

florida federation
of republican
Women



LEGISLATIVE TRAINING

- Bicameral Legislature – two chambers, House & Senate
- Chambers operate independently
- 60 days plus 6 Interim Committee Weeks
- Begins in January in off years (even numbered) & March in election years (odd numbered)
- Constitutionally they only have one requirement – Pass a Budget
- Redistricting every 10 years
- Sine Die is on 60th

FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



HOW A BILL BECOMES LAW

- Bill filed in both Chambers
- Must have a Companion bill
- Must pass both Chambers
- Signed by Governor
- Can be vetoed
- Generally effective July 1 following Session
- There are many possible paths – Ex. HB 1 and HB 1475



WHAT IS A BILL?

BILL - A proposed change to Florida Law. Any legislator, all standing committees and subcommittees, and some select committees may introduce bills. Each bill receives an identifying number when it is filed with the Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate. Beginning in 1990, House bills have been odd-numbered and Senate bills have been even-numbered. Bills include: House bills (HB) and Senate bills (SB); House joint resolutions (HJR) and Senate joint resolutions (SJR) for proposed constitutional amendments; House resolutions (HR) and Senate resolutions (SR), which are generally expressions of approval or recognition; House memorials (HM) and Senate memorials (SM), used to voice concerns and indicate opinions to the U.S. Congress; and House concurrent resolutions (HCR) and Senate concurrent resolutions (SCR), used to voice the opinion of both houses, to express rejection or ratification of amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and to extend sessions.



THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS



Bill Filed



**Referred to
Committees**



**Committee
Hearings**



**Special Order
Calendar**



**2nd Reading &
Questions**



**3rd Reading,
Debate & Vote**



TERMS TO KNOW

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE A bill that has been amended in a committee. CS/HB is a committee substitute for a House bill and CS for SB is a committee substitute for a Senate bill.

COMPANION BILL When bills substantially worded the same and identical as to specific intent and purpose are filed in the House and Senate. The purpose is to expedite progress by having simultaneous movement in both houses on the proposal. When a house passes its bill, the sponsor in the other house must be careful to substitute this companion there. Otherwise, each house may pass its own bill, and neither becomes law. While both houses may have acted on identical text, each will have passed a separate bill.



TERMS TO KNOW

COSPONSOR The House member introducing a bill is known as the first-named sponsor, and his or her name appears first on the sponsor list and in the Journal. All others who “sign on” afterwards are known by rule as cosponsors.

DELEGATION Legislators from the same locality, typically a county. Legislators occasionally will designate themselves as being members of the county’s delegation.



TERMS TO KNOW

THE FLOOR - This is synonymous with the Chamber, as when a member says, “I’m going to the floor.” A member is declared to have the floor when the presiding officer recognizes him or her for a stated purpose.

ORGANIZATION SESSION By constitutional mandate, the Legislature meets on the 14th day after the general election solely for the purpose of organizing. Organizing means the taking of the oath by members, election of officers, and adoption of Rules.

PROPOSED COMMITTEE BILL A draft legislative measure taken up by a committee for the purpose of considering whether to introduce it in the name of the committee.



TERMS TO KNOW

PAGES/MESSENGERS Pages and Messengers are students who come to the Capitol and serve one week during the 60-day Regular Legislative Session. Each of the 120 representatives may sponsor one Page and one Messenger. Pages and Messengers assist the representatives and their staff during the Capitol's busiest time of year, while observing state government in action. Pages (grades 6-8) assist the representatives in the House Chamber whenever the House is in session. Messengers (grades 9-12) assist representatives and staff by delivering time-sensitive messages throughout the entire Capitol Complex. At the end of each week, Pages and Messengers receive formal letters signifying how many community service hours they have earned for their work during Session. Students may earn up to 40 hours of service for their week of work in the Capitol.



TERMS TO KNOW

READINGS Each bill or proposed constitutional amendment must receive three readings on three separate days, unless waived by a two-thirds vote of the members voting in each legislative house before passage. The reading of the title only typically suffices. This reading of the title is usually brief, often just a few words, but enough to describe the subject of the bill. A “reading” may be regarded as a stage in the progress of legislation. Certain things happen on these different stages in the movement of a bill through each house. On “first reading,” a bill is introduced. “First reading” now is almost exclusively done by publication in the Journal. Amendments generally are considered on “second reading.” Debate and final passage occur on “third reading.”



