

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

**ETHICS AND ELECTIONS**  
**Senator Richter, Chair**  
**Senator Legg, Vice Chair**

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015  
**TIME:** 4:00 —6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

**MEMBERS:** Senator Richter, Chair; Senator Legg, Vice Chair; Senators Braynon, Clemens, Flores, Gaetz, Hays, Negrón, Smith, and Thompson

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<b>Greater Orlando Aviation Authority</b>			
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<b>Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board</b>			
9	Bush, Benjamin B. (Tallahassee)	10/31/2016	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
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	Roy, Michael C. (Jacksonville)	10/31/2018	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
<b>Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers</b>			
10	Campanile, Nicholas (Tallahassee)	10/31/2018	Recommend Confirm Yeas 10 Nays 0
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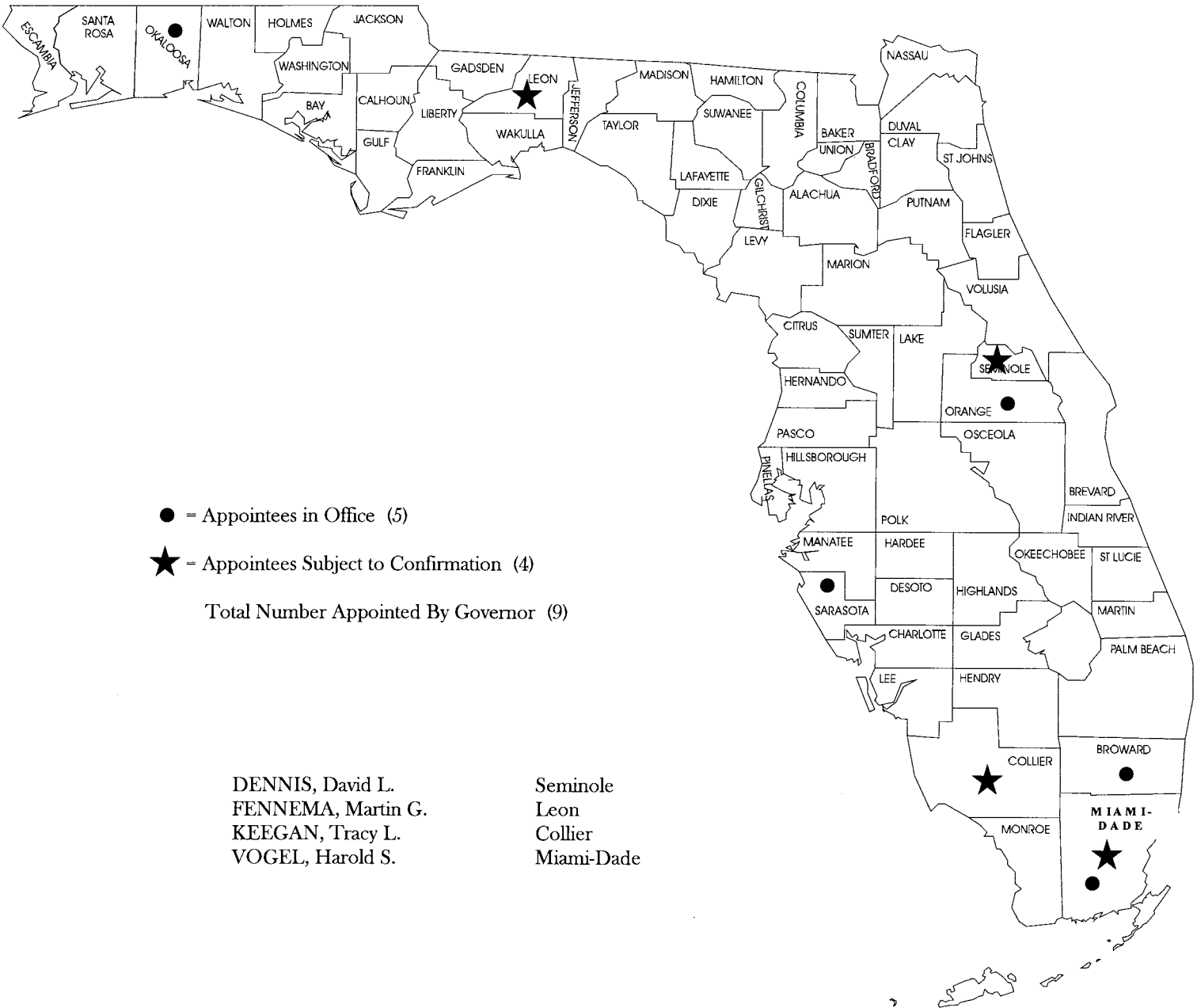
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# Board of Accountancy



DENNIS, David L.  
 FENNEMA, Martin G.  
 KEEGAN, Tracy L.  
 VOGEL, Harold S.

Seminole  
 Leon  
 Collier  
 Miami-Dade



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Dennis, David L.  
 Term: 01/15/2015 – 10/31/2018  
 City/County: Longwood/Seminole  
 Office: Board of Accountancy, Member  
 Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 02/03/2015  
 Prior Term: 04/23/2012 - 10/31/2014

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/18/14
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/25/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Partner at KPMG LLP

**Attendance:** Attended 32 of 33 meetings (97%) from April 23, 2012 through February 24, 2015.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:

- Seven members who are certified public accountants who are licensed in this state and practiced public accounting in this state on a substantially full-time basis for at least five years; and
- Two lay members who are not and have never been certified public accountants or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

At least one member of the board must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Certified Public Accountant  
Number 15 - Mr. Dennis has disclosed that his firm, KPMG, LLP, provides contract accounting services to various state government agencies, state universities, and local county and municipal government agencies.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Fennema, Martin G.

Appointed: 01/16/2015

Term: 01/15/2015 – 10/31/2018

Prior Term: 04/23/2012 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Accountancy, Member

Authority: 473.303, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/9/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/25/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Professor at The Florida State University

**Attendance:** Attended 33 of 33 meetings (100%) from April 23, 2012 through February 24, 2015.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:

- Seven members who are certified public accountants who are licensed in this state and practiced public accounting in this state on a substantially full-time basis for at least five years; and
- Two lay members who are not and have never been certified public accountants or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

At least one member of the board must be sixty years of age or older.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Certified Public Accountant  
Number 19 - Dr. Fennema is currently a professor at the Florida State University, 1993-Present.

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# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Fouche', Julian E.

Appointed: 12/01/2014

Term: 11/26/2014 – 04/16/2018

Prior Term:

City/County: Windermere/Orange

Office: Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Member

Authority: 98-491, s. 3(1), L.O.F.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)	X		See Below
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/15/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Retired

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for reasonable out-of-pocket, travel and per diem expenses incurred while attending authority meetings, other meetings on behalf of the authority, or while engaged in the business of the authority.

**Requirements:** The authority consists of seven members who shall be elected or appointed as follows:

- One incumbent member of the Orlando City Council;
- One incumbent member of the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County;
- Five members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, including:
  - three members who are residents and electors of Orange County;
  - one member who is a resident and elector of Osceola County; and,
  - one member who is a resident and elector of Orange or Seminole County.

