The Florida Senate
1968-70

Florida under Five Flags—Spain, France, England, Confederacy and United States
STATE SEAL
The present State Seal was adopted by the Constitution of 1868 and readopted by the Constitution of 1885 . . . with the "center thereof a view of the sun's rays over a highland in the distance, a cocoa tree, a steamboat on water, and an Indian female scattering flowers in the foreground."

STATE FLAG
Adopted by Joint Resolution No. 4, 1889 Legislature and ratified at General Election 1900. "The Seal of the State, of one-third diameter of the flag in the center of white ground with Red Bars, extending from each corner toward the center, to the outer rim of the Seal." State Motto is "In God We Trust."

STATE BIRD
The Mocking Bird was designated by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3, 1927 Legislature as the State Bird. This bird lives in Florida year-round and is possibly the most widely-distributed and best known bird in the State. Its chief delight is to imitate the songs and call notes of other birds, and scientists have given it a Latin name that means " mimic of many tongues." It is also one of man's best allies against harmful insects.

STATE FLOWER
The Orange Blossom was designated the State Flower by Concurrent Resolution No. 15, 1909 Legislature. Perhaps one of the prettiest and also the most fragrant scenes in Florida is Orange Blossom time when millions of graceful white flowers of the orange tree perfume the atmosphere for miles around, a tribute to one of the major commercial products grown in the State.

Blessed with an exciting history of accomplishment and growth, Florida is, without a doubt, the outstanding State in the nation at the present time. It is to the future, however, and the realization of our opportunity for greatness, that we should direct our attention. In charting the course of the wonderful people who make up the citizenry of Florida and the utilization by them of our fabulous natural resources, the Legislature of Florida must make the policy decisions.

The Senate presents this information to you with the hope that you will become familiar with your government and take the time to explore and observe the law-making processes. You should become aware of the rich heritage of the past and, yet, sense the unlimited vistas of tomorrow while you are visiting the Capitol. New and extensive improvements to the Capitol have been authorized by the Legislature and, yet, that which is of importance historically will be retained.

We hope that the following pages will furnish you with an insight into the making of the laws which govern your lives and will stimulate you to becoming an active participant in the advancement of our American democratic form of government.

Sincerely,

John E. Mathews
President of the Senate
Three log buildings were erected in the summer of 1824 for the use of territorial officers and of the first Legislative Council to sit in Tallahassee. The exact location of these "government buildings" is not known, as the town of Tallahassee was not laid out until the following year, but according to local tradition the log capitol was on the present capitol square.

In 1826 one wing of what was expected to be the permanent capitol was built on the present site of the capitol. Efforts to complete the building were unsuccessful, and this small, two-story structure was used as the capitol until late in 1839 or early in 1840.

In March, 1839, Congress appropriated $20,000 for the erection of "a suitable State House" for the Territory. Construction started late in 1839, but the appropriation proved insufficient, and only after Congress granted an additional $20,000 in 1844 was the capitol completed in time for the first session of the General Assembly of the state in June, 1845.

The capitol remained without noticeable change from 1845 until 1902, except for the addition of a small cupola in 1891. The Constitution of 1885, however (Art. v., sec. 21), made the Secretary of State custodian of the capitol building and grounds. Additions were made to the north and south ends of the building, and the dome was erected, in 1901-1902. A second enlargement—the erection of the east and west wings—was made in 1921-1922. The north wing was built in 1935-1937 with the assistance of the Federal Government, and a south wing completed in 1948. The building is now "balanced" and attracts much favorable comment.

"Once a Senator, always a Senator" is a catchy phrase of good fellowship that conveys something of the philosophy of the Senate.

The Senate takes every Senator to be a gentleman (although custom decrees that a Senator may not be addressed as a "Gentleman," as are Members of the House of Representatives: He is "the Senator from the Twentieth," for example, but never "the Gentleman from the Twentieth." The Senate leans heavily upon tradition: upon written or remembered precedents. It is slow to change. Together, the houses work well, for this manifestation of the American system of checks and balances sees a bill become an Act only after it has passed both the Senate, with its aristocracy of men, and the House of Representatives, with its democracy of people.

The term of the Senate President runs from one session of the Legislature to another, since Senators serve four years, that of the Speaker, as a Representative with a two-year term, does not. Terms of all Representatives end on the general election day—the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each even numbered year.

Generations of Senate Presidents look down from the walls to heighten the atmosphere of dignity and responsibility that pervades Florida's most exclusive club. The following have been President of the Senate at the sessions listed:

President

John E. Mathews (D) 8th District—Attorney. b. June 20, 1920, Jacksonville, Florida. c. Emory University, B.A., 1942; Harvard Law School, LL.B., 1948. m. Gwendolyn Howard of Charleston, South Carolina. c. Josiah Game, Kimball Irene, Barbara Alice, and John Elie, III. affiliations AAOMS, 32nd Mason, Exchange Club, Chamber of Commerce, Director 1956 March of Dimes, Community Chest, President Black Camel Fund of Morocco Temple, Gator Bowl Association, Trustee Emory University, Fellow of International Academy of Trial Lawyers. legislative service House of Representatives 1956-1961. Senate since 1962. Elected President of Senate November 1968. church Methodist. military service United States Navy, World War II; Lt. Commander of Naval Reserve; USS Kidd; eight major battles; Bronze Star Medal. historical John E. Mathews, father, served in Legislature from 1929 through 1949 and was a member of the Florida Supreme Court from 1951 through 1955, Chief Justice from January 1955 until his death in April of that year. highlights "Good Government Award" by Jacksonville and Florida Junior Chambers of Commerce; "Most Valuable Member of the Legislature" and "Most Outstanding First-timer in Senate 1963; "Most Effective Member in Debate," "Most Effective Member in Committee," and "Most Effective Floor-finder in Senate" 1965; "Most Valuable Member of Senate" and "Most Effective in Debate" 1967. Address (business and mailing) 1530 American Heritage Life Building, Jacksonville 32202 (residence) 4816 Malpas Lane, Jacksonville 32210. telephone (business) 354-0624 (residence) 389-6868.

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THE FLORIDA SENATE 1969

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sative service Senate since 1965. Chairman, Public Health A, 1965 other public serv-
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CAPITOL CENTER from Allen Morris' The Florida Handbook

Shading represents area of Capitol Center. Not all property within this area has been acquired by State.

KEY TO MAP

A—The Capitol
B—Supreme Court Building
C—Legislative Building (proposed)
D—Millard F. Caldwell Building (Industrial Commission)
E—Spessard L. Holland Building
F—J. B. Whitfield Building (Public Service Commission)
G—W. V. Knott Building (Department of Education)
H—Nathan Mayo Building (Department of Agriculture)
I—Fred C. Elliot Building (Trustees, Internal Improvement Fund)
J—Doyle E. Carlton Building (Comptroller, Treasurer)
K—LeRoy Collins Building (Development Commission, Motor Vehicle Department)
L—Charley E. Johns Building
M—Farris Bryant Building (Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission)
N—Haydon Burns Building (Road Department)
O—William D. Bloxham Building
P—J. Edwin Larson Building
Q—R. A. Gray Park
R—Curtis L. Waller Park

Note: Agencies named either are exclusive or principal occupants of buildings
THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Under its Constitution, the powers of the state government of Florida (like those of the United States and of the other American States) are divided among three branches. This division, known as the doctrine of separation of powers, is based on principles intended to protect the rights of every person.

The Legislative branch is the law-making branch, setting the main policies of the government through the laws it enacts. The Executive branch, headed by the Governor, sees that the laws are enforced and administers the day to day activities of the government. The Judicial branch, composed of the courts, interprets the laws—makes their meaning clear when it is questioned and, on the basis of their meaning, decides disputes between individuals or between the state and an individual.

