled and which are not held on the same date as another election
- Minnesota - Elections conducted by a municipality having fewer than 400 registered voters on June 1 of an election year and not located in a metropolitan county
- Missouri - Nonpartisan issue elections at which no candidate is elected, retained or recalled and in which all qualified voters of one political subdivision are the only voters eligible to vote
- Montana - Any election other than a regularly scheduled federal, state or county election; a special federal or state election, unless authorized by the legislature; or a regularly scheduled or special election when another election in the political subdivision is taking place at the polls on the same day
- Nebraska - Special ballot measure elections that meet certain criteria, held by a political subdivision
- Nevada - Whenever there were not more than 20 voters registered in a precinct for the last preceding general election
- New Jersey - A municipality with a population of 500 or fewer persons, according to the latest federal decennial census, may conduct all elections by mail
- New Mexico - Any bond election, any election on the imposition of a mill levy or a property tax rate for a specified purpose, or any special election at which no candidates are to be nominated for or elected to office
- North Dakota - A county may conduct any election by mail

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## Early and Absentee Voting in YOUR State

Are you looking for information on how to vote early or by absentee ballot in an upcoming election? While NCSL is not involved in holding elections and cannot provide information or advice on how, when or where to vote in your state, we are pleased to provide this link to a page which will direct you to the answers you need regarding your state's laws: [Can I Vote?](#)

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## Military Voters

All states permit members of the military who are stationed overseas, their dependents, and other U.S. citizens living abroad to vote by absentee ballot. For more information, please visit the [Overseas Vote Foundation](#).

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## For More Information

For more information on absentee voting, contact NCSL staff [Jennie Drage Bowser or Wendy Underhill](#) in NCSL's Denver office at 303-364-7700.

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# CourtSmart Tag Report

**Room:** KN 412

**Case:**

**Caption:** Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

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**Judge:**

**Started:** 3/4/2013 3:33:06 PM

**Ends:** 3/4/2013 5:30:50 PM **Length:** 01:57:45

3:33:08 PM	Meeting called to order
3:33:21 PM	Roll Call
3:33:57 PM	Opening remarks by chair
3:35:31 PM	Motion by Sen. Diaz de la Portilla to recommend confirm on executive appointments, tabs 1-18
3:35:36 PM	Roll Call on Executive Appointments, Tabs 1-18 (ACTION: Favorable to recommend confirmation)
3:36:29 PM	Chair Latvala opens discussion on tabs 19 and 20
3:39:32 PM	Chair Latvala discusses SB 600
3:41:29 PM	Sen. Legg
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4:29:52 PM	Jonathan Fox - Staff Attorney
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4:30:59 PM	Chair Latvala
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4:32:53 PM	Chair Latvala - Without Objection on Sen. Sobel's motion.
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5:18:03 PM Sen. Joyner  
5:19:17 PM Sen. Diaz de la Portilla  
5:21:49 PM Chair Latvala  
5:21:54 PM Sen. Thrasher  
5:22:31 PM Brian Corley  
5:23:20 PM Chair Latvala  
5:24:19 PM Sen. Braynon  
5:25:30 PM Motion by Sen. Thrasher to allow him to vote yes after roll call on confirmations, Tabs 1-18 -  
Favorable/Without Objection.  
5:25:45 PM Motion by Sen. Flores to allow her to vote yes after roll call on confirmations, Tabs 1-18 -  
Favorable/Without Objection  
5:25:53 PM Sen. Clemens  
5:26:20 PM Chair Latvala  
5:28:40 PM Sen. Diaz de la Portilla  
5:30:30 PM Chair Latvala  
5:30:34 PM Sen. Sobel moves we rise

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Topic Election Legislation

Bill Number 600

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Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Bill Number 600  
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Topic ELECTION

Bill Number 600  
(if applicable)

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Appearing at request of Chair: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: ☒ Yes ☐ No

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*Meeting Date*

Topic Elections

Bill Number 600  
*(if applicable)*

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Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Number workshop election  
(if applicable)

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Topic Elections Bill

Bill Number 600  
*(if applicable)*

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