Members may NOT be employees of the City of Orlando or Orange County. No person transacting business with the authority, or who can be reasonably expected to transact business with the authority, for himself or as an employee of, agent for, or consultant to any other person or legal entity shall be appointed to the authority. Each appointed member of the authority shall be a person of integrity, responsibility and business ability and who is competent and knowledgeable in one or more fields including, but not limited to: public affairs, law, economics, accounting, engineering, finance, natural resource conservation, energy or another field substantially related to the functions and duties of the authority. It is desirable, but not essential, that one or more appointed members be experienced in some aviation-related field.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.  
Members may be reappointed; except no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms or eight consecutive years, whichever is greater. Required to file Form 1 with SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 6 - Mr. Fouche' served in the U.S. Navy from 1968 to 1974.  
Number 8 - Orange County Resident  
Number 18 - Mr. Fouche' served on the Florida Commission on Tourism from 2004 to 2011. In addition, he served on the Visit Florida, Board of Directors from 2009-2014.

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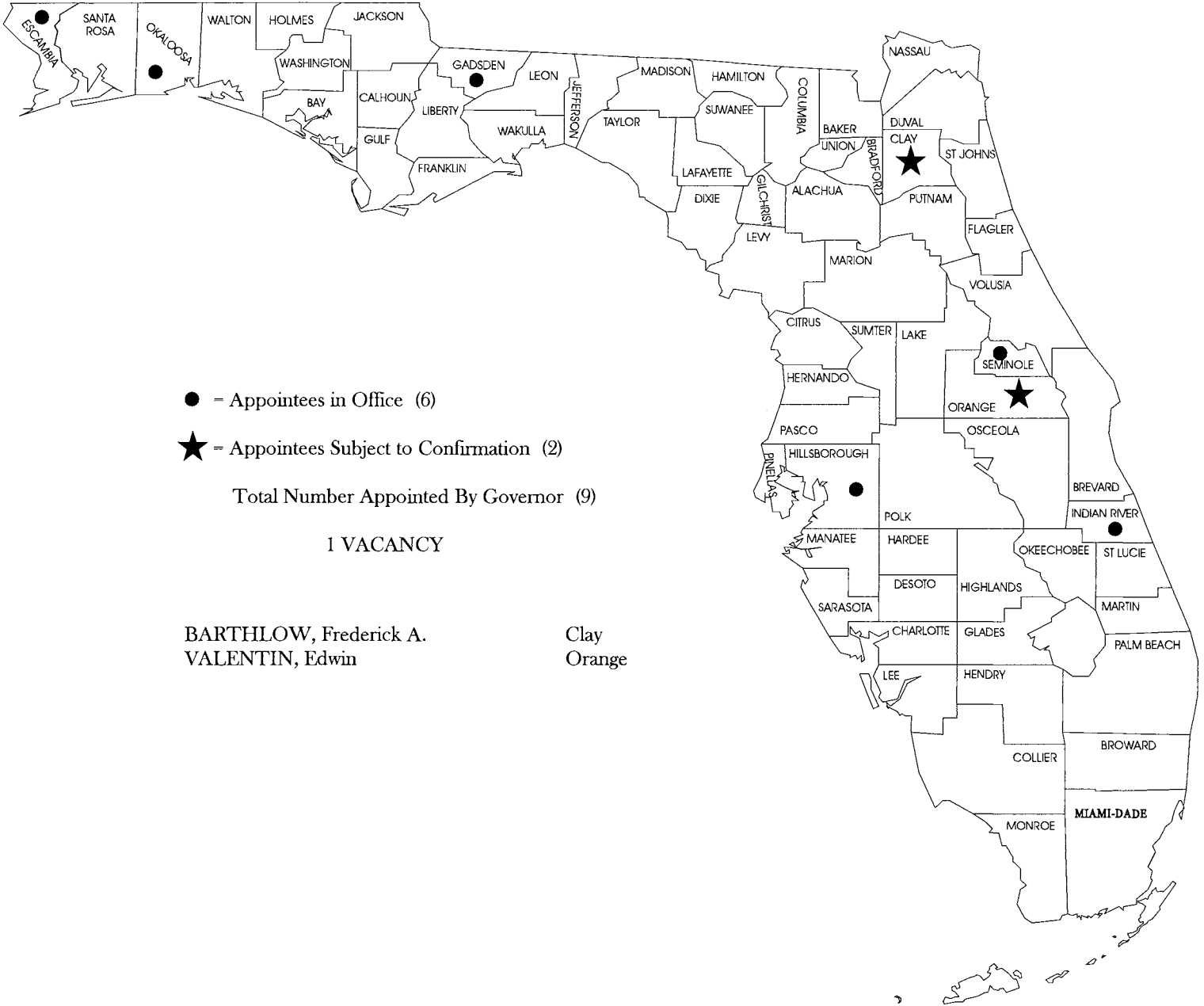
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# Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board



● = Appointees in Office (6)

★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (2)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (9)

1 VACANCY

BARTHLOW, Frederick A.  
VALENTIN, Edwin

Clay  
Orange

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Valentin, Edwin  
 Term: 03/28/2014 – 10/31/2015

Appointed: 03/28/2014  
 Prior Term:

City/County: Orlando/Orange

Office: Florida Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board, Member

Authority: 468.605, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)4, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/5/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record	X		See Below
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/8/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Senior Building Inspector for the City of Orlando

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

**Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:

- One member who is an architect licensed pursuant to chapter 481, one engineer licensed pursuant to chapter 471, or a contractor licensed pursuant to chapter 489 and who is not employed by a municipal, county, or state government agency;
- Two members serving as building code administrators;
- Two members serving as building code inspectors;
- One member serving as a plans examiner;
- One member who is a representative of a city or a charter county; and
- Two consumer members who are not, and have never been, members of a profession regulated under this part, chapters 471, 481, or 489, and neither of whom is an employee of a municipal, county, or state governmental agency.

One consumer member must be a person with a disability or a representative of an organization which represents persons with disabilities.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years. Terms expire on October 31. No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Inspector

Number 9 - The FDLE reported Mr. Valentin was charged with reckless driving in Orange County, Florida on May 14, 2004. He was placed on probation for one year, paid \$845 in court cost, and served 50 community service hours. The DHSMV report also included this reckless driving charge. Mr. Valentin disclosed this violation in his questionnaire.

Number 19 - Mr. Valentin is the Senior Building Inspector for the City of Orlando, 2012-Present. In addition, Mr. Valentin was a Building Inspector for the City of Winter Spring from 2011 to 2012 and he was a Building Inspector for the City of Longwood from 2010 to 2012.

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# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Ryals, Daniel E., III  
 Term: 11/25/2014 – 05/31/2017

Appointed: 12/01/2014  
 Prior Term: 08/03/2009 - 05/31/2013

City/County: Altha/Calhoun

Office: Board of Trustees of Chipola College, Member

Authority: 1001.61(1)(2), F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 6 filed as of 7/1/14
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report		X	See Below
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)	X		See Below
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Broker/Owner/Danny Ryals Real Estate Owner/R & R Warehouses

**Attendance:** Attended 53 of 56 meetings (95%) from August 3, 2009 through February 5, 2015.

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses as provided in s. 112.061, F.S., including mileage to and from official board meetings.