Although the Constitution provides for these three separate and distinct branches of government, it provides for checks and balances to prevent any one branch from becoming all-powerful; for instance, the Governor is given power to veto acts of the Legislature and the Courts are given power to declare acts unconstitutional. Similarly, by amending a statute, the Legislature may revise a policy of one of the other branches. The three branches are, therefore, not wholly unconnected but are interlocked in order to give each a constitutional control over the others.

The Legislative Branch
Composition, Organization, and Powers

Florida has a legislature composed of two houses—the Senate and the House of Representatives. Each house is the sole judge of the qualification and election of its own members and has the power to choose its own officers and to make its own rules of procedure. All sessions of each house are open to the public except sessions of the Senate when considering appointment to or removal from public office may be closed. Either house of the Legislature may initiate legislation on any subject.

The 1969 Legislature consists of 48 Senators and 119 members of the House of Representatives. The Senators and Representatives are elected from districts established by acts of the 1967 Legislature which placed into the Statutes the apportionment prescribed for Florida by the U.S. District Court earlier in 1967. The Senators elected in 1968 will serve a four-year term, until the general election in 1972. The members of the House of Representatives are serving a two-year term.

The State Constitution as revised in 1968 provides that, following the decennial census in 1970, the Legislature shall be apportioned into not less than 30 nor more than 40 senatorial districts and not less than 80 nor more than 120 representative districts. Senators are to have four-year terms, staggered so that approximately one-half will be elected every two years. Representatives are given terms of two years, but a special provision calls for the 1969 session to propose an amendment that would give representatives staggered four-year terms, if approved at the 1970 general election.

The new Constitution also prescribes considerable procedures in case the Legislature fails to reapportion itself following each decennial census: If reapportionment is not accomplished in the regular session in the second year following the census, the Governor is required to call a special session. If the special session fails to pass an apportionment, the Attorney General is required to present the matter to the Supreme Court which is given 60 days to make and file an apportionment with the Secretary of State. When the Legislature passes an apportionment at a regular or special apportionment session the Attorney General is required to apply to the Supreme Court for a determination of its validity and, if it is found invalid, the Governor must reconvene the Legislature for an extraordinary session. If such session passes an apportionment the Attorney General is required to appeal to the Supreme Court for a ruling on its validity. If it is found invalid or if such session fails to pass an apportionment, the Supreme Court shall make and file an apportionment with the Secretary of State within sixty days.
Personnel

The President of the Senate presides over the Senate, and the Speaker of the House presides over the House of Representatives. The President Pro Tempore and the Speaker Pro Tempore preside when requested to do so by the President or Speaker, or when either is unable to serve. These presiding officers are elected by their respective bodies and serve for two years. In addition to the presiding officers, each house elects other officers from outside its membership. The most important of these are the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House. They are responsible for keeping clear and accurate records of the proceedings of the body each serves. A Sergeant-at-Arms is elected by each house to assist the presiding officer in maintaining order and in making available necessary equipment, supplies, and services. Each house also selects pages, reading clerks, and a chaplain. In addition to these, attaches are appointed to perform the necessary clerical work.

Compensation

The Constitution provides that the compensation of members of the Legislature along with other state officers shall be fixed by law. The $100 per month salary provided for Legislators prior to the approval of the constitutional revision in 1968 will be continued until the 1969 regular session of the Legislature. Each House provides an allowance to its members for their office and travel expenses. While the Legislature is in a regular, special or extraordinary session, members also receive a daily allowance of $25 and travel expenses of 10¢ per mile for one round trip each week to and from home to Tallahassee.

Election and Qualifications

The Constitution provides that members of the Legislature be elected at the general election in November of even-numbered years. Candidates are nominated in party primary elections held prior to the general elections. Each member of the Legislature must be at least 21 years of age, an elector and a resident of the district from which elected and shall have resided in the State for a period of two years prior to election. No person may serve as a member of the Legislature while holding a profitable office or appointment under the United States Government or this state.

Legislative Sessions

Two weeks following the general election the Legislature convenes for the exclusive purpose of organization and selection of officers.

Regular sessions of the Legislature begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of each year and may not exceed 60 consecutive days. However, the convening date in even-numbered years may be changed by law. Special sessions may be called by the Governor or may be convened as provided by law. Special sessions may not exceed 20 consecutive days. Sessions may be extended by ¾ vote of each House, but in an extended session neither business outside the purview of the Governor’s call nor new business may be taken up without the consent of ¾ of the membership of each House. The Senate may be convened in special session by its President or a majority of its membership to consider suspensions of state and county officers by the Governor. As indicated above, special and extraordinary sessions of the Legislature are required under certain conditions relative to apportionment.

Rules

Each session, each house of the Legislature adopts rules of procedure which are printed in booklet form along with committee assignments made by the presiding officers.

Committees

Standing committees are authorized to serve from their appointment during or following the organizational session until the succeeding general election and can consider bills and other matters within their area of concern both during a session and between sessions. Members are appointed by the presiding officers of their respective houses on the basis of special knowledge and interest in the subject matter of a particular committee.

Most committees exist for the purpose of considering bills referred to them and recommending action to the house of which they are a part. A committee’s work usually begins after a bill has been introduced and referred to it by the presiding officer. Persons desiring to speak for or against matters being considered by a committee may do so in hearings which are open to the public. When a committee completes its work, the bill is returned to the house from which it was
referred. A committee may recommend the passage or rejection of a bill, passage of a bill with amendments, or passage of a substitute bill. A bill with an unfavorable report cannot be considered further by either house unless two-thirds of the members present vote to consider it.

Some standing committees exist for the purpose of managing expenditures and employing necessary personnel, and some committees are designed merely to supervise the progress of legislation to make sure the rules are followed. The rules committees are designed to aid the presiding officers in the interpretation and enforcement of rules; and also, late in the session, they determine the order in which legislation shall be considered.

There are also special committees which receive assignments not normally handled by standing committees. An important type of special committee is the conference committee. When the two houses cannot agree on a matter, the presiding officer of each appoints an equal number of members to serve as a joint committee for the purpose of trying to adjust the differences. This joint committee is called a conference committee. These special committees are terminated when they complete their assignments.

Joint committees are composed of members of both houses. Two important joint committees are the Joint Legislative Management Committee and the Joint Auditing Committee, which are noted below.

Interim committees are those which make legislative studies during the period between legislative sessions. Such committees are created by an act or resolution of the Legislature and may be assigned to do research and planning on any major State problem. Usually an interim committee is composed only of members of the Legislature; when such a study group is composed of both legislators and non-legislators, it is usually called a commission.

**Joint Legislative Management Committee**

The Joint Legislative Management Committee is composed of the chairman and a member of the Senate Committee on Rules and Calendar, the chairman of the House Committee on Rules and Calendar, the chairman of the House Committee on Administration and the minority leader in the Senate and the minority leader in the House. The committee supervises the Legislative Fiscal Accounting Division, the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Computer Service.

The Fiscal Accounting Division was created in 1968 to assist the Legislature in keeping the increased financial records resulting from its expanded activity. It is concerned with such areas as payrolls, purchasing, disbursement records, property inventory, and budgeting of designated legislative offices.

The Legislative Reference Bureau consists of a permanent legal and research staff; these employees are selected for their legal knowledge and drafting ability or for their research ability and their knowledge in the fields of political science, public administration, economics, and governmental accounting. The Bureau assists the Legislature and its committees, and performs the research and legal drafting needed by them. In addition to drafting the legislative measures needed, its expert drafters are responsible for the editing and publication of the biennial *Florida Statutes* and the continuous statutory revision system which makes the biennial publication possible. During sessions, the Bureau produces the Florida Legislative Service, which gives members daily a brief legal summary or analysis of bills introduced. A cumulative index of all measures is made available to all members both daily and weekly. The bureau is also available to answer the request of any legislator for factual information on legislative problems. The Bureau maintains a reference library on legislative subjects as a reservoir of information for all these functions.

