



THE FLORIDA SENATE
SENATOR WILTON SIMPSON
President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators
FROM: Wilton Simpson
SUBJECT: Executive Order of Suspension 22-176, State Attorney Andrew Warren
DATE: August 4, 2022

The Senate has received official notification of the executive suspension announced today by Governor DeSantis – Executive Order 22-176, State Attorney Andrew Warren of the 13th Judicial Circuit.

In addressing this matter, the Senate will follow the procedures outlined in Senate Rule 12. The first step in addressing a suspension is to inform the suspended official of the Senate's receipt of the Governor's suspension action and to inquire whether it is the intention of the suspended official to resign from office or request a hearing.

I have attached a visual aid that outlines the Senate Executive Suspension Review Procedure for your reference. I also encourage you to review Senate Rule 12.

In my view, since we are tasked by Florida's Constitution to sit in judgment of the merits of a suspension, Senators should refrain from speaking publicly about the merits or substance of any executive suspension. Thank you for your attention to this important responsibility of the Senate.