



Dear Constituent and Friend,

With only two weeks left in the 2020 legislative session, we are quickly heading to “Sine die.” The Senate and House budget are getting close to negotiation so that we can begin to complete the state’s overall budget. To view the separate budgets that must come together as one, and see the calendar of meetings, log on to www.flsenate.gov.

Bills of interest:

SB 364: Independent Living Task Force by Senator Rader – This bill creates a 26-member Independent Living Task Force within the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The goal of this task force is to develop and evaluate policy proposals that encourage building contractors and developers to create low-cost, supportive, and affordable housing for individuals with developmental and mental disabilities. I was happy to support this bill!



Erica Whitefiled, Positive Development, LLC. and Social Workers



Advocates for Voting Rights from Jacksonville

SB 1590: Juror Sanctions by Senator Powell – SB 1590 revises the consequences that a court may impose on someone who is summoned to attend as a juror and fails to attend without notifying the court. The bill authorizes the court to impose the following sanctions on an unexcused juror: a fine not exceeding \$1,000, incarceration not exceeding 3 days, and/or an order to perform community service. Our Democracy depends on a jury of our peers!



Steven Johnson, New York Life Insurance Company



President Galvano, Senate Colleagues, and University of Florida President, Dan Mullins



Senator Bill Galvano and Appropriations Chair Rob Bradley with members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter



Representatives of the Jacksonville Transportation Advisory Committee



Members of the Teamsters Union from around the State

SJR 7062: Citizen Initiative by the Judiciary Committee – This proposed ballot measure, among other things, would alter the geographic collection requirement for signatures on citizen driven initiatives petitions. To place an initiative on the ballot, proponents will be required to collect signatures in all of the state’s 27 congressional districts equal to 8% of the votes cast by each district in the last presidential election. The joint resolution creates unnecessary barriers for citizen access to their constitution.

As we continue through Session, I will keep you informed on various issues of impact. If you have questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact my office.

As always, it is an Honor and a Pleasure to serve you in the Florida Senate!

Audrey Gibson
State Senator
District 6

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