The Legislature's Computer Service makes available to all legislators and members of the public up-to-the-minute information concerning the status of legislation. As a bill or other measure is introduced, its number, name of the legislator who sponsored it and a short statement of its subject are placed in the computer memory. As each action is taken concerning the bill, it is added to the memory. A reporter is present during sessions to note actions taken on the floor, code them and transmit them into the memory within moments after they occur. To make the stored information available to legislators and to the public, video and teletype mechanisms are available in the major offices and legislative halls where, in response to a coded inquiry, the computer will display or print out the desired information concerning any of the bills under consideration. To make the information further available, each night a complete print-out of the stored information is prepared and copies made available at the major offices and in the legislative halls. The stored information includes also a subject index of all legislation and an index showing the measures sponsored by each legislator.
OUTLINE OF MAJOR STEPS IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

SENATE
- Introduction of Bill by a Member
- First Reading (by title only)
- Reference to Committee by President
- Committee Consideration and Action
- Placed on Calendar of Bills for Second Reading
- Second Reading
- Engrossment
- Placed on Calendar of Bills for Third Reading
- Third Reading
- Conference Committee Consideration when Necessary
- Governor’s Action (a veto is returned to House where bill originated)
- Secretary of State for inclusion in official records and printing

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
- Introduction of Bill by a Member
- First Reading (by title only)
- Reference to Committee by Speaker
- Committee Consideration and Action
- Placed on Calendar of Bills for Second Reading
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Legislative Auditing Committee

The Legislative Auditing Committee is a joint committee with interim powers, composed of ten members, five of whom are appointed by the President of the Senate from the membership of the Senate Appropriations Committee and five appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership of the House Appropriations Committee. The terms of members run from the organization of one Legislature to the organization of the next Legislature. The committee elects its own chairman and vice-chairman and is charged with the powers and duties formerly assigned to the State Auditor. By majority vote the committee employs a Legislative Auditor who is required to make an annual post audit and “performance audit” of all state agencies and an annual post audit of all county boards, departments, commissions, institutions, special districts or other such agencies including consolidated governments. Copies of the post audit are furnished to the Governor, the offices audited, and other appropriate officials as well as being available to members of the committee. To carry out the post audit function the Legislative Auditor, under the supervision and control of the committee, maintains a staff of approximately 200 employees.

Journals and Calendars

Each house publishes a daily journal and a daily calendar. These are placed on members’ desks before the session begins each legislative day. The Secretary of the Senate prepares the information which appears in the journal and calendar of the Senate, and the Clerk prepares the information appearing in the journal and calendar of the House.

Senate and House Journals are similar in form, each giving an account of all actions taken during a legislative day.

The calendars of the Senate and House show what business is scheduled for consideration each day. Bills are placed on the calendar in the order that the reports are received from committees. In the House, a bill receiving a favorable committee report may be placed ahead of its regular order on the calendar by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee on Rules and Calendar. In the Senate, a bill may be placed ahead of its regular order by a motion from the floor and unanimous consent vote of all members present.
Forms of Legislative Expression

Legislative proposals may be in the form of bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, resolutions and memorials.

A bill is a proposed law. A joint resolution is a proposal to amend the State Constitution. A concurrent resolution is a proposal expressing the opinion or will of both houses of the Legislature, whereas a resolution expresses the opinion or will of only one house. A memorial is a petition or prayer, addressed to the President of the United States, the Congress or some official agency of the United States Government, requesting action or expressing the Legislature’s viewpoint respecting a matter which is within the jurisdiction of the official or agency addressed; it is adopted by both houses in the same manner as that of a concurrent resolution.

Bills

There are several kinds of bills. A general bill contains proposed legislation which would affect the entire state. A local bill contains proposals which would affect a particular county or town named in the bill. A local bill must either be advertised in the area to be affected, prior to its introduction in the Legislature, or it must contain a provision whereby the voters in the area will be allowed to vote to accept or reject the measure should it be passed by the Legislature. A general bill of local application is designed to affect areas within a particular population bracket or other descriptions stated in the bill. The criteria used are usually chosen so that only one particular area is included in the effect of the bill.

How a Bill Becomes a Law

The Introduction. Bills may be introduced by Senators or members of the House of Representatives in their respective houses of the Legislature. One or more members of either house may introduce a bill. When a bill has been prepared in its proper form, it is delivered to the Secretary of the Senate, if the bill is to be introduced in the Senate, or the Clerk of the House, if the bill is to be introduced in the House. It is checked for compliance with the constitution and the rules of the house in which introduction is sought, and it is given a number.

First Reading. If the bill meets the requirements, it is read for the first time by title only. The presiding officer then refers it to the committee he deems appropriate. The original bill is then delivered to the chairman or Secretary of that committee.

A second copy of the bill is given to the bill clerk, and it is kept by him for the use of the members. The third copy is given to the Sergeant-at-Arms, who makes it available for the use of the general public. The fourth copy is made available to the news reporters and the sixth copy goes to the other house for its files.

The fifth copy is for the Legislative Reference Bureau’s use in preparing the daily Legislative Service. The Bureau summarizes all bills introduced each day and places a copy of the summaries on each member’s desk before the next day’s meeting of the Legislature. During the 1967 regular session, 5,181 bills were introduced. With such a large number of bills, members of the Legislature may find it difficult to be familiar with the subject matter of all of them, but by referring to the daily service, a member may secure quickly the contents of any bill being considered.

The committee of the Legislature to whom the bill was referred meets and considers the bill along with any others which may have been referred to it. When a decision is reached as to what further action should be taken on the bill, the committee prepares a report containing its recommendation. A Senate committee report is filed with the Secretary of the Senate and a House committee report is filed with the Clerk of the House.

Second Reading. If the report of the committee is favorable, the bill is placed on the calendar of bills on second reading. When the bill is reached on the calendar, it is the responsibility of the member who introduced it to make the proper motions for its disposition. The second reading of the bill generally is by title only, and it is at this time that it may be changed or amended. If the bill successfully passes the second reading stage, it is sent to the Engrossing Clerk to be examined for correctness as to outward form and to have amendments, if any, properly placed in it.

Third Reading. The bill is then returned to the Secretary of the Senate, if it is a Senate Bill, or the Clerk of the House, if it is a House Bill, to be placed on the calendar for its third reading. The constitution provides that on each of the three readings, a bill shall be read by title only, unless one-third of the members present desire it read in full.
Passage of a Bill. After a bill has had its third reading, it is explained and discussed on the floor. The members then vote upon the question of the passage of the bill. When a bill is passed, the action becomes final unless taken up again under the rule which provides for reconsideration. A bill may be reconsidered only once. If the bill passes, it is then sent to the other house of the Legislature, where it must be processed through each of the above steps, beginning with the first reading on through to final passage on third reading.

A Bill Becomes An Act. If the bill is passed by the other house, it is returned to the house in which it was originally introduced. It is then enrolled, placed in permanent lasting form on special paper, and signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate and by the Speaker and Clerk of the House. The bill is then an Act and is sent to the Governor for his approval or disapproval.

Review by the Governor. Before an act can become a law, it must be presented to the Governor. If the Governor approves the act, he signs it and files it with the Secretary of State, and it becomes a law. If he does not sign or disapprove the act within seven days after presentation it becomes a law without his approval. When the Legislature adjourns sine die or recesses for more than thirty days an act becomes a law if the Governor takes no action on it within fifteen days after the date of presentation to him.

Governor’s Veto. If the Governor disapproves, he writes out his objections and returns the act with his objections to the house of the Legislature in which it originated. This disapproval constitutes an exercise of the Governor’s veto power. If both houses then pass the measure by a two-thirds vote of the members present, it becomes a law, notwithstanding the veto. If the house of origin is not in session, the Governor may veto a pending act by filing it with his objections in the office of the Secretary of State. This officer must present the vetoed act to the Legislature at its next session. If both houses then pass the measure by a two-thirds vote of the members present, it becomes a law.

Appropriations Bills

The most important bill passed during each regular session of the Legislature is the spending or appropriations bill. This bill sets forth the amounts of state funds which will be made available to support the various state agencies during the period beginning July 1 after each regular session of the Legislature.