**Requirements:** Florida College System institution District Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the Governor and comprised of:

Five members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board district.

Seven members when a Florida College System institution district is confined to one school board district and the board of trustees so elect.

Not more than nine members when the district contains two or more school board districts.

**Additional Requirements:** Trustees shall be appointed for four-year terms. Terms shall expire May 31 of the year of expiration or as soon thereafter as the successors shall be qualified to serve.  
It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal. Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Calhoun County Resident  
Number 10 - Report 2014-128  
Number 17 - Mr. Ryals serves on the Calhoun County School Board, 2008-Present.  
Number 18 - Mr. Ryals has served on the Board of Trustees of Chipola College since 1/2002.

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 Term: 10/31/2014 – 05/31/2016 Prior Term:  
 City/County: Big Pine Key/Monroe  
 Office: Board of Trustees of Florida Keys Community College, Member  
 Authority: 1001.61(1)(2), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

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It is the duty of the chair to notify the Governor, in writing, when a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any one fiscal year; absences may be grounds for removal. Required to file Form 1 with the SOE's office.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Monroe County Resident  
Number 18 - Mr. Madok served as a Layton City Councilman from 2002 to 2006, and as the Chairman of the Monroe County Fire & Ambulance district from 2002 to 2006.  
Number 19 - Mr. Madok is the Senior Director, Strategic Planning for the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners, 2012-Present. Mr. Madok was the Assistant Finance Director for the Monroe County Clerk of Court from 2004-2012.

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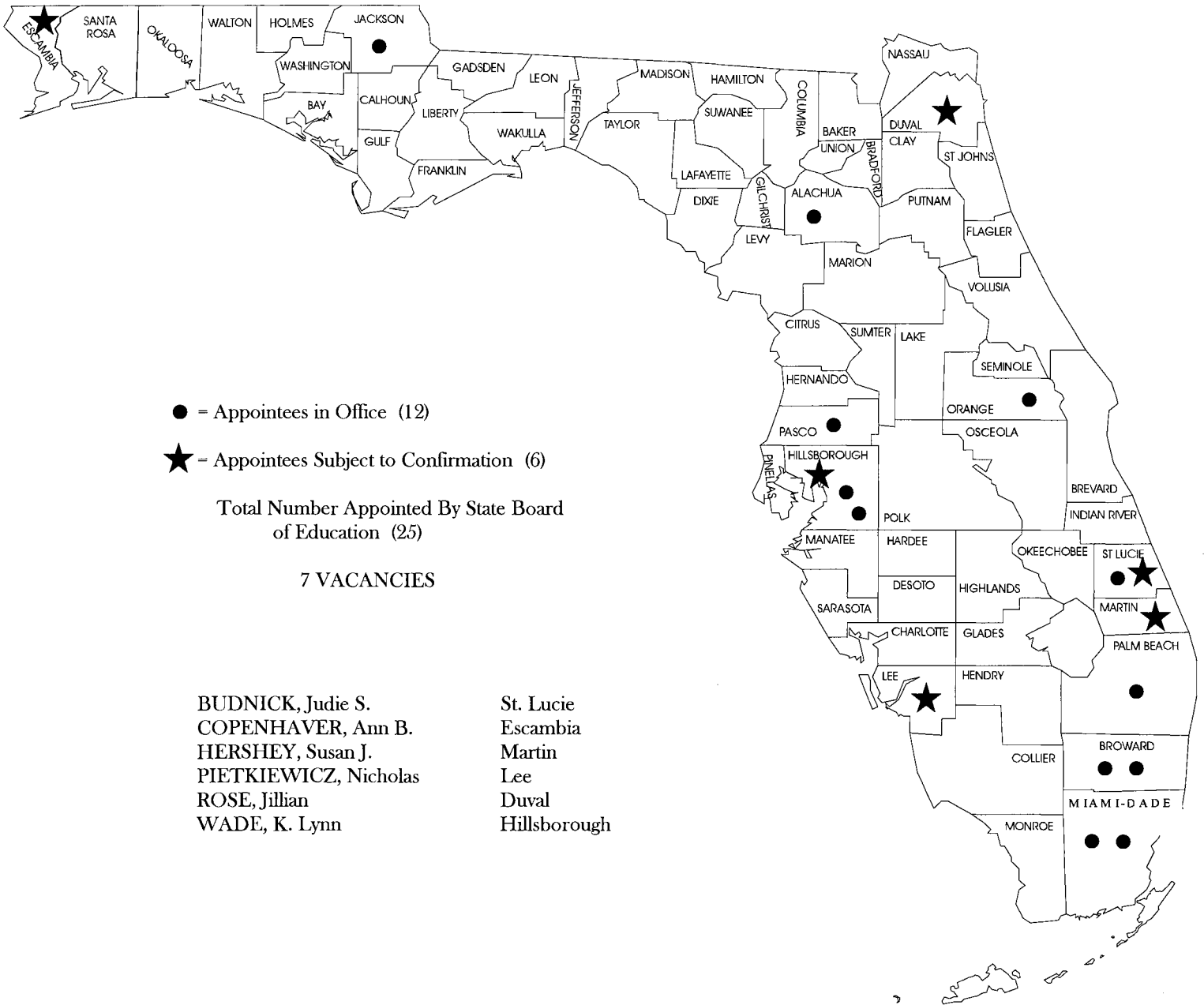
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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Education Practices Commission



BUDNICK, Judie S.  
 COPENHAVER, Ann B.  
 HERSHEY, Susan J.  
 PIETKIEWICZ, Nicholas  
 ROSE, Jillian  
 WADE, K. Lynn

St. Lucie  
 Escambia  
 Martin  
 Lee  
 Duval  
 Hillsborough

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Budnick, Judie S.  
 Term: 05/20/2014 – 09/30/2015  
 City/County: Port St. Lucie/St. Lucie  
 Office: Education Practices Commission, Member  
 Authority: 1012.79(1), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 05/23/2014  
 Prior Term:

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/24/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/8/15; See Below
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:**

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 1012.79(10), F.S.

**Requirements:** The 25-member commission consists of persons appointed by the State Board of Education, from nominations made by the Commissioner of Education, with an effort toward achieving equal geographical representation, as follows:

- Eight teacher members who are certified to teach, and who have practiced the profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Five school administrator members, with at least one of whom shall represent a private school. School administrator members must have an endorsement on the educator certificate in the area of school administration or supervision and must have been practicing school administrators for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Seven lay members, five of whom shall be parents of public school students and who are unrelated to public school employees and two of whom are former district school board members; and
- Five sworn law enforcement officials (each must have served in the profession for at least five years immediately preceding appointment and have background expertise in child safety).

All members shall be residents of the state.

**Additional Requirements:** Members shall serve four-year staggered terms. A member may not serve more than eight years. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member/Former School Board Member  
Number 11 - Ms. Budnick disclosed around 2003, she paid a fine for failing to timely file her financial disclosure statement. This information was not included in the Commission on Ethics report.  
Number 18 - Ms. Budnick served on the Broward County School Board from 1998 to 2004. In addition, Ms. Budnick served on the Florida Schools of Excellence from 2007 to 2010, Florida Healthy Kids from 2000 to 2002, and the Growth Management Commission from 1999 to 2000.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Hershey, Susan J.  
 Term: 09/29/2014 – 09/30/2018  
 City/County: Stuart/Martin  
 Office: Education Practices Commission, Member  
 Authority: 1012.79(1), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 10/06/2014  
 Prior Term:

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/6/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Retired

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 1012.79(10), F.S.

