By the Committees on Rules; and Judiciary; and Senators Trumbull and Rodriguez

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to residential tenancies; creating s.
83.425, F.S.; preempting the regulation of residential
tenancies and the landlord-tenant relationship to the
state; specifying that the act supersedes certain
local regulations; amending ss. 83.57 and 83.575,
F.S.; revising how much notice is required to
terminate certain tenancies; creating s. 83.576, F.S.;
requiring a landlord to provide advance written notice
of rent increases under certain circumstances;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 83.425, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

83.425 Preemption.—The regulation of residential tenancies, the landlord-tenant relationship, and all other matters covered under this part are preempted to the state. This part supersedes any local government regulations on matters covered herein, including, but not limited to, the screening process used by a landlord in approving tenancies; security deposits; rental agreement applications and fees associated with such applications; terms and conditions of rental agreements; the rights and responsibilities of the landlord and tenant; disclosures concerning the premises, the dwelling unit, the rental agreement, or the rights and responsibilities of the landlord and tenant; fees charged by the landlord; or notice requirements.

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Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 83.57, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 83.57 Termination of tenancy without specific term.—A tenancy without a specific duration, as defined in s. 83.46(2) or (3), may be terminated by either party giving written notice in the manner provided in s. 83.56(4), as follows:

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 83.575, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 83.575 Termination of tenancy with specific duration.-
- (1) A rental agreement with a specific duration may contain a provision requiring the tenant to notify the landlord within a specified period before vacating the premises at the end of the rental agreement, if such provision requires the landlord to notify the tenant within such notice period if the rental agreement will not be renewed; however, a rental agreement may not require <u>less</u> more than 60 days' notice from either the tenant or the landlord.

Section 4. Section 83.576, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

83.576 Advance notice of rent increases.-

(1) A landlord who proposes to increase the current rental rate by more than 5 percent at the end of a rental agreement for a specific term or during a tenancy without a specific duration in which the rent is payable on a month to month basis must provide 60 days' written notice to the tenant. Notwithstanding any notice period in a rental agreement requiring a tenant to

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notify the landlord that the tenant will vacate the premises at the end of the rental agreement or the minimum notice period in s. 83.575(1), the notice period may not start until 15 days after the landlord provides the tenant with the written notice of a proposed increase in the rental rate.

(2) If the required 60 days' written notice has been provided and the tenant has not agreed to the rent increase or an acceptable compromise, the landlord may increase the rent as provided in the notice or require the tenant to vacate the dwelling unit.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.