The procedure for preparing appropriations bills for introduction in the Legislature is quite different from that for other bills. Several months before the Legislature meets, the various agencies of State government submit to the State Planning and Budget Director their requests for funds. The Director compiles these requests and submits them to the State Planning and Budget Commission, which is composed of the highest ranking executive officers of the State—the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Comptroller, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Commissioner of Education. After holding public hearings, the Commission decides what amounts it will recommend that the Legislature make available to the agencies. The requests of the agencies and the recommendations of the Planning and Budget Commission are printed and bound in report form and submitted to the Legislature.

Members of the appropriations committees of both houses meet with the Planning and Budget Commission for its hearings. After these hearings, the appropriations committees divide into four independent subcommittees. Each subcommittee is assigned a group of state institutions and agencies. It visits and confers with the officials of these organizations on their respective budgets and reports its findings to the main committee. This procedure enables the committees to secure information regarding agency requests before the session convenes.

When the Legislature meets, the appropriations committees hold hearings of their own to secure additional information when necessary. Each of the committees introduces an appropriations bill in its respective house of the Legislature. The bills take the same course as other general bills, but it is usually more difficult to get both houses to agree on all items in the bills, and a conference committee is usually appointed to resolve the differences. This conference committee is normally composed of the chairman and two other members of the appropriations committee of each house.

Although the Governor’s approval or veto of any other act applies to the whole act, he may veto any distinct item or items in an appropriations act without affecting the rest of the bill. The Legislature may override an item veto in the same manner as was described for the veto on any other act.
Impeachments

The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court and Judges of the District Courts of Appeal and Circuit Courts may be removed from office by impeachment. The House of Representatives has the sole power to impeach; that is, to bring charges against any of the above-mentioned officers for a misdemeanor in office. The Senate tries all impeachments, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or another justice designated by him, presides at all trials except in the trial of the Chief Justice, when the Governor is required to preside. A two-thirds vote of the House of Representatives is required to impeach, and a two-thirds vote of the Senate is required to convict the accused. If convicted, the officer is removed from office and may be disqualified to hold any office of honor, trust or profit in the State Government. However, an officer may also be indicted, tried and punished, according to law, for the offense for which he was impeached.

Enforcement of Authority

Either house of the Legislature has the power to compel witnesses to appear at any investigation held by it or by any if its committees. During a session of the Legislature, either house may punish by fine not exceeding $1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both, any nonmember who has been guilty of disorderly or contemptuous conduct in its presence or who has refused to obey its lawful summons. By law the Legislature may confer such powers on committees when the Legislature is not in session but the punishment for contempt must be by judicial proceedings. Each house may punish its own members for contempt or disorderly conduct and may, by a two-thirds vote, expel a member.

The Executive Branch

The Florida Constitution vests the supreme executive power of the State in the Governor and provides that he shall take care that the laws are faithfully executed. It provides for a Lieutenant Governor to be elected in a joint candidacy with the Governor. The Constitution also provides that the Governor shall be assisted by a cabinet composed of: Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Commissioner of Education and Commissioner of Agriculture.
The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and members of the cabinet are elected for terms of four years. They take office on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January following their election in November of non-presidential election years. The Governor may succeed himself in office unless he has served more than six years in two consecutive terms. Cabinet officers may succeed themselves and are not limited in the number of terms they may serve. The salary of the Governor in 1968-69 is $36,000 per year, and cabinet officers receive $34,000 each.

To be eligible for election to the offices for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and cabinet member, one must be a qualified voter, not less than 30 years of age and a resident of Florida for the preceding seven years. In addition, the Attorney General must have been a member of the Florida Bar for the preceding five years.

Many boards and commissions are composed of the Governor and several or all members of the cabinet. The cabinet usually meets on Tuesdays of each week to transact the business of the various boards or commissions. These boards include: State Planning and Budget Commission, State Personnel Board, Purchasing Commission, Revenue Commission, State Board of Education, Board of Conservation, Department of Public Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles, Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, The Armory Board, Board of Archives and History, Air and Water Pollution Control Commission, Civil Defense Council, State Board of Administration, Transportation Commission, Textbook Purchasing Board, Electronic Data Processing Management Board, and Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System.

As revised in 1968, the state Constitution requires the functions of the executive branch to be reorganized into not more than 25 departments, exclusive of those provided in the Constitution. This requirement becomes effective July 1, 1969.

Powers of Governor and Lieutenant Governor

The Governor is given the power to appoint many state and county officers who are not chosen by popular election. In some cases the Senate is required to approve appointments made by the Governor. For causes set forth in the Constitution he may also suspend officers not liable to impeachment. Suspended officers may be removed, however, only with the consent of the Senate.

The Governor has several duties in connection with the Legislature, some of which have been included in the discussion of the Legislative Branch. He calls the Legislature into session on special occasions, stating the purpose for which it is called. He addresses the Legislature at each regular session, furnishing information on the condition of the State and recommending action he feels the Legislature should take. He may adjourn the Legislature when there is disagreement between the Senate and House as to the time of adjournment. He has the power to veto acts of the Legislature.

The Lieutenant Governor performs such duties pertaining to the office of Governor as may be assigned to him by the Governor, or as otherwise provided by law.

Powers of Cabinet Members

In addition to his cabinet duties, each member of the cabinet has primary duties as head of a division of State Government, briefly described as follows:

Secretary of State

He keeps records of the official acts of the Legislative and Executive Departments. He is custodian of the Great Seal of the State and he has charge of the Capitol building and grounds. He issues charters and certificates of incorporation to corporations, and certificates of election to successful candidates for public office.

Attorney General

He is the chief state legal officer, serving as legal adviser to the officers in the executive department and representing the state in legal proceedings. He supervises the state attorneys in judicial circuits of the state and transmits to the Legislature the recommendations of the judges of the circuit courts as to needed legislation.

Comptroller

He is the chief fiscal officer of the state. He examines requests for the payment of salaries and other obligations of the State and issues warrants to pay them. He is the state bank examiner and also collects a major portion of the taxes levied by the State.
Treasurer

He keeps the funds and other securities belonging to the State and disburses state funds upon order of the Comptroller countersigned by the Governor. He serves as Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal and enforces laws relating to insurance and fire prevention.

Commissioner of Agriculture

He has duties related to the protection of the agricultural industry of the State and inspects foods and drugs, weights and measures, and gasoline to see that the required standards are maintained.

Commissioner of Education

He is the chief administrative officer over the public school system. He is also executive secretary of the State Board of Education. This board is the rule-making body for the public schools, and it has supervision over the Board of Regents which governs the State's institutions of higher learning.

“Little Cabinet”

The full-time administrative heads of several large state agencies, who are responsible to the Governor, are often referred to as his “little cabinet.” Through these administrators, the Governor carries out many of his campaign goals, political objectives and policies of government. These agencies are: the State Road Department, which constructs and maintains the major highways and bridges of the State; the Development Commission, which guides, stimulates and promotes the coordinated, efficient and beneficial development of the State; the Industrial Commission, which administers unemployment compensation, workmen’s compensation, laws relating to child labor and other matters affecting labor and industry; the Hotel and Restaurant Commission, which is responsible for the inspection and regulation of hotels, motor courts, apartment houses, rooming houses and restaurants in the State; the Beverage Department, which collects cigarette and alcoholic beverage taxes, and enforces the laws relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages; the Welfare Department, which administers assistance to the aged, the blind, the disabled and to dependent children; and the Racing Commission, which regulates horse and dog racing and jai alai in Florida.

Other Executive Agencies

In addition to the agencies mentioned above there are other agencies of the Executive Branch ranging in size from the State Board of Health down to the Examining and Licensing Boards. With the exception of the Public Service Commission, whose members are elected, most of these agencies are administered by a board or administrator appointed by the Governor. Some of the more significant agencies not already mentioned are: The Florida Board of Forestry, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials, Parole and Probation Commission, Florida Citrus Commission, Florida Library and Historical Commission, State Tuberculosis Board and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. As mentioned above the reorganization of the executive branch required under provisions of the new Constitution will greatly reduce the number of executive departments.

The Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch of Florida’s Government is made up of the courts of the State. There are several kinds of courts in the counties of Florida; however the State pays the salaries of the Supreme Court Justices, of Judges of the District Courts of Appeal, and of Circuit Judges, while other judges are paid by the counties in which their courts are located. The kind of case which a court in a particular county may try depends upon the kinds of courts existing in that county and the types of cases over which each has been given jurisdiction by law.

The Supreme Court is the highest court in Florida. This court does not try cases but reviews important cases which have been tried in the lower courts and appealed to it. Similarly, less important cases are appealed to the District Courts of Appeal (at Tallahassee, Lakeland, Miami and Vero Beach).

Among other duties, the courts pass on the constitutionality of laws enacted by the Legislature, when questions arise requiring such rulings. When, in the opinion of the court, a law in question has not met all the requirements set forth in the Constitution or is not in keeping with its provisions, the law is declared unconstitutional. The Supreme Court of Florida is the final authority on such questions unless issues of federal law are also raised.

The Supreme Court consists of seven justices elected for terms of six years. Every two years the justices elect from among their num-
number of the Chief Justice, who is the presiding officer of the Court. The terms of justices are staggered so that at least two must be elected every two years. A justice must be at least twenty-five years of age and an attorney at law. Justices receive an annual salary of $34,000.

There are three or more judges for each of the four District Courts of Appeal, some of which are elected each two years. Their terms are six years, and they may succeed themselves.

There are nineteen judicial circuits in Florida, consisting of from one to eight counties each, and a circuit judge for each 50,000 population or major part thereof. The Circuit Courts try the most important cases.

There is in each county a county judge who supervises the estates of deceased persons, minors and incompetents and presides over trial courts of limited jurisdiction in his county. In addition, there are special courts that exist in some counties, such as juvenile courts, courts of record for criminal or civil matters, or both, small claims courts, and others.

The procedure in all courts and the temporary assignment of judges are governed by the rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

There also exists a Judicial Council created in 1933 to study and recommend needed changes in the organization, jurisdiction, operation and procedures used in the court system. A Judicial Administrative Commission was established in 1965 to assist all state courts, the state attorneys, public defenders and official court reporters in budget and fiscal matters and provide other administrative services needed in the operation of these offices.

A Judicial Qualifications Commission with the authority to discipline, retire or remove justices and judges from office was established by a constitutional amendment adopted in November 1966 and implemented by legislation passed in 1967.

THE EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

The Governor's Mansion is the official residence of each governor while he is serving his term of office. In 1953, the Florida Legislature appropriated $250,000 to remove the old mansion, which dated from 1907, and to construct a new mansion on the same location ten blocks north of the Capitol. The new mansion, now occupied by Governor Claude Kirk and his family, bears a superficial resemblance to Andrew Jackson's Hermitage near Nashville, Tennessee. Its stately white columns offset from a background of red brick portray a theme of Greek revival.
Governors of Florida

Territorial

Andrew Jackson ......................................................... July, 1821 to 1822
William Duval ......................................................... 1822 to 1834
John H. Eaton ......................................................... 1834 to 1836
Richard K. Call ...................................................... 1836 to 1839
Robert Raymond Reed .............................................. 1839 to 1841
Richard K. Call ...................................................... 1841 to 1844
John Branch ......................................................... 1844 to 1845

State

William D. Moseley .................................................. 1845 to 1849
Thomas Brown ......................................................... 1849 to 1853
James E. Broome ..................................................... 1853 to 1857
Madison S. Perry ..................................................... 1857 to 1861
John Milton .......................................................... 1861 to 1865
William Marvin ....................................................... 1865 to 1866
David S. Walker ...................................................... 1866 to 1868
Harrison Reed ......................................................... 1868 to 1873
Samuel T. Day ......................................................... 1872
(Acting during impeachment proceedings against Governor Reed)
Ossian B. Hart ......................................................... 1873 to 1874
(Died in office)
Marcellus L. Stearns .................................................. 1873
(Acting, June to November)
Marcellus L. Stearns .................................................. 1874 to 1877
George F. Drew ....................................................... 1877 to 1881
William D. Bloxham ................................................. 1881 to 1885
Edward A. Perry ..................................................... 1885 to 1889
Francis P. Fleming ................................................ 1889 to 1893

Henry L. Mitchell .................................................. 1893 to 1897
William D. Bloxham ................................................ 1897 to 1901
W. S. Jennings ....................................................... 1901 to 1905
N. B. Broward ....................................................... 1905 to 1909
Albert W. Gilchrist ............................................... 1909 to 1913
Park Trammell ....................................................... 1913 to 1917
Sidney J. Catts ..................................................... 1917 to 1921
Cary A. Hardee ...................................................... 1921 to 1925
John W. Martin ..................................................... 1925 to 1929
Doyle E. Carlton ................................................... 1929 to 1933
David Schultz ....................................................... 1933 to 1937
Fred P. Cone ......................................................... 1937 to 1941
Spessard L. Holland ............................................... 1941 to 1945
Millard F. Caldwell ............................................... 1945 to 1948
Fuller Warren ....................................................... 1949 to 1952
Dan McCarty ......................................................... 1953 Died
Charley E. Johns, Acting ........................................ 1953 to 1955
LeRoy Collins ....................................................... 1955 to 1961
Farris Bryant ....................................................... 1961 to 1965
Haydon Burns ....................................................... 1965 to 1967
Claude R. Kirk, Jr. ................................................ 1967 -

Origin and Names of Florida Counties

Alachua—(From an Indian term, meaning "grassy or marshy"—1824).
Baker—(For James M. Baker, former Judge of the Fourth Judiciary
District—1861).
Bay—(Fom St. Andrews Bay—1913).
Bradford—(For Captain Bradford, killed during the Civil War—
1861).
Brevard—(For Dr. Brevard, said to have been the author of the
Mecklenburg, N. C. Declaration of Independence—1844).
Broward—(For Governor N. B. Broward—1915).
Calhoun—(For John C. Calhoun—1838).
Charlotte—(For the harbor—1921).
Citrus—(For citrus, the orange variety of trees—1887).
Clay—(For Henry Clay—1858).
Collier—(For Barron Collier, a large land owner and developer—
1923).
Columbia—(For the discoverer of America—1832).
Dade—(For Major Francis L. Dade, whose command was killed in the Seminole War—1836).
Desoto—(For Hernando DeSoto—1887).
Dixie—(For a popular term commonly applied to the South—1921).
Duval—(For Governor William P. Duval—1822).
Escambia—(From Escambia River, a Spanish term, meaning barter or exchange—1821).
Flagler—(For Henry M. Flagler, builder of the East Coast Railway—1917).
Franklin—(For Benjamin Franklin—1832).
Gadsden—(For James Gadsden—1823).
Gilchrist—(For Governor Albert H. Gilchrist—1925).
Glades—(For the last syllable of the word Everglades—1921).
Gulf—(For the Gulf of Mexico—1925).
Hamilton—(For Alexander Hamilton—1827).
Hernando—(For the first name of Hernando DeSoto—1843).
Hardee—(For Governor Cary A. Hardee—1921).
Hendry—(For an old and popular resident—1923).
Highlands—(For the abundant highlands in the county—1921).
Hillsborough—(For the English Earl of Hillsborough—1834).
Holmes—(For an early resident—1848).
Indian River—(For the river of that name—1925).
Jackson—(For Andrew Jackson—1822).
Jefferson—(For Thomas Jefferson—1827).
Lafayette—(For Marquis de Lafayette—1856).
Lake—(For number of Lakes—1897).
Lee—(For General Robert E. Lee—1887).
Leon—(For Ponce de Leon—1824).
Levy—(For U. S. Senator David Levy—1845).
Liberty—(From the common sentiment which actuates the American people—1855).
Madison—(For James Madison—1827).
Manatee—(From the existence of the sea cow, or Manatee, in its waters—1855).
Marion—(For General Francis Marion—1844).
Martin—(For Governor John W. Martin—1925).
Monroe—(For James Monroe—1824).
Nassau—(From Duchy of Nassau, in Germany—1824).
Okaloosa—(From an Indian word meaning pleasant place—1915).
Okeechobee—(From the Lake—1917).
Orange—(From number of orange groves in county—1824).
Osceola—(For a noted Seminole Indian chief—1887).

