

**The Florida Senate**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
**Senator Bennett, Chair**  
**Senator Norman, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Monday, April 4, 2011  
**TIME:** 1:00 —3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Bennett, Chair; Senator Norman, Vice Chair; Senators Dockery, Hill, Richter, Ring, Storms, Thrasher, and Wise

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	<b>SB 880</b> Garcia (Similar CS/H 281)	Value Adjustment Boards; Requires a petitioner challenging ad valorem taxes before the value adjustment board to pay a specified percentage of the taxes by a certain date. Requires the board to deny the petition if the required amount of taxes is not timely paid. Deletes a provision providing for a discount for ad valorem taxes paid within 30 days after the mailing of a tax notice resulting from the action of the value adjustment board.  CA 04/04/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 1
2	<b>SB 1448</b> Garcia (Compare CS/CS/H 619, H 931, S 1940, S 2024)	Sale or Lease of a Public Hospital; Requires that the sale or lease of a county, district, or municipal hospital to a for-profit or not-for-profit Florida corporation receive prior approval by the Attorney General. Requires the governing board to first determine whether there are any qualified purchasers or lessees of the hospital before considering whether to sell or lease the hospital. Authorizes the Attorney General to employ independent consultants to determine the fair marked value of the proposed sale or lease, etc.  HR 03/22/2011 Favorable CA 04/04/2011 Fav/CS JU BC RC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 2

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3	<b>SB 1962</b> Garcia (Similar H 1269)	Revitalizing Municipalities; Provides for the transfer of certain sales tax revenues from the General Revenue Fund to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities. Provides for a distribution from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for Municipalities relating to an increase in sales tax collections over the preceding year to an eligible designated redevelopment agency of a sales tax increment redevelopment district. Authorizes specified governing bodies to create a sales tax increment redevelopment district within a municipality having a specified population, etc.  CA 04/04/2011 Fav/CS GO BC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
4	<b>SB 1408</b> Bogdanoff (Similar H 1065)	Public Meetings/Pending Litigation; Revises an exemption from public meetings requirements which authorizes a board or commission of a state agency, authority, county, municipal corporation, or political subdivision and the chief administrative or executive officer of such governmental entity to meet in private with the entity's attorney to discuss pending litigation. Includes within the exemption a public employee or agent having relevant information needed by the entity's attorney, etc.  CA 04/04/2011 Favorable GO JU	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
5	<b>SB 1788</b> Bogdanoff (Identical H 4113)	Bicycle Regulations; Removes a requirement to keep one hand on the handlebars while operating a bicycle. Conforms a cross-reference to changes made by the act.  TR 03/22/2011 Favorable CA 04/04/2011 Favorable HR	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
6	<b>SB 1564</b> Fasano (Identical H 1053, Compare CS/CS/CS/HJR 381, Link CS/SJR 658, S 1722)	Special Election; Provides for a special election to be held on the date of the presidential preference primary in 2012, pursuant to Section 5 of Article XI of the State Constitution, for the approval or rejection by the electors of this state of amendments to the State Constitution, proposed by joint resolution, to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property if the fair market value of the property decreases, reduce the limitation on annual assessment increases applicable to nonhomestead real property, etc.  CA 04/04/2011 Favorable RC BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0