TERMS TO KNOW

SPECIAL ORDER LETTER A document voted on by the Rules Committee stating which bills will be heard on Second Reading on the floor and in what order. That order is known as the Special Order Calendar.

VETO The Governor's constitutional check of preventing a bill from becoming law. This is the one of three actions available to the Governor after a bill's final passage and the only one that prevents a bill from becoming law. Veto messages may be considered at the next special or regular session by the Legislature to override the veto by a two-thirds vote of each body.



TERMS TO KNOW

WAIVE THE RULES A phrase heard in the Legislature is “I move the rules be waived.” The Constitution and the Rules of the Senate and House provide a series of braking actions on the passage of bills (e.g., the reading on three separate days). If two-thirds of the members present are agreeable to foregoing such procedural steps, then a motion to waive the rules is in order. The motion is not available in committees or subcommittees.

SINE DIE This Latin term means “without day.” It is the action that concludes a session of the Legislature. A concurrent resolution may be adopted by the two houses to fix the hour of adjournment sine die.



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH - FLORIDA HOUSE

- **120 Representatives**
- **78 Republicans**
- **Lead by Speaker of the House**
- **More top-down leadership**
- **6-7 Bills per Rep**
- **Myfloridahouse.gov**



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH - FLORIDA SENATE

- **40 Senators**
- **21 Republicans**
- **Lead by Senate President**
- **More Independent than House**
- **Unlimited Bills**
- **Flsenate.gov**



EXECUTIVE BRANCH - GOVERNOR

- **Can only sign a bill into law if it has passed both chambers**
- **Has veto power**
- **Works with the Speaker and Senate President throughout Session**

Executive Office of Governor Ron DeSantis
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Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 488-7146
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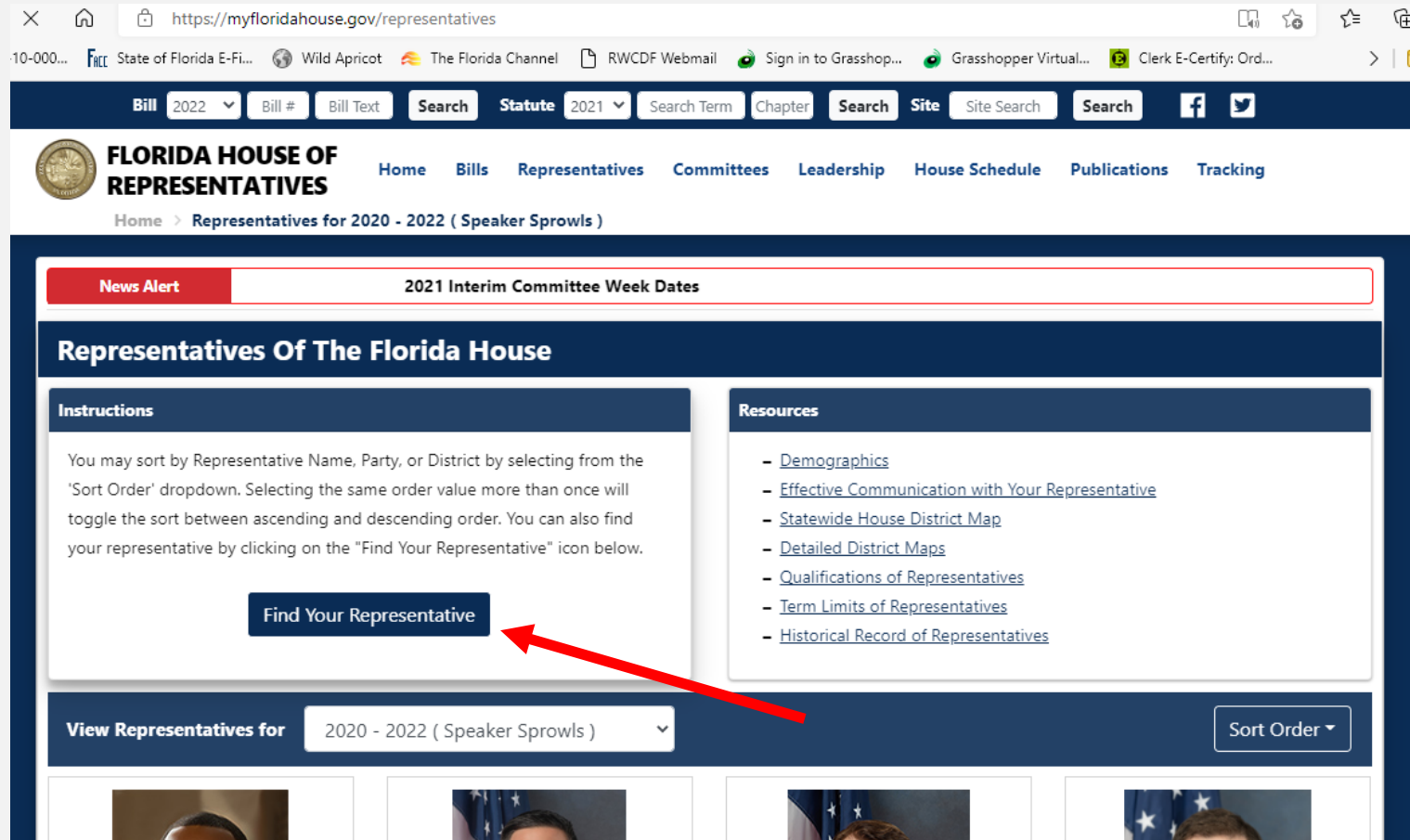
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FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Go to myfloridahouse.gov