Palm Beach—(From local conditions—palms and seabeaches—1909).
Pasco—(For U. S. Senator Samuel Pasco—1887).
Pinellas—(The Pinellas peninsula was known to the early Spanish explorers as "Pinta Pinal," said to mean "Point of Pines." Out of Pinta Pinal comes the present name. It has the distinction of being the only word of the kind known to human speech—1911).
Polk—(For James K. Polk—1861).
Putnam—(For General Israel Putnam—1849).
Sarasota—(From the Indian word applied to a prominent feature of the shore line known as Point of Rocks extending into the Gulf near Crescent Beach—1921).
Santa Rosa—(For a saint of the Catholic Church—1842).
Seminole—(From the name of an Indian tribe—1913).
St. Johns—(From St. Johns River, called by Spanish explorers "San Juan Baptista"—St. John the Baptist—1821).
St. Lucie—(For a saint of the Catholic Church—1844).
Sumter—(For General Thomas Sumter, Revolutionary hero, for whom Fort Sumter was named—1853).
Suwanee—(From the river now renowned in song; an Indian word said to be "Sawni," meaning "Echo"—1858).
Taylor—(For General Zachary Taylor—1856).
Union—(From the common term expressing unity—1921).
Volusia—(For a former town named for a settler known as Volus—1854).
Wakulla—(For a large spring; the word being Indian for "Mystery"—1848).
Walton—(For Colonel Walton, a prominent Georgian—1824).

Historical

Data Concerning Florida

Period of Exploration

1497 Sebastian and John Cabot, under Henry VII, of England, sail and probably map the entire Atlantic coast from Labrador to Mexico. First voyage of Americus Vespucius along the same route.
1500 Voyage of Gasper Cortereal (Portuguese) along the Florida coasts.

1502 Ponce de Leon sails with Ovando for Hispaniola (Hayti). Date of the Alberto Cantino Map. First map of Florida.

1504 Ponce de Leon appointed Adelantado of Higuey, the eastern Province of Hayti.

1509 Ponce de Leon appointed Governor of Porto Rico by Ferdinand, king of Spain.

1518 Grihalva's first slave raid to Florida and the Bahamas.

1519 Alvarez Pineda cruises up the Florida Gulf Coast and discovers the Mississippi River, naming it Rio de Santo Esplritu.

1519 Ponce de Leon's second voyage to Florida. Wounded by an Indian arrow, is carried to Cuba; dies there and buried in his castle in Porto Rico.

1524 D'Allyson's voyage to Florida coasts. Probable date of voyage of Diego Miruello from San Domingo to Florida, exploration of the Gulf of Mexico.

1525 D'Allyson's vessels wrecked on their return on Florida coasts.

1528 Narvaez's expedition embarks for Florida, landing near Tampa.

1530 Alvar Nunez Cabeza Vacca, treasurer of Narvaez's expedition, wanders across the American Continent for seven years and was the first European to cross it from the Mexican Gulf to the Gulf of California.

1539 DeSoto lands at Tampa and marches to Anhaquea (present Tallahassee) where he spends the winter.

1540 DeSoto travels on north to the headwaters of the Savannah River and thence west.

1541 DeSoto discovers Mississippi.

1542 His death and burial in Mississippi.


**Period of Colonization**

1550 Elaborate expedition planned in Spain to colonize and Christianize Florida. Don Tristan de Luna chosen to command.

1559 De Luna's departure from Mexico to Florida and landing near what is now Pensacola. Hurricane destroys his fleet.

1561 Remnants of De Luna's force return to Mexico. Complete failure of the whole expedition.

1562 Ribault's first voyage to colonize Florida. Discovers the River May (St. Johns), establishing colony of thirty men near Port Royal and returns to France.

1563 This colony, dissatisfied, builds ship and leaves for France; small remnant only arrive home.

1564 June 22nd, Rene Laudonniere arrives on the Florida Coast at the River May (St. Johns), builds Fort Caroline and explores the country generally.

1565 August 29th, marks the arrival for the second time of Jean Ribault, followed on September 4th by Pedro Menendez de Aviles.

September 9th, St. Augustine established with great pomp and ceremony and temporary fortifications built. September 16th, Ribault's fleet destroyed by tropical storm. September 18th and 19th, Menendez marches with 500 men to Ft. Caroline, capturing it September 20th with great slaughter. September 25th, captures first band of shipwrecked Huguenots at Matanzas and destroys them, repeating the operation four days later. Returns to Ft. Caroline and rebuilds it, leaving later for Cuba.

1560 Menendez returns to Spain and receives royal welcome. Small colony, including fourteen women, sent from Spain to St. Augustine.

1567 Dominique de Gourgues plans revenge for Huguenot massacre and leaves France for that purpose.

1568 De Gourgues arrives at the St. Marys River and proceeds south to the St. Johns and destroys Ft. San Mateo and garrison, avenging his countrymen, returns to France.

1569 Menendez returns from Spain, rebuilds San Mateo, destroys St. Elena, then returns to Spain.

1570 Mutinies in the Spanish forts in Florida.

1574 Death of Menendez September 17th, aged 55, at the height of his fame, at Santander. Elaborate burial in Aviles, Spain.

1575 Hernando de Miranda appointed Governor of Florida to succeed Menendez.

1577 St. Helena, which had been re-established, again dismantled and inhabitants sent to St. Augustine.

1578 St. Augustine and Florida's importance stressed at the Court of Spain and appropriations made for same.

1584 Marked influx of missionaries to Florida from Spain.

1586 Drake destroys St. Augustine and loots its treasury.
1587 St. Augustine rebuilt and much improved, with funds from Spain.
1588 The destruction of the Spanish Armada on the English coasts.
Spain's naval power completely crippled. Spanish colonies suffer accordingly.
1595 Hernando de Mestas plans to build the Forts at St. Augustine
of stone, voyages to Spain for that object and obtains royal
authority to do so.
1612 Eleven convents reported flourishing and active in Florida.
1613 First accounts of experimental tobacco growing in Florida.
1615 Probable date of building Mission near St. Marys. Walls still
standing.
1630 Sir Robert Dudley, Duke of Northumberland, surveys and charts
the coasts of Florida the second time.
1637 Expedition planned by Spain to conquer the Indian tribes of
West Florida successful.
1638 Building of stone fort and other improvements commenced with
forced labor of Indian prisoners.
1639 Large quarries opened on Anastasia Island to supply rock for
fortification and seawall.
1642 Sir Robert Dudley surveys and charts the Florida coast from
Cape Canaveral northward.
1645 Probable date of building fort at Matanzas.
1647 Population of St. Augustine reported as two thousand.
1649 Great activity in mission work and success reported in Christian-
izing Indians.
1655 Centenary of the establishment of St. Augustine by Menendez.
The English freebooter Davis destroys the city.
1675 Expedition from Florida to destroy the British settlement at St.
Helena.
1686 British succeed in conquering all Spanish territory to the north
of St. Augustine and driving Spaniards out.
1696 D'Ariola founds Pensacola.
Jonathan Dickenson's shipwreck on the Florida coast, which
later being published, excited great interest.
1697 Perdido River in West Florida accepted as a boundary between
France and Spain.
1698 War being declared between France and Spain, reacts unfavor-
abley on colonies in West Florida, formerly helpful to each other.
1704 Fort San Luis, two miles west of Tallahassee, destroyed; the last
inland fortification maintained by Spain.
1715 Wreck of Spanish treasure fleet on Carysfoot Reef, Florida.
1716 English ships loot much of the recovered treasure amounting to
$700,000, carrying it to Jamaica.