**Requirements:** The 25-member commission consists of persons appointed by the State Board of Education, from nominations made by the Commissioner of Education, with an effort toward achieving equal geographical representation, as follows:

- Eight teacher members who are certified to teach, and who have practiced the profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Five school administrator members, with at least one of whom shall represent a private school. School administrator members must have an endorsement on the educator certificate in the area of school administration or supervision and must have been practicing school administrators for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Seven lay members, five of whom shall be parents of public school students and who are unrelated to public school employees and two of whom are former district school board members; and
- Five sworn law enforcement officials (each must have served in the profession for at least five years immediately preceding appointment and have background expertise in child safety).

All members shall be residents of the state.

**Additional Requirements:** Members shall serve four-year staggered terms. A member may not serve more than eight years. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member/former school board member  
Number 18 - Mrs. Hershey served on the Martin County School Board from 2000 to 2012 and the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council from 2004 to 2012. From 2000 to 2005, Mrs. Hershey served on the Martin Children Services Council. In addition, Mrs. Hershey was a Stuart City Commissioner from 1990 to 1996.  
Number 19 - Mrs. Hershey worked as a teacher for the Martin County School Board from 1974 to 2000.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Pietkiewicz, Nicholas  
 Term: 09/29/2014 – 09/30/2016  
 City/County: Ft. Myers/Lee  
 Office: Education Practices Commission, Member  
 Authority: 1012.79(1), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 10/06/2014  
 Prior Term:

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida		X	
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 12/23/14
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Teacher in Lee County

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 1012.79(10), F.S.



**Requirements:** The 25-member commission consists of persons appointed by the State Board of Education, from nominations made by the Commissioner of Education, with an effort toward achieving equal geographical representation, as follows:

- Eight teacher members who are certified to teach, and who have practiced the profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Five school administrator members, with at least one of whom shall represent a private school. School administrator members must have an endorsement on the educator certificate in the area of school administration or supervision and must have been practicing school administrators for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Seven lay members, five of whom shall be parents of public school students and who are unrelated to public school employees and two of whom are former district school board members; and
- Five sworn law enforcement officials (each must have served in the profession for at least five years immediately preceding appointment and have background expertise in child safety).

All members shall be residents of the state.

**Additional Requirements:** Members shall serve four-year staggered terms. A member may not serve more than eight years. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Teacher  
Number 19 - Mr. Pietkiewicz is currently a Teacher in Lee County, since 2004.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Wade, K. Lynn  
 Term: 09/29/2014 – 09/30/2018  
 City/County: Tampa/Hillsborough  
 Office: Education Practices Commission, Member  
 Authority: 1012.79(1), F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 10/06/2014  
 Prior Term:

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 12/18/14
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Principal at the Florida College Academy

**Compensation:** Reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 1012.79(10), F.S.

**Requirements:** The 25-member commission consists of persons appointed by the State Board of Education, from nominations made by the Commissioner of Education, with an effort toward achieving equal geographical representation, as follows:

- Eight teacher members who are certified to teach, and who have practiced the profession for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Five school administrator members, with at least one of whom shall represent a private school. School administrator members must have an endorsement on the educator certificate in the area of school administration or supervision and must have been practicing school administrators for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment;
- Seven lay members, five of whom shall be parents of public school students and who are unrelated to public school employees and two of whom are former district school board members; and
- Five sworn law enforcement officials (each must have served in the profession for at least five years immediately preceding appointment and have background expertise in child safety).

All members shall be residents of the state.

**Additional Requirements:** Members shall serve four-year staggered terms. A member may not serve more than eight years. Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Private School Administrator  
Number 19 - Mr. Wade previously held positions of principal and district supervisor during his employment with the Hillsborough County Public Schools District from 1972 to 2008.

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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015

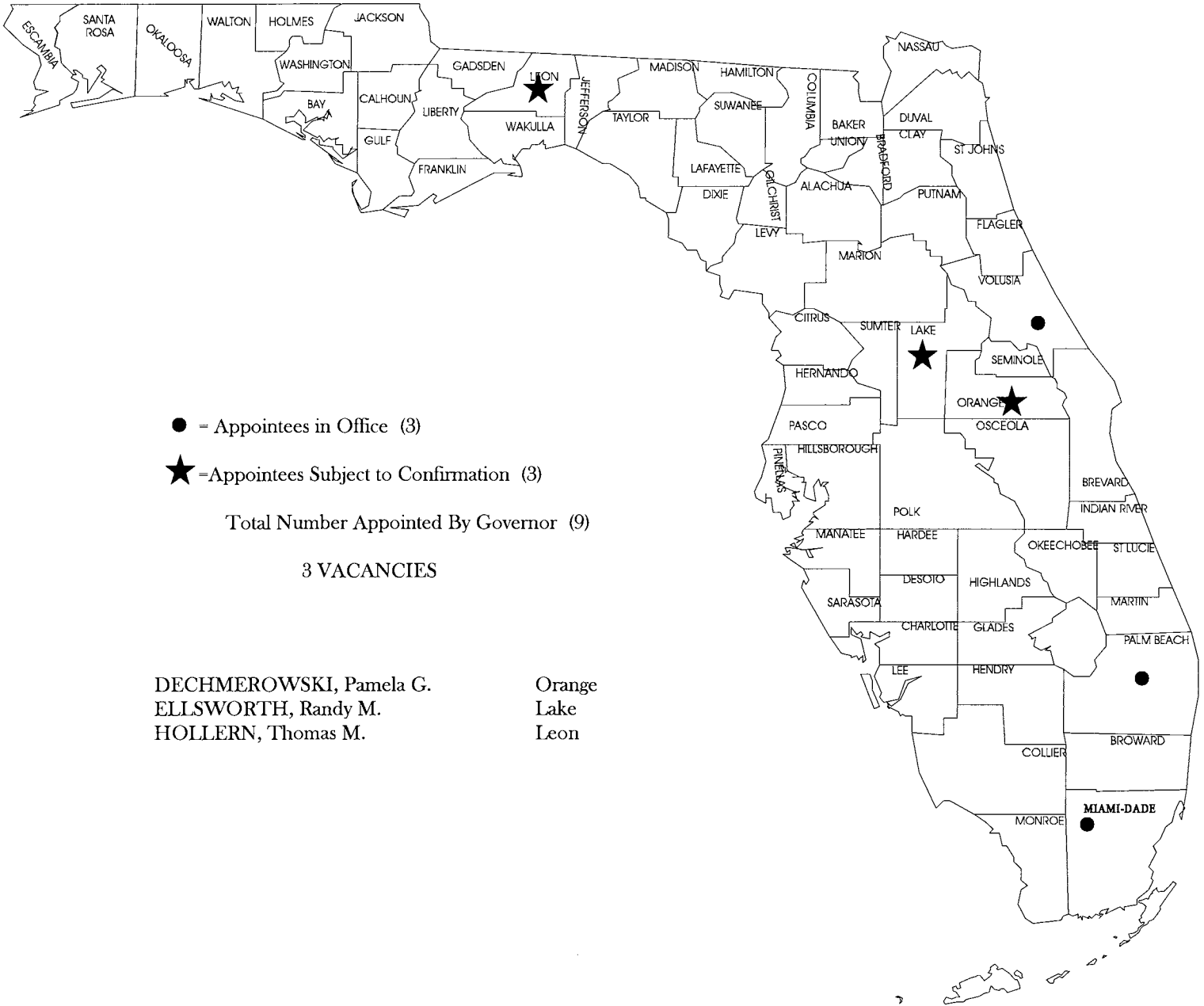
**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

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# Board of Hearing Aid Specialists



- = Appointees in Office (3)
- ★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (3)

Total Number Appointed By Governor (9)

3 VACANCIES

DECHMEROWSKI, Pamela G.  
 ELLSWORTH, Randy M.  
 HOLLERN, Thomas M.