- Click Representatives
- Click Find Your Representatives
- Enter your home address



The screenshot shows the Florida House of Representatives website. The browser address bar displays <https://myfloridahouse.gov/representatives>. The page header includes navigation links for Bill, Statute, Search, Site, and various search filters. The main navigation bar lists Home, Bills, Representatives, Committees, Leadership, House Schedule, Publications, and Tracking. The page title is "FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES". Below the title, the current session is "2020 - 2022 (Speaker Sprowls)". A red box highlights the "News Alert" and "2021 Interim Committee Week Dates" section. The main content area is titled "Representatives Of The Florida House". It contains two columns: "Instructions" and "Resources". The "Instructions" column explains how to use the "Find Your Representative" button. The "Resources" column lists links for Demographics, Effective Communication with Your Representative, Statewide House District Map, Detailed District Maps, Qualifications of Representatives, Term Limits of Representatives, and Historical Record of Representatives. A red arrow points to the "Find Your Representative" button. Below the instructions and resources, there is a section for "View Representatives for" with a dropdown menu set to "2020 - 2022 (Speaker Sprowls)" and a "Sort Order" dropdown. The bottom of the page shows a row of representative portraits.



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Your Florida Elected Officials

State House - District 11

Representative Cord Byrd



Capital Office
 400 House Office Building
 402 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
 Phone: (904) 717-5011
[Map/Driving Directions](#)

District Office
 421 Third Street North
 Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250-7028
 Phone: (904) 242-3495
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District2 Office
 Robert M. Foster Justice Center
 76347 Veterans Way
 Yulee, FL 32097-5404
 Phone: (904) 548-4033
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State Senate - District 4

Senator Aaron Bean

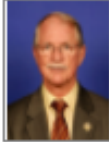


Capital Office
 405 Senate Building
 404 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100
 Phone: (904) 487-5004
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District Office
 David Stanton, 13453 North Main Street
 Suite 301
 Jacksonville, FL 32218
 Phone: (904) 757-5039
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Congressional - District 4

Representative John H. Rutherford



Washington Office
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 Washington, DC 20515-0904
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US Senate

Senator Marco Rubio



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Senator Rick Scott



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State Senator

US House Member

US Senators x2



LEARNING ABOUT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Do your homework:

- District Map
- Staff & Office Locations
- Committee Assignments
- Sponsored Bills
- Photos
- Write Your Rep

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Contact Member

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CORD BYRD

District: 11 -- Republican

Legislative Assistant: Katherine Woodby District Secretary: Christian Harvey

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Nassau and part of Duval

Current Committee Assignments

[State Legislative Redistricting Subcommittee](#) **Chair**

[Judiciary Committee](#) **Vice Chair**

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[Justice Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

Biographical Information

City of Residence: Neptune Beach

Occupation: Attorney

Spouse: Esther Lyle Byrd of Palm Bay, FL

Child(ren): Dominic, Lexie

Education: University of North Florida, BA, 1990-1993; St. Thomas University School of Law, JD, 1995-1997

Born: April 19, 1971, Jacksonville, FL

Military: United States Air Force, former service

Religious Affiliation: Presbyterian

Recreational Interest: fishing, hunting, military history, ocean kayaking

Legislative Service

Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, reelected subsequently

Photo Gallery

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Bills for Regular Session 2022