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7	<b>SB 196</b> Fasano (Similar H 501)	Choose Life License Plates; Provides for the annual use fees to be distributed to Choose Life, Inc., rather than the counties. Provides for Choose Life, Inc., to redistribute a portion of such funds to nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies that assist certain pregnant women. Authorizes Choose Life, Inc., to use a portion of the funds to administer and promote the Choose Life license plate program.  TR 03/16/2011 Fav/1 Amendment CA 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 7 Nays 2
8	<b>SB 1432</b> Fasano (Similar H 889)	County Government Funding; Provides circumstances under which a board of county commissioners may use certain revenues for a purpose other than that specified by law. Defines the term "eligible county." Specifies that county eligibility must be determined annually and exercised for a limited time. Prohibits the use of certain revenues for such purposes.  CA 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0
9	<b>SB 580</b> Oelrich (Similar CS/H 407)	Building Construction Standards; Prohibits a local enforcement agency or building code official from requiring the inspection of any portion of a residential structure that is not directly related to the purpose for which a building permit is sought.  CA 04/04/2011 Fav/CS RI BC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
10	<b>SB 1010</b> Simmons (Identical H 781)	Neighborhood Improvement Districts; Revises the short title to become the "Neighborhoods Improvement Act." Authorizes the governing body of any municipality or county to form a neighborhood improvement district through the adoption of an ordinance rather than by a planning ordinance. Removes provisions pertaining to the creation and funding of safe neighborhood districts. Revises provisions authorizing a local governing body to create a local government neighborhood improvement district, etc.  CA 04/04/2011 Favorable JU BC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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11	<b>CS/SB 1502</b> Military Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security / Simmons (Compare CS/H 1141)	Ad Valorem Tax Exemption/Deployed Servicemembers; Provides for certain servicemembers who receive a homestead exemption and who are deployed in a military operation designated by the Legislature to receive an additional ad valorem tax exemption. Requires that a servicemember apply to the property appraiser to receive the exemption in the year following the year of a qualifying deployment. Requires the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of a concurrent resolution designating qualifying military operations to the Department of Revenue, etc.  MS 03/23/2011 Fav/CS CA 04/04/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
12	<b>SB 1352</b> Hays (Similar H 923)	Public Works Projects; Prohibits the state and political subdivisions that contract for the construction, maintenance, repair, or improvement of public works from imposing certain conditions on certain contractors, subcontractors, or material suppliers or carriers. Provides an exception. Prohibits the state and political subdivisions from restricting qualified bidders from submitting bids, being awarded any bid or contract, or performing work on a public works project. Revises written protest filing requirements for protests to contract solicitations or awards, etc.  CA 04/04/2011 Favorable GO BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 2
13	<b>CS/SB 1570</b> Transportation / Evers (Compare H 1371, CS/S 1180)	Billboard Regulations; Revises requirements for an application for a permit to remove, cut, or trim trees or vegetation around a sign. Requires that the application include a vegetation management plan, a mitigation contribution to a trust fund, or a combination of both. Requires the Department of Transportation to provide notice to the sign owner of beautification projects or vegetation planting. Creates the tourist-oriented commerce signs pilot program. Exempts commercial signs that meet certain criteria from permit requirements, etc.  TR 03/16/2011 Fav/CS CA 04/04/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 2

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14	<b>CS/CS/SB 1086</b> Health Regulation / Criminal Justice / Hill (Compare H 779)	Restraint of Incarcerated Pregnant Women; Prohibits use of restraints on a prisoner known to be pregnant during labor, delivery, and postpartum recovery unless a corrections official makes an individualized determination that the prisoner presents an extraordinary circumstance requiring restraints. Provides that a doctor, nurse, or other health care professional treating the prisoner may request that restraints not be used, in which case the corrections officer or other official accompanying the prisoner shall remove all restraints, etc.  CJ 03/14/2011 Fav/CS HR 03/22/2011 Fav/CS CA 04/04/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0
15	<b>CS/SB 934</b> Environmental Preservation and Conservation / Storms (Compare CS/H 389)	Stormwater Management Permits; Requires that the Department of Environmental Protection initiate rulemaking to adopt a general permit for stormwater management systems serving airside activities at airports. Provides for statewide application of the general permit. Provides for any water management district or delegated local government to administer the general permit. Provides that the rules are not subject to any special rulemaking requirements relating to small business, etc.  EP 03/17/2011 Fav/CS CA 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 9 Nays 0
16	<b>SB 1766</b> Storms (Similar H 1189)	Assessment of Real Property/Challenge Proceedings; Deletes a provision authorizing certain administrative bodies having quasi-judicial powers from authorizing the disclosure of confidential property tax returns. Prohibits the value adjustment board from considering certain evidence or documentation that was not timely disclosed. Authorizes the trier of fact in an administrative or judicial proceeding challenging the assessment of nonhomestead property from considering the financial records of a taxpayer which the taxpayer failed to disclose as previously required, etc.  CA 04/04/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 8 Nays 0

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17	<b>SB 982</b> Norman (Similar CS/H 241)	Wage Protection for Employees; Cites this act as the "Florida Wage Protection Act." Provides legislative findings. Prohibits a county, municipality, or political subdivision of the state from adopting a wage theft ordinance or regulation that exceeds certain state and federal laws. Preempts such activities to the state.  CA 04/04/2011 Favorable JU GO	Favorable Yeas 7 Nays 1
18	<b>SB 534</b> Wise (Identical H 331)	Firesafety; Revises the rulemaking authority and responsibilities of the State Fire Marshal relating to educational and ancillary plants. Revises requirements and procedures for inspections of buildings and equipment. Abolishes special state firesafety inspector classifications and certifications. Provides criteria, procedures, and requirements for special state firesafety inspectors to be certified as firesafety inspectors. Revises firesafety inspection requirements for educational institution boards to conform to certain codes, etc.  BI 03/09/2011 Favorable ED 03/17/2011 Favorable CA 04/04/2011 Favorable HE BC	Favorable Yeas 8 Nays 0
19	<b>SB 1942</b> Bennett (Identical H 4031)	Local Government Services; Repeals provisions relating to efficiency and accountability in local government services.  CA 04/04/2011 Favorable BC	Favorable Yeas 9 Nays 0

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