Orange  
 Lake  
 Leon

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Ellsworth, Randy M.  
 Term: 06/16/2014 – 10/31/2016

Appointed: 06/16/2014  
 Prior Term: 02/19/2014 - 10/31/2016

City/County: Clermont/Lake  
 Office: Board of Hearing Aid Specialists, Member  
 Authority: 484.042(1), F.S. & 20.43(3)(g)25, F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/23/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/8/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Hearing Aid Specialist, Encore Hearing

**Attendance:** Attended 3 of 3 meetings (100%) from February 19, 2014 through January 5, 2015.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

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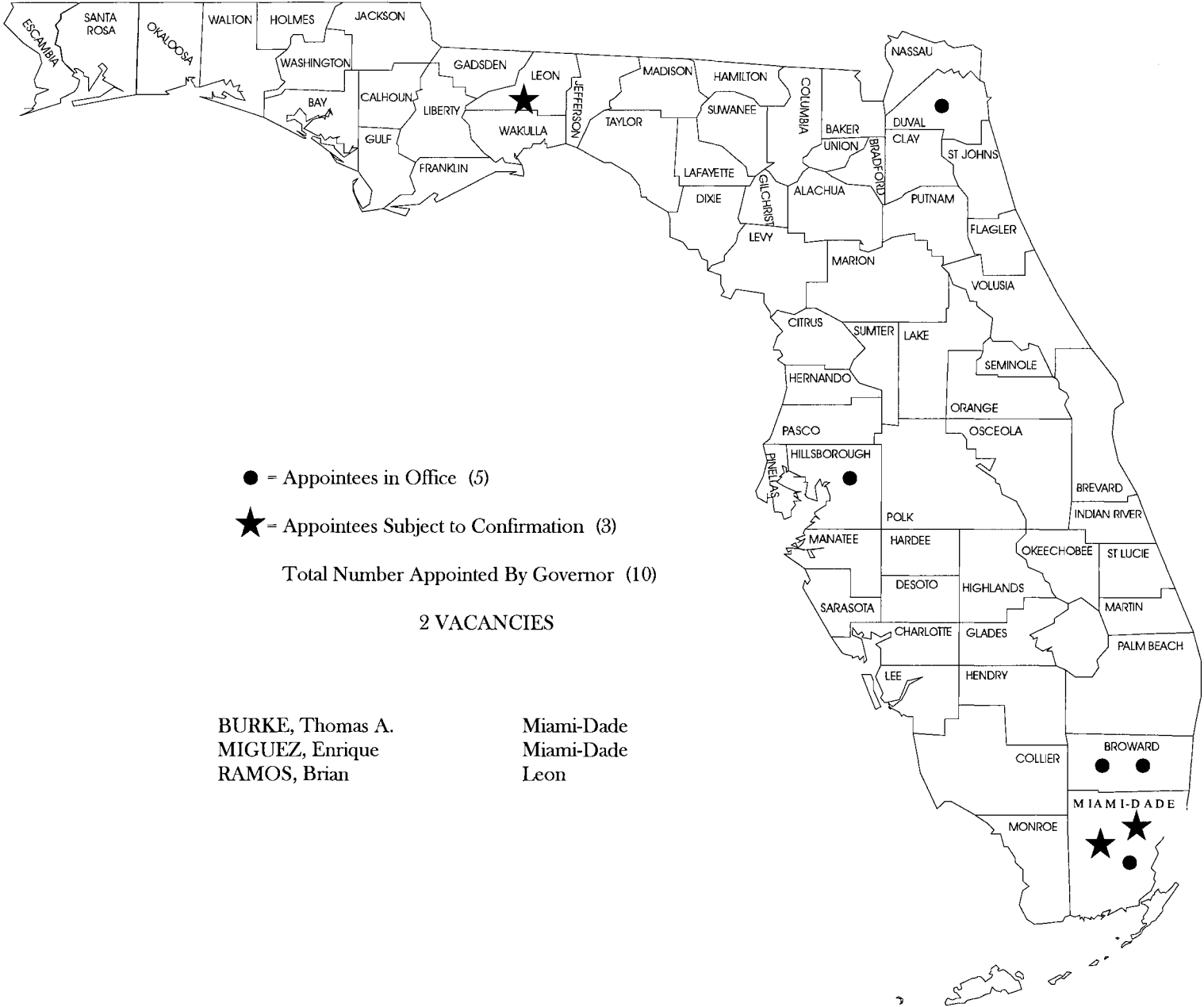
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**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Pilot Commissioners



BURKE, Thomas A.  
 MIGUEZ, Enrique  
 RAMOS, Brian

Miami-Dade  
 Miami-Dade  
 Leon



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Ramos, Brian  
 Term: 08/29/2014 – 10/31/2016  
 City/County: Tallahassee/Leon  
 Office: Board of Pilot Commissioners, Member  
 Authority: 310.011, F.S. & 20.165(5)( F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Appointed: 09/02/2014  
 Prior Term:

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 2/5/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 1/8/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended			Not Applicable
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Chief Marketing Officer for The POD Advertising

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The ten-member board consists of:
- Five licensed state pilots who are actively practicing their profession. The Governor shall appoint:
    - one member from the state at large;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Pensacola, Panama City, or Port St. Joe;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Tampa Bay, Boca Grande, Punta Gorda, Charlotte Harbor or Key West;
    - one member from any of the following ports: Fernandina, Jacksonville, or Port Canaveral; and
    - one member from any of the following ports: Ft. Pierce, Miami, Port Everglades, or Palm Beach.
  - Five members who are citizens of the state who are not licensed pilots, three of whom are not involved in or monetarily interested in the piloting profession, the maritime industry or marine shipping, one whom shall be actively involved in a professional or business capacity in maritime or marine shipping, and one who shall be a user of piloting services. The "user of piloting services" may be an owner, manager, or employee of a business, which regularly uses the piloting services of licensed state pilots.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Citizen Member

