



2026 Legislative Session Update

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Who We Are

- B&B was founded in 2015 by Edward Briggs to provide lobbying services at the local, state, and federal level. He has over 13 years of lobbying experience.
- After graduating from Florida State University, Mr. Briggs interned with the Republican Party of Florida, Senate Campaigns. He was selected to be the Grass Roots Coordinator for successful re-election of Senator Tom Lee. He then served as Legislative Aide for Senator Lee's transition to the Capitol, before being recruited by to a lobbying firm. Where he left at 12 years as their Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs in recognition of the "integral role" he played at the Tampa Based Firm.
- Known for his hard work, leadership, and success at every level, Mr. Briggs was recognized in 2015 by "Florida Politics" as one of its "30 Under 30 Rising Stars." In 2018 he received the Brevard County Sheriff Office's Distinguished Merit Award for his work on legislation to combat child pornography. B&B specializes in education and Construction lobbying in the State of Florida.





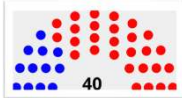
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The Florida Senate



- The Senate President, elected by members of the Senate for a 2-year term, manages the operations of the Senate and presides over its sessions. The President select the Majority Leader, appoints Senate committee member and chairs, and appoint citizens to boards and commissions.

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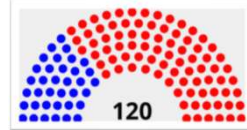
The Florida House



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Future House and Senate Leadership

2027 - 2028



Senate President
Jim Boyd

Hillsborough, Manatee



House Speaker
Sam Garrison

Clay

2029 - 2030



Senate President
Jay Trumbull

Bay, Calhoun, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Walton, Washington



House Speaker
Jennifer Canady

Polk



FLORIDA CABINET



**Governor –
Ron
DeSantis**



**Attorney
General –
James
Uthmeir**



**CFO –
Blaise
Ingoglia**



**Commissioner
of Ag – Wilton
Simpson**



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Budget completed after Regular Session
- Property tax reform now dominates the policy agenda
- Major wins in development, education, tax relief, and local government policy
- Several high-profile priorities remain unresolved



Budget & Fiscal Policy

- \$114.5B state budget approved.
- Maintains significant reserves and debt reduction.
- Governor expected to exercise veto authority.
- School District Workforce
 - Workforce Development - \$473.5 million
 - Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant Program for apprenticeships - \$20 million
- Reduction compared to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in both total budget and per capita funding



Property Tax Special Session

- Most consequential issue of 2026.
- Property tax revenue collected by local governments has nearly doubled in the past seven years and is expected to reach an astounding \$83 billion by 2032
- Exempt Homestead Properties From Taxation
- Ensure Funding For Core Services.
- Protect Small Businesses
- Ensure Fairness For Florida Residents
- Create A State Trust Fund To Assist With Core Local Services



Tax Relief Package

- \$272M package
- Home Hardening Incentives
 - Creates a three-year sales tax exemption for:
 - Impact-resistant windows
 - Impact-resistant Doors
 - Impact-resistant garage doors
 - Supports Storm resiliency and residential investment
- Additional Tax Relief
 - Extended back to school tax holiday
 - Hunting, Fishing and Camping Tax Holiday



Major Legislation

- **SB 290 Farm Bill**
 - Expands agricultural protections, land-use flexibility, and workforce initiatives while limiting certain local regulations impacting businesses.
- **HB 757 School Safety**
 - Expands Florida's school guardian program and enhances school safety requirements statewide.
- **HB 991 Elections**
 - Strengthens voter registration verification requirements and updates election administration procedures as part of Florida's ongoing focus on election integrity and voter roll accuracy
- **SB 484 Data Centers**
 - Establishes a framework for large-scale data center development while addressing utility, infrastructure, and local government planning considerations
- **Citizens Insurance reforms**
 - Makes additional reforms to Citizens Property Insurance Corporation aimed at improving financial stability, managing policy growth, and continuing Florida's broader insurance market stabilization efforts
- **Digital Assets legislation**
 - Establishes new regulatory frameworks for digital assets, stablecoins, and virtual currency transactions while positioning Florida as a leader in financial technology innovation



Industry Priorities That Did Not Pass

- **Refrigerant Safety & Agricultural Continuity (SB 1226 / HB 999)**
 - Would have allowed continued use of R-410A equipment in certain commercial and agricultural applications
- **Air Conditioning & Mechanical Contractors (SB 322 / HB 431)**
 - Allowed HVAC licensed contractors to replace pool and spa heat pumps



Major Industry Wins – 2026 Session

- **HB 803 – Building Permits & Inspections**
 - Requiring the development of uniform commercial and residential building permit applications
 - Requiring local governments, except in flood hazard areas, to exempt from building permitting
 - Work on single-family residential property valued at \$7,500 or less, excluding any electrical, plumbing, structural, mechanical, or gas work
 - Requiring a 5-day response timeframe for permit applications for work valued less than \$15,000
- **SB 1614 – Florida Building Code Enforcement**
- Theme this session - reducing friction in the development and permitting process. The Legislature continued moving toward standardized permitting, expanded use of private providers, and greater predictability for contractors and developers.



HFC Technology Rule Update

- **Changes Made by EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin (2025-26)**
 - Reopened portions of the Technology Transitions Rule for reconsideration.
 - Extended compliance deadlines for several refrigeration, cold storage, and industrial sectors.
 - Reduced regulatory burdens for certain food processing, cold chain, and refrigeration applications.
 - EPA estimates revisions will reduce compliance costs by approximately \$976 million.
- **What Did NOT Change**
 - R-410A was not brought back as the long-term industry standard
 - The AIM Act was not repealed
 - The HFC phasedown schedule remains in place
- **What It Means for Contractors**
 - Existing R-410A systems can continue to be serviced and repaired
 - New equipment market continues transitioning toward R-454B and other A2L refrigerants



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2026 Florida Governor's Race

- **Republican Primary**

- Byron Donalds enters as the frontrunner with President Trump's endorsement.
- Republican primary likely determines Florida's next Governor.

- **Democratic Field**

- Democrats continue searching for a viable statewide candidate.
- Focus remains on affordability, insurance, housing, and education issues.

- **Key Issues Driving the Race**

- Property Tax Reform
- Homeowners Insurance
- Housing Affordability
- Immigration & Public Safety
- Education & School Choice



2026 Political Landscape

- **Florida Legislature**

- **All 120 Florida House seats are on the ballot in 2026.**
- **20 of 40 Florida Senate seats are up in 2026.**
- Significant turnover expected due to term limits and members pursuing higher office.
- Multiple legislative leaders and senior members are termed out, creating major open-seat races across both chambers.

- **Political Environment**

- Republicans remain strongly positioned to retain control of the Governor's Office, Cabinet, House, and Senate.
- Most competitive contests are expected to occur in Republican primaries rather than General Elections.
- Property taxes, insurance, affordability, immigration, and education remain the dominant issues heading into 2026.



Any Questions?

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