Chamber ☐ House ☐ Senate ☒ Both

Session Regular Session 2022

Bill Number

Bill Text

Statute Amended

Bill Type -- All Types --

Bill List -- All Types --

Sponsor -- None --

Referred to -- None --

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News Alert

Week Dates

CS/HB 1 (2021) - Combating Public Disorder

General Bill by Judiciary Committee and Fernandez Barquin and Byrd (CO-SPONSORS) Andrade; Barnaby; Botana; Brannan; DiCeglie; Drake; Fine; Fischer; Gallombardo; Gregory; Harding; Latvala; Leek; Maggard; Maney; McClair; Mooney; Plakon; Roach; Rommel; Roth; Sabatini; Sirois; Snyder; Tuck; Yarbrough

Combating Public Disorder: Authorizing specified elected officials to file an appeal to the Administration Commission if the governing body of a municipality makes a specified reduction to the operating budget of the municipal law enforcement agency; providing that a municipality has a duty to allow the municipal law enforcement agency to respond to a riot or unlawful assembly in a specified manner based on specified circumstances; reclassifying the penalty for an assault committed in furtherance of a riot or an aggravated riot; prohibiting cyberintimidation by publication; prohibiting a person from willfully participating in a specified violent public disturbance resulting in specified damage or injury; creating an affirmative defense to a civil action where the plaintiff participated in a riot, etc.

Effective Date: April 19, 2021

Last Event: Chapter No. 2021-6 on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 2:21 PM

Date Available for Final Passage: Monday, March 29, 2021 4:39 PM

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Referred Committees and Committee Actions

House Referrals

Criminal Justice & Public Safety Subcommittee

On agenda for: 01/27/21 4:00 PM

Favorable (final action)

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Justice Appropriations Subcommittee

On agenda for: 03/03/21 4:00 PM

Favorable (final action)

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Judiciary Committee

On agenda for: 03/10/21 3:15 PM

Favorable With Committee Substitute (final action)

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Senate Referrals

Appropriations

On agenda for: 04/09/21 8:30 AM

Favorable (final action)