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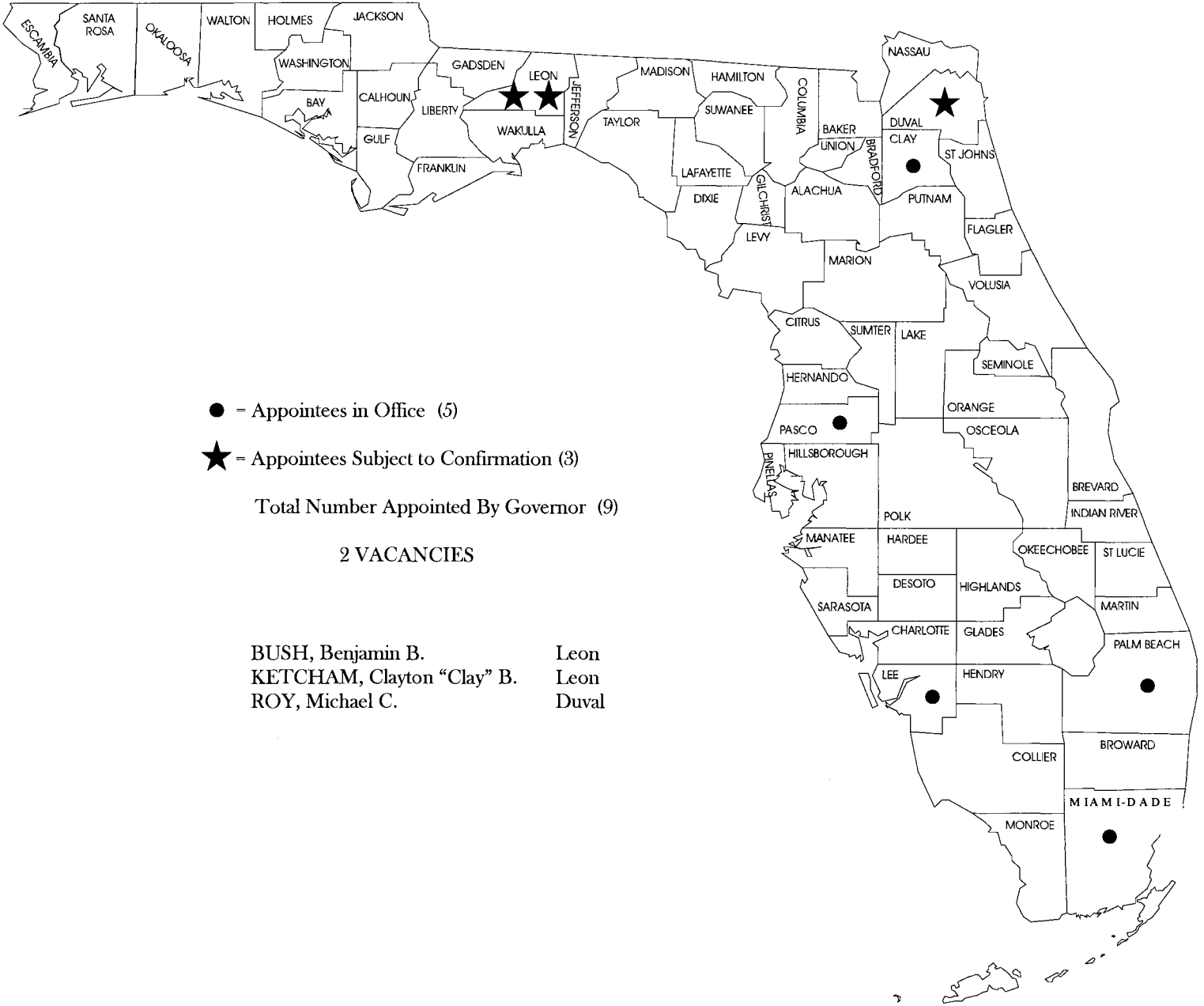
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**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board



● - Appointees in Office (5)  
 ★ = Appointees Subject to Confirmation (3)  
 Total Number Appointed By Governor (9)  
 2 VACANCIES

BUSH, Benjamin B.	Leon
KETCHAM, Clayton "Clay" B.	Leon
ROY, Michael C.	Duval

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Bush, Benjamin B.

Appointed: 01/02/2015

Term: 12/23/2014 – 10/31/2016

Prior Term:

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, Member

Authority: 475.613, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/15/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee		X	
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Attorney at Gardner, Bist, Wiener

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:
- Four members of the board must be real estate appraisers who have been engaged in the general practice of appraising real property in this state for at least five years immediately preceding appointment. Two of the members must be licensed or certified residential real estate appraisers and two of the members must be certified general real estate appraisers at the time of the appointment;
  - Two members of the board must represent the appraisal management industry;
  - One member who represents organizations that use appraisals for the purpose of eminent domain proceedings, financial transactions, or mortgage insurance; and
  - Two members who are representatives of the general public and shall not be connected in any way with the practice of real estate appraisal.

In appointing the real estate appraisers, while not excluding other appraisers, the Governor shall give preference to real estate appraisers who are not primarily engaged in real estate brokerage or mortgage lending activities. The appraiser members shall be as representative of the entire industry as possible, and membership in a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal organization shall not be a prerequisite to membership on the board. To the extent possible, no more than two members of the board shall be primarily affiliated with any one particular national or state appraisal association.

**Additional** Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:** Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Lay Member  
Number 15 - Mr. Bush disclosed that his partners and other attorneys at his law firm have contractual relationships with various local government entities.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Ketcham, Clayton "Clay" Blane

Appointed: 01/02/2015

Term: 12/23/2014 – 10/31/2018

Prior Term: 04/23/2012 - 10/31/2014

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, Member

Authority: 475.613, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/30/14
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)	X		See Below
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Real Estate Appraiser, Ketcham Appraisal Group, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 19 of 20 meetings (95%) from April 23, 2012 through February 5, 2015.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:
- Four members of the board must be real estate appraisers who have been engaged in the general practice of appraising real property in this state for at least five years immediately preceding appointment. Two of the members must be licensed or certified residential real estate appraisers and two of the members must be certified general real estate appraisers at the time of the appointment;
  - Two members of the board must represent the appraisal management industry;
  - One member who represents organizations that use appraisals for the purpose of eminent domain proceedings, financial transactions, or mortgage insurance; and
  - Two members who are representatives of the general public and shall not be connected in any way with the practice of real estate appraisal.

In appointing the real estate appraisers, while not excluding other appraisers, the Governor shall give preference to real estate appraisers who are not primarily engaged in real estate brokerage or mortgage lending activities. The appraiser members shall be as representative of the entire industry as possible, and membership in a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal organization shall not be a prerequisite to membership on the board. To the extent possible, no more than two members of the board shall be primarily affiliated with any one particular national or state appraisal association.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Real Estate Appraiser

Number 15 - Mr. Ketcham is the owner of Ketcham Appraisal Group, Inc., a contract provider of real estate appraisal services for the Department of Environmental Protection and the Leon County Government.

Number 18 - Mr. Ketcham served on the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board from 1995 to 1998.

Number 19 - Mr. Ketcham worked for the Department of Natural Resources from 1981 to 1984. Mr. Ketcham also worked for the Leon County Property Appraiser's Office from 1976 to 1981. Mr. Ketcham is an Adjunct Professor with the Florida State University.



# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Roy, Michael C. Appointed: 01/02/2015  
 Term: 12/23/2014 – 10/31/2018 Prior Term: 01/24/2014 - 10/31/2014  
 City/County: Jacksonville/Duval  
 Office: Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board, Member  
 Authority: 475.613, F.S. & 20.165(4)(b)1, F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 1/26/15
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/25/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Vice President of Lampe, Roy & Associates (Real Estate Appraisal)

**Attendance:** Attended 7 of 8 meetings (88%) from January 24, 2014 through February 23, 2015.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board consists of:
- Four members of the board must be real estate appraisers who have been engaged in the general practice of appraising real property in this state for at least five years immediately preceding appointment. Two of the members must be licensed or certified residential real estate appraisers and two of the members must be certified general real estate appraisers at the time of the appointment;
  - Two members of the board must represent the appraisal management industry;
  - One member who represents organizations that use appraisals for the purpose of eminent domain proceedings, financial transactions, or mortgage insurance; and
  - Two members who are representatives of the general public and shall not be connected in any way with the practice of real estate appraisal.

In appointing the real estate appraisers, while not excluding other appraisers, the Governor shall give preference to real estate appraisers who are not primarily engaged in real estate brokerage or mortgage lending activities. The appraiser members shall be as representative of the entire industry as possible, and membership in a nationally recognized or state-recognized appraisal organization shall not be a prerequisite to membership on the board. To the extent possible, no more than two members of the board shall be primarily affiliated with any one particular national or state appraisal association.

**Additional** Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:** Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

- Notes:** Number 8 - Real Estate Appraiser  
Number 15 - Mr. Roy's company is a vendor to government agencies providing contracted independent appraiser services.  
Number 19 - Mr. Roy worked for the Department of Transportation from 1974 to 1980.

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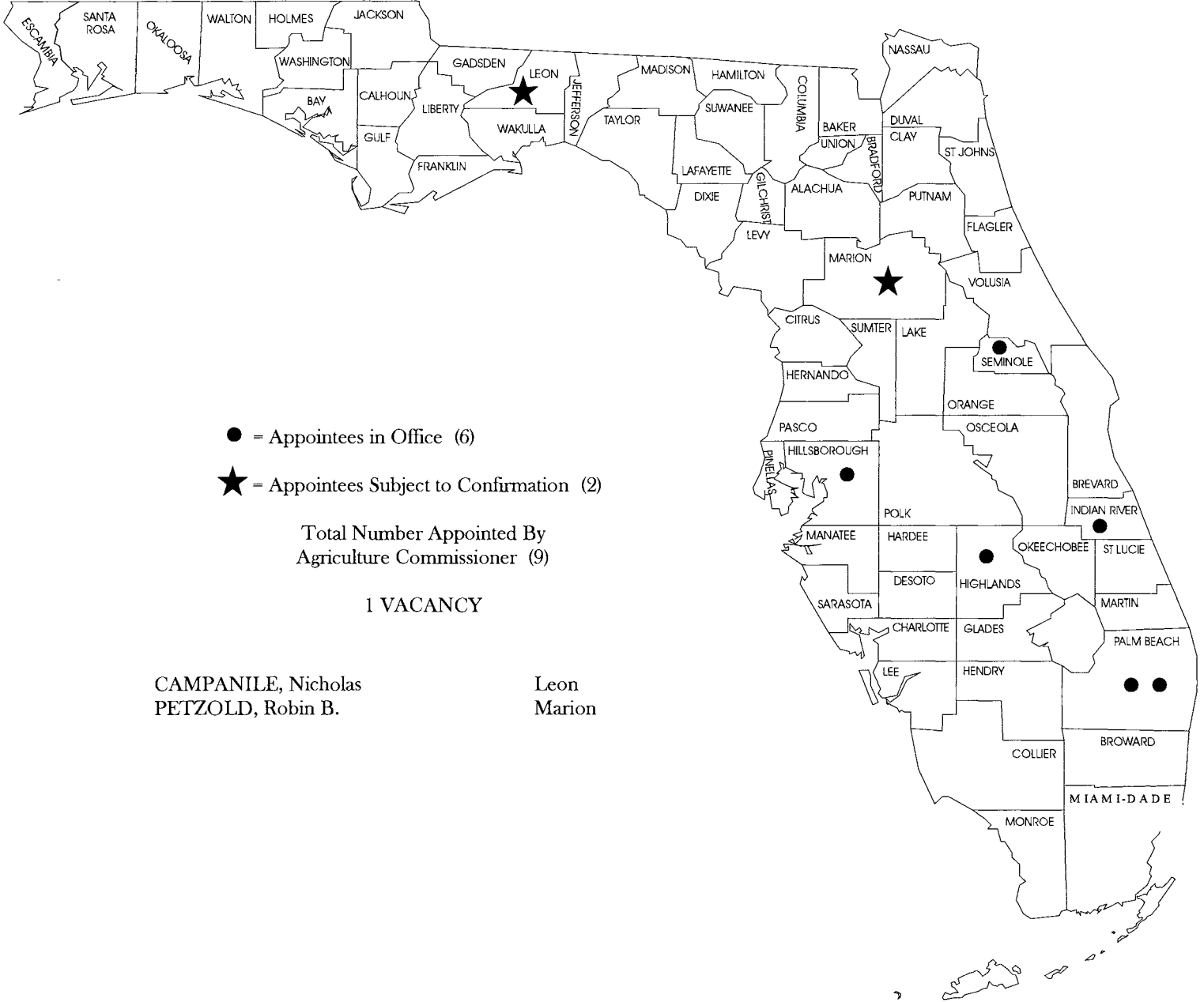
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**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, March 10, 2015

**TIME:** 4:00—6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building

# Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers



Total Number Appointed By  
Agriculture Commissioner (9)

1 VACANCY

CAMPANILE, Nicholas  
PETZOLD, Robin B.

Leon  
Marion

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Campanile, Nicholas

Appointed: 01/16/2015

Term: 11/01/2014 – 10/31/2018

Prior Term:

City/County: Tallahassee/Leon

Office: Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, Member

Authority: 472.007, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)14, F.S.

Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 7/2/14
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			Not Applicable
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)		X	
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Bureau Chief, Bureau of Surveying and Mapping, Department of Environmental Protection

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture consists of:
- Six members who are registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged in the practice of surveying and mapping;
  - One member who is a registered surveyor and mapper with the designation of photogrammetrist; and
  - Two lay members who are not and never have been surveyors and mappers or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

**Additional** Terms are for four years.

**Requirements:** Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

**Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Surveyor

Number 19 - Mr. Campanile has been an employee with the Department of Environmental Protection, since 2001 and his current position is Bureau Chief, Bureau of Surveying and Mapping. Mr. Campanile also was an Adjunct Professor at Tallahassee Community College 2006 to 2013 and the Miami Dade Community College, 1987 to 1994.