1718 Don Antonio Malini appointed Governor of Florida. All Indians
driven away from Spanish settlements to their great loss.
First account of any settlement at St. Joseph's Bay, first by the
French and later by the Spaniards.
1719 Flags changed four times this year at Pensacola, from Spain to
France and vice versa.
1722 Peace in Europe concluded between France and Spain.
Pensacola and West Florida returned to Spain by France.
1725 Col. Palmer's attack on Florida from South Carolina.
1726 Palmer returns home with immense booty in cattle, etc., looted
from the Spaniards in Florida.
1739 England declares war on Spain. Oglethorpe instructed to harass
Spanish possessions in Florida.
1740 Oglethorpe proceeds to Picolata, Florida, and besieges St. August-
tine.
1741 Indigo culture first mentioned in Florida.
1742 Spanish expedition from Havana and Florida attack Oglethorpe
in Georgia. Defeated at the battle of Bloody Marsh Island near
St. Simons.
1743 Oglethorpe's second expedition to Florida.
1750 Great suffering from yellow fever epidemic in St. Augustine.
1755 Fernando de Herreda appointed Governor of Florida, great
building activity.
1756 Castle of San Marco in St. Augustine completed in this year after
118 years' work on same.
1761 War again breaks out between Spain and England.
1762 Havana and Manilla captured by England's navy with immense
booty totaling $25,000,000.
1768 Havana restored to Spain in exchange for Florida. Peace.
1764 Great English immigration to Florida, mills and plantations
1765 started, great industry and activity.
1767 Dr. Andrew Turnbull receives grant of land and he and Sir
William Duncan bring large colonies of Greeks and Minorcans
to Florida.
1768 Mutinies and troubles break out on Turnbull's plantations.
1769 The botanists, William and John Bartram, father and son, travel
through Florida and compile valuable information for the Colo-
nial government, works still extant.
1774 Governor Patrick Torny succeeds Governor Moultrie as English
Governor of East Florida, bitterly opposes Dr. Turnbull.

CHANGING FLAGS

1776 Year of Independence. Florida remains loyal to England.
Declaration of Independence with effigies of John Hancock and John Adams publicly burned in the park at St. Augustine.

1777 Breaking up of the Turnbull (New Smyrna) colony.

1778 Revolutionary rumblings of France have a marked effect on Florida.

1779 Invasion of West Florida threatened by Spaniards in Louisiana.

1780 Don Calvez and Admiral Solana concentrate their forces to attack Pensacola.

1781 Forts of Pensacola under Col. Campbell (British) surrender to Spanish attack.

1783 September 3rd, treaty of Peace signed in Paris, ending the Revolutionary War.

Florida exchanged for the Bahama Islands.

1788 William Augustus Bowles, military adventurer, attacks Spanish interests in Florida.

1789 Bowles assumes control of the Muscogee Indians.

1790 Treaty made between the United States and Creek Indians in Florida in which the Indians agree to return runaway slaves.

1791 Bowles captured, sent to Spain and later to the Philippines where he was imprisoned for six years.

1792 Indians and negroes enlisted by border ruffians to incite troubles with Spanish Florida.

1795 Treaty between the United States and Spain as to Florida's western boundary.

1796 Boundaries finally agreed on by Commissioners of both countries.

1797 Bowles escapes from Spain, proceeds to England, there aided to harass the United States in West Florida.

1798 Second Boundary Commission, after delay of two years, reports their work completed as between Spain and U. S. A.

1800 Spain, by secret treaty, cedes Louisiana to France.

Part of Florida seems to be included.

Monuments later erected, satisfactory to both parties.

1801 Bowles captured the second time, sent to Cuba.

1803 The purchase from France of Louisiana for $15,000,000, giving the United States control of the Mississippi Valley.

Boundaries between this territory and Florida again questioned.

1808 Fernandina declared a free port, became a rendezvous for much questionable trade.

1809 Napoleon, having conquered Spain in Europe, claims all her colonies, Florida included. This was stoutly resisted by the United States and later in 1823 became elaborated in the Monroe Doctrine.

1810 Republic of West Florida organized September 10th, at Pensacola, to control disputed territory. Dissolved after an existence of 58 days by orders from Washington, without trouble.

1811 War imminent between United States and England.

Republic of East Florida, so called.

1812 June 18th, war declared on England by the United States.

Organization of Republic of Florida.

1813 All American influences withdrawn from Florida by order of President Madison, with apologies to Spain and pardon to former disturbers of the peace.

1814 Fierce engagement off Cape Canaveral, Florida, between British and American war vessels. British troops occupy Pensacola, speedily driven out by Andrew Jackson.

Articles of Peace signed in Ghent, Belgium, between England and United States, December 24th.

1818 Jackson's second invasion of Florida.

1819 Treaty drawn up in Washington for Florida's transfer to United States.

1820 October 24th, Treaty of Transfer duly approved and signed.

1821 Transfer of West Florida accepted by Andrew Jackson.

Flags changed at Pensacola from Spain to United States of America, July 17th.

July 10th, transfer of East Florida at St. Augustine, to Col. Robert Butler.

Ratification exchanged February 22nd.

Territorial Period

1821 July 21st, St. Johns and Escambia created Counties, and municipal government established in St. Augustine and Pensacola.

1822 John James Audubon, noted naturalist, visits and writes of Florida.

Civil government established March 3rd.

1823 Second Legislative Council held in May, in St. Augustine, and decision made that a central point of meeting be chosen for future Legislation.

First treaty made, September 18th, with Florida Indians at Moultrie Creek, signed by 32 leading chiefs.

1824 Dr. Simmons and John Lee Williams select Neomathla's village near Tallahassee for future State Capital.

1825 Appropriation of $23,000 by the Legislative Council to build road from Pensacola to St. Augustine.

Congress voted $200,000 to Lafayette and 23,000 acres just east of Tallahassee, Florida. Later settled by emigrants from France.
Achille Murat, son of the King of Naples, emigrates to Florida, first living in St. Augustine, and later in Tallahassee; married a Virginia lady visiting Tallahassee, where he died in 1847.

1826 Congress grants to Florida the elective franchise for their representatives in Congress and State Legislature.
1828 Judicial District formed for the whole of South Florida Court to sit at Key West.
First bank organized in Florida, at Tallahassee.
1829 Privilege extended to elect all officers for Florida except the Governor, he being appointed by the President.
Commencement of era of wildcat banking and boom towns in Florida.
1831 Legislative Council encourages plans for roads and canals to aid internal transportation.
Bank of St. Augustine chartered.
1835 Beginning of Indian War. Dade massacre December 25th. Osceola becomes a prominent leader in Indian affairs.
1837 Osceola’s capture and imprisonment.
1838 Osceola’s death at Ft. Moultrie, near Charleston, S. C.
1839 Constitutional Convention held at St. Joseph adjourned, having given Florida its first Territorial Constitution.
1840 Murder of Dr. Henry Perrine at Indian Key and destruction of Lighthouse at Cape Florida by so-called Spanish Indians.
Company of play actors murdered by Indians near Picolata.
1841 Closing scenes of the Indian War. Cocoochee captured and deported.
1842 Armed Occupation Act.
1844 Preparation to enter Statehood.
1845 March 3rd, Florida and Iowa become States by the same Act. Dr. John Gorrie discovers process for making ice.
1847 War with Mexico, Florida largely drawn on for troops. Lighthouse built at Cape Canaveral.
1849 Breaking up of the Indian River colony near Ft. Pierce by the murder by Indians of Trader Barker at Barker’s Bluff.
1850 Swamp Land Act passed by Congress.
1856 Lands granted to the Florida Railroad Co., and construction begins on first through State railroad.
1858 Close of last war with the Seminoles.