Votes: Yea: 11

Nays: 9

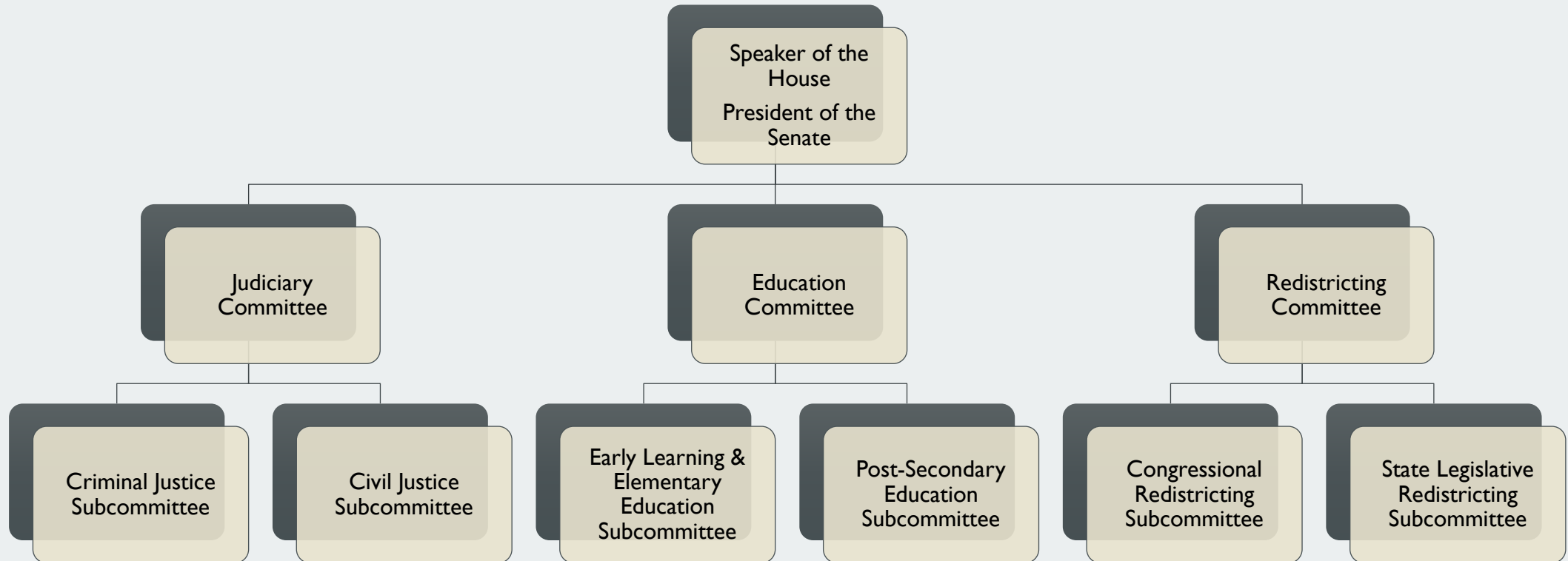
Related Bills

Bill #	Subject	Relationship
<u>SB 484</u>	Combating Public Disorder	Similar

COMMITTEE PROCESS

- It's an important process to get the best policy by the time it gets to the full body.
- Bills are referred to 1-4 Committees
- If the Bill changes at a Committee stop, it will show as a Committee Substitute. This is indicated by a CS before the Bill number. CS/HB 1.
- Committees are where you can have an impact.
- Republicans need to hear from you either for or against.

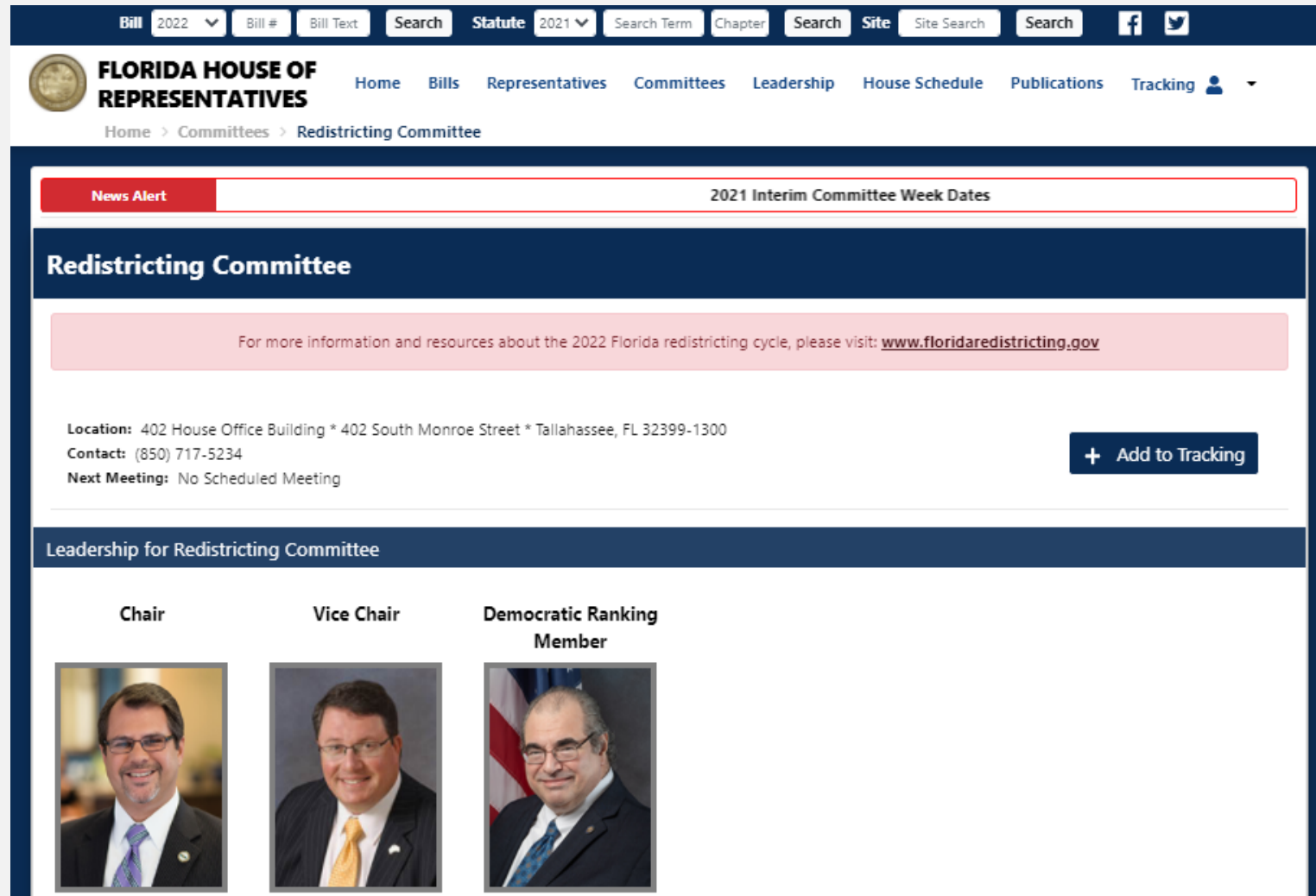
COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