# Recommendation for Senate Confirmation of Executive Appointment

Appointee: Petzold, Robin B. Appointed: 01/16/2015  
 Term: 11/01/2014 – 10/31/2018 Prior Term: 05/01/2012 - 10/31/2014  
 City/County: Citra/Marion  
 Office: Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers, Member  
 Authority: 472.007, F.S. & 20.165(4)(a)14, F.S.  
 Reference(s): Committee on Ethics and Elections

Executive Appointment Questionnaire	Yes	No	Notes
1. Questionnaire completed	X		
2. Questionnaire notarized	X		
3. US Citizen (sworn statement)	X		
4. Florida Resident (sworn statement)	X		
5. Registered Voter in Florida	X		
6. Honorable Discharge (sworn statement)			Not Applicable
7. Financial Disclosure Filed	X		Form 1 filed as of 6/20/14
8. Meets Requirements of Law	X		See Below
9. Conviction Record		X	
10. Adverse Auditor General Report			No Report
11. Adverse Ethics Commission Action		X	As of 2/12/15
12. Previously Suspended from Office		X	
13. Previously Refused Bond (sworn statement)		X	
14. Licenses or Certification Revoked/Suspended		X	
15. Contracts with State/Local Governments (sworn statement)	X		See Below
16. Contracts with Pending Office		X	
17. Holds Another Public Office (sworn statement)		X	
18. Previously a Public Officer (sworn statement)		X	
19. Present or Past Government Employee	X		See Below
20. Currently a Registered Lobbyist		X	

**Occupation:** Senior V.P. of the Wantman Group, Inc.

**Attendance:** Attended 22 of 22 meetings (100%) from May 1, 2012 through February 5, 2015.

**Compensation:** Fifty dollars per day while attending to the business of the board; reimbursed for expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, F.S.

- Requirements:** The nine-member board appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture consists of:
- Six members who are registered surveyors and mappers primarily engaged in the practice of surveying and mapping;
  - One member who is a registered surveyor and mapper with the designation of photogrammetrist; and
  - Two lay members who are not and never have been surveyors and mappers or members of any closely related profession or occupation.

**Additional Requirements:** Terms are for four years.

Terms expire on October 31.

No member shall serve more than the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms.

Required to file Form 1 with the Commission on Ethics.

- Notes:** Number 8 - Registered Surveyor  
Number 15 - Mr. Petzold disclosed that he is the V.P. of the Wantman Group, Inc. which is a consulting firm that provides contract services to government agencies.  
Number 19 - Mr. Petzold previously taught as an adjunct faculty instructor at Palm Beach Community College. Mr. Petzold worked as an Animal Technician for the Department of Agriculture from 1980 to 1981.



**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

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BILL: SB 184

INTRODUCER: Senator Evers

SUBJECT: Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

DATE: March 6, 2015

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Fox	Roberts	EE	<b>Favorable</b>
2.			MS	
3.			FP	

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**I. Summary:**

SB 184 expands the use of the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (“FWAB”) to include state constitutional amendments, local ballot measures, and judicial merit retention elections. In addition, the bill delays the canvassing of an FWAB until 10 days after the presidential preference primary (“PPP”) or general election. This will allow the elector’s original ballot to be counted [in lieu of an FWAB] if it is received during that 10-day window (provided it is otherwise proper).

The FWAB is considered a “ballot of last resort” for absent, active-duty military (and their families) and overseas citizens who timely request, but fail to receive, an official absentee ballot from their county supervisor of elections.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (FWAB) is a federally-mandated alternative, or “back-up,” ballot that allows otherwise-eligible overseas citizens and absent, active-duty military (and their families) to cast votes in federal elections,<sup>1</sup> *provided* they made a timely-request for a regular absentee ballot. Most states have also authorized the FWAB for voting in certain state and local elections.

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<sup>1</sup> From its inception in 1986 (Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act [UOCAVA]) until it was amended effective 2010, the FWAB was mandated only for **federal general** elections. *See*, U.S. Dep’t of Justice, Civil Rights Division web site at [http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/vot/misc/activ\\_uoc.php](http://www.justice.gov/crt/about/vot/misc/activ_uoc.php), last accessed January 22, 2015. In 2010, the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE) expanded the required use of the FWAB to *all federal* elections, including *primaries*. *Id*; *see also*, 42 U.S.C. s. 1973ff-1(a).

In 2011, Florida expanded the FWAB’s “ballot-of-last-resort<sup>2</sup>” use beyond just federal elections to include state and local elections involving two or more candidates.<sup>3</sup> At the time, the FWAB was designed *solely* for candidate races, with lines for designating candidates’ names and offices sought; *it did not embrace ballot elections requiring a voter’s affirmation or rejection*. In August 2013, the federal government modified the FWAB form to specifically include spaces for “Ballot Initiatives” and the “Initiative Vote.”<sup>4</sup>

The canvassing of an FWAB that otherwise meets all the legal requirements for validity is a bit confusing, especially when both an FWAB and the elector’s original absentee ballot are received: timing is determinative - <sup>5</sup>

- If the *only ballot* a supervisor timely receives from an elector is the **FWAB, it is counted**.
- If the supervisor receives *both an FWAB and the elector’s official absentee ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day*, then the elector’s **official ballot is counted**.
- If the *only ballot* a supervisor receives from an elector *by 7 pm on Election Day* is the FWAB, then the **FWAB is counted** — regardless of whether the elector’s original ballot is subsequently received within a special 10-day validity window after Election Day that the statutes provide for the PPP and general election.<sup>6</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

SB 184 eliminates Florida’s “multi-candidate restriction,” and authorizes the FWAB as a “ballot of last resort” for eligible voters in all federal, state, and local elections — including statewide constitutional initiatives, local ballot measures, and judicial merit retention elections for the Florida Supreme Court and district courts of appeal. It specifically directs that votes cast in judicial retention elections be treated in the same manner as ballot measures requiring a “yes” or “no” vote. Finally, it requires the Department of State to adopt rules prescribing what markings, symbols, or language on the FWAB constitute a valid vote with regard to these new elections.

In addition, the bill delays the canvassing of an FWAB until *10 days after the PPP or general election*, so that the elector’s original ballot can be counted (in lieu of the FWAB) if it is received during that 10-day window (provided it is otherwise legal and proper). This should allow the canvassing board to better determine a voter’s intent<sup>7</sup> (in most cases) and to more efficiently and accurately canvass the votes — since the ballot doesn’t have to be duplicated to run through the tabulators.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Eligible military or overseas voter must have timely requested and not received an official absentee ballot in order to vote by FWAB. Section 101.6952(2)(a), F.S.

<sup>3</sup> Ch. 2011-162, Laws of Fla.

<sup>4</sup> Current FVAP form and instructions, available at Federal Voting Assistance Program web site: <https://www.fvap.gov/uploads/FVAP/Forms/fwab2013.pdf>, last accessed January 22, 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Section 101.6952(3)(b), F.S.

<sup>6</sup> An absentee ballot from an overseas elector in a PPP or general election will count if it is received up to 10 days after the date of the election, provided it is postmarked or dated no later than Election Day. Section 101.6952(5), F.S.

<sup>7</sup> The form of the original ballot is pre-printed with specific information for each contest (i.e., candidate names, designated arrows/ovals, better headers, less-confusing spacing).

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

## C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 101.6952 and 102.166.

**IX. Additional Information:**

## A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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By Senator Evers

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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to the federal write-in absentee  
 3 ballot; amending s. 101.6952, F.S.; authorizing absent  
 4 uniformed services voters and overseas voters to use  
 5 the federal write-in absentee ballot in any state or  
 