UNDER THE CONFEDERACY

1861 January 10th, Florida secedes, and on February 17th, joins the Confederacy at the Montgomery Convention.

April 12th, first shot fired on Ft. Sumter, Charleston, S. C. Civil War commenced.
1862 During February and March all principal towns in Florida in occupation by Federal troops and its whole coast blockaded.
1863 Large numbers of Florida negroes enlisted in the Northern Army and various expeditions sent against the fortifications along the St. Johns River.
1864 February 20th, at Olustee, Florida, was fought the one great battle on Florida soil; more than 9,000 men engaged. Federals badly defeated.
1865 Lee’s surrender at Appomattox to Grant, April 9th. Abraham Lincoln assassinated April 14th.
Final surrender of Confederate troops May 26th by Gen. E. Kirby Smith in Texas. President Jefferson Davis captured and imprisoned and his cabinet scattered, some finally reaching Cuba via the Indian River and the Keys.
May 20th, Tallahassee, only Confederate State Capital east of Mississippi not captured during war, yields peaceable possession to Federal troops.
1866 Reconstruction begins under Federal supervision.

REVISED IN THE UNION

1868 Civil government re-established July 4th.
1876 Presidential election claimed by Democrats and Republicans on disputed returns from South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana. Hayes elected.
1877 Federal supervision of Florida affairs ends and reconstruction comes closed under President Hayes.
1879 First telephones installed in Jacksonville.
1881 Sale of four million acres of State-owned lands to Hamilton Disston and associates.
1882 Establishment of Institute for Deaf Mutes in St. Augustine, and Academy established in DeLand by H. A. DeLand.
1885 Constitutional Convention met in Tallahassee.
1887 Adopted by popular vote.
1889 Discovery of phosphate.
Special session of the Legislature called by Governor Fleming and State Board of Health organized with splendid effect on contagious and infectious diseases.
1891 Sub-Tropical Exhibition opened in Jacksonville, doing much to advertise Florida’s products.
1892 Flagler railroad reaches Titusville and proceeds down the East Coast.
1893 World’s Fair opened at Chicago. Florida represented.
1895 Severe frost, in February, destroys practically the entire citrus production of Florida for some years to come.
1896 Railroad reaches Miami June 26th.
1897 Activity in railroad building on the West Coast of Florida.
1898 Spanish-American War gives Florida great impetus.
1899 Fire destroys Miami.
1900 Last Democratic Convention held in Florida for nomination of State officers.
1901 May 3rd, 466 acres in Jacksonville laid waste by disastrous fire, with some loss of life and untold value in records, etc.
1903 Rebuilding of the Mayport jetties improves navigation of the St. Johns River to Jacksonville and large ships enter safely.
1905 First cut to the ocean for Miami Harbor.
Florida East Coast Railroad commences extension to Key West. Overseas railroad.
1907 Everglades drainage commences under supervision of Governor Broward.
1912 Florida East Coast Railroad runs first train into Key West.
1914 Germany declares war on France, and England on Germany, causing great uncertainty and depression in Florida business circles, especially in naval store, timber and phosphate; shipping at a standstill.
1917 United States enters the World War, April 6th. Shipyards and camps greatly increase Florida’s activities.
1918 November 11th; Armistice declared which closes hostilities.
1922 Orange crop largest ever known to this date, 16,000,000 boxes.
1924 Renewed activities and increase in land values. Great road building program laid out and work commenced, giving Florida unexcelled communication as never before dreamed possible.
1925-
26 Florida land boom.
1926 Constitutional amendment passed to enable the State to appropriate money for free schools.
1929 Completion of Bok Tower at Lake Wales, containing carillon and connected therewith is a bird sanctuary.
1929-
31 Measures taken for Florida to cancel bonded debts of the counties.
1933 Passage of Florida Probate Law.
1936 Completion of north wing of State Capitol.
1940 Creation of State Board of Welfare.
1947 Appropriation for education which marked the turning point in the advancement of education in Florida and the creation of Florida State University in Tallahassee.
1948 Completion of three large state office buildings in Tallahassee, also additional buildings at the two universities—Gainesville and Tallahassee.
Completion of south wing of Captiol.
1949 Banning of Livestock from Florida’s highways, by the legislature, greatly boosted the tourist industry. The Florida legislature provides for a three percent limited retail sales tax.
1950 Census figures reveal that Florida has grown 46% since 1940 and the new total population figure is 2,771,000. Ten of the state’s top fifteen cities are in South Florida which is the area of fastest growth.
Florida now leads the Southeast in per capita income. Factors contributing to this rise are agriculture, cattle, citrus, industry, national defense and tourism.
1953 The Florida tourist industry expands dramatically. Our five million tourists spent more than $900 million in the state. Hotel construction continued at a burgeoning pace and there is evidence to indicate that more hotel rooms were built in greater Miami between 1945 and the end of 1953 than in all the rest of the United States.
1957 The Florida legislature authorized nine new community junior colleges to be initiated.
1958 Florida experiences one of the coldest winters on record with severe losses in agriculture, citrus, commercial fishing and tourism.
The first successful U. S. space satellite launched from Cape Canaveral.
The Florida Supreme Court rules a newly drafted state constitution to be removed from the ballot.
1959 The decade of the 50’s ends with Florida escaping the harmful effects of a major hurricane. The number of students in Florida’s public schools passes the one million mark for the first time.
1960 The University of South Florida established in Tampa. The national census returns reveal that Florida is one of the two fastest growing states. The rate of increase is now 79%. Hopes that hurricanes could continue to miss Florida are dashed with the onslaught of a particularly vicious storm (“Donna”). Fortunately, loss of life and property destruction are greatly reduced because of increasingly accurate weather forecasts.
1961 The Florida legislature authorizes four new community junior colleges to be opened. Florida has now become one of the leading states in the country in community college development. This increases the number to twenty-four. Floridians become more aware, through programs initiated by the legislature, of the need for conservation of natural resources.

1962 The U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the Florida legislature to be reapportioned.

1963 Another severe cold wave hits Florida and 34 counties are designated as crop disaster areas by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman.

The U. S. Supreme Court rules in the Florida “Gideon case” that an attorney must be provided for all defendants in state criminal cases who can not afford legal counsel. An outcome of this is the public defender system which was devised by the 1963 Florida legislature.

1964 Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton begins its initial operation. This is a truly new concept in university planning because it starts at the junior (3rd year) level in response to the state’s burgeoning community junior college movement.

1966 Federal court order confirmed reapportionment of the Florida legislature.

1967 The University of West Florida at Pensacola opens its doors. This is the second new Florida university that begins at the junior level.

1968 The voters of Florida adopt a new state constitution which, among other changes, provides for gubernatorial succession, a lieutenant governor, annual legislative sessions, and constitutional amendment through referendum.

STATE SONG—“SWANEE RIVER”*

BY STEPHEN FOSTER

Way down upon de Swannee Ribber,
Far, far away.
Dere's wha my heart is turning ebb'er,
Dere's wha de old folks stay.
All up and down de whole creation
Sadly I roam,
Still longing for de old plantation,
And for de old folks at home.

CHORUS

All round de little farm I wandered
When I was young,
Dey many happy days I squandered,
Many de songs I sung.
When I was playing wid my brudder
Happy was I;
Oh, take me to my kind old mudder,
Dere let me live and die.

One little hut among de bushies,
One dat I love,
Still sadly to my memory rushies,
No matter where I roze.
When will I see de bees a-hummin
All round de combs?
When will I hear de banjo tunnin,
Down in my good old home?

* Designated by House Concurrent Resolution No. 22, Legislature 1935
STATE TREE

Designated by the 1953 Legislature, the Sabal Palm possesses a majesty that sets it apart from other trees. Tolerant of a wide variety of soil types and growing throughout the State, the Sabal Palm has many uses, including food and medicine. It is often used for group, specimen, or avenue planting, because of its universal popularity.

STATE BEVERAGE

Orange Juice was designated by Senate Bill No. 234 of the 1967 regular session of the Legislature as the State Beverage.