

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Judiciary**

**HB 7017 — Terms of Courts**

by Civil Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Spano; and others (SB 746 by Senator Stargel)

This bill (Chapter 2013-25, L.O.F.) repeals various sections in law that provided specific references to terms of court. These provisions are obsolete as they were adopted at a time when judges had to travel through the circuit in difficult and cumbersome circumstances. This bill permits the Supreme Court to set terms of court for the Supreme Court, district courts of appeal, and circuit courts. The bill also allows an appellate court to withdraw a mandate within 120 days after issuance.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect January 1, 2014.

*Vote: Senate 40-0; House 116-0*