COMMITTEES

Go to myfloridahouse.gov

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- Choose a Committee
- You can Add to Tracking
- Who is the Chair?
- Chair, Vice Chair and members assigned by Speaker/President



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Redistricting Committee

For more information and resources about the 2022 Florida redistricting cycle, please visit: www.floridaredistricting.gov

Location: 402 House Office Building * 402 South Monroe Street * Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300
Contact: (850) 717-5234
Next Meeting: No Scheduled Meeting

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Leadership for Redistricting Committee

Chair	Vice Chair	Democratic Ranking Member
		



COMMITTEES



Andrade, Robert Alexander
"Alex" [R]



Avila, Bryan [R]



Bush III, Dr. James [D]



Byrd, Cord [R]



Clemons, Sr., Charles Wesley
"Chuck" [R]



Drake, Brad [R]



Driskell, Fentrice [D]



Goff-Marcil, Joy [D]



Grall, Erin [R]

Ellerkamp, Donna
Administrative Lead

Committee Documents

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READING LEGISLATION

- Read the Staff Analysis before the Bill Text
- Text that is neither underlined or stricken, currently exists in statute.
- Stricken text will be deleted.
- Underlined text will be added.
- Make sure you are reading the most recent version.
- If you have questions about a bill, the sponsor is the best person to ask.

ENROLLED

CSHB1, Engrossed 1

2021 Legislature

126 in which the municipality is located.

127 (b) The governing body of the municipality has 5 working
128 days after service of a copy of the petition to file a reply
129 with the Executive Office of the Governor, and shall serve a
130 copy of such reply to the petitioner.

131 (5) Upon receipt of the petition, the Executive Office of
132 the Governor shall provide for a budget hearing at which the
133 matters presented in the petition and the reply shall be
134 considered. A report of the findings and recommendations of the
135 Executive Office of the Governor thereon shall be promptly
136 submitted to the Administration Commission, which, within 30
137 days, shall approve the action of the governing body of the
138 municipality or amend or modify the budget as to each separate
139 item within the operating budget of the municipal law
140 enforcement agency. The budget as approved, amended, or modified
141 by the Administration Commission shall be final.

142 ~~(8)(6)~~ If the governing body of a municipality amends the
143 budget pursuant to paragraph (7)(c) ~~paragraph (5)(c)~~, the
144 adopted amendment must be posted on the official website of the
145 municipality within 5 days after adoption and must remain on the
146 website for at least 2 years. If the municipality does not
147 operate an official website, the municipality must, within a
148 reasonable period of time as established by the county or
149 counties in which the municipality is located, transmit the
150 adopted amendment to the manager or administrator of such county



BE A LOBBYIST FOR YOUR VALUES

Track the Legislation
in House & Senate

Talk to the bill
sponsors

Watch or attend
Committees

Express support (or
opposition) to
Committee Members
as it moves

Expresses support
(or opposition) to
public

Show up and testify
for or against the bill



TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY

Make friends with your Rep and Senator's staff. Cookies go a long way!

When you need to speak to them, ask for an appointment (in person, phone or Zoom) and let them know you are a constituent.

ASK questions – Don't make accusations.

Don't just believe what you read online or hear on the news.

Give them the benefit of the doubt, unless they break your trust.

Be willing to consider another perspective.

If you disagree, do so without being disagreeable.

Even if you disagree on one bill, you will likely agree on most. Don't burn the bridge because you still need a line of communication in the future.

Remember the Golden Rule!



SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Help the good Reps and Senators get accurate information out and combat fake news. They will appreciate it more than you know.

Whenever possible, share a link to a bill when you talk about it.

Encourage people to read for themselves and develop relationships with their elected officials.

Don't share stories until you verify their accuracy.

Educate your friends on how to get involved.

Join a Republican Women's Club or Republican Club in your area. Ask to be their Legislative Chair or offer to give legislative updates so you can share your knowledge!



FLORIDA FEDERATION OF
REPUBLICAN WOMEN

ESTHER BYRD, LEGISLATIVE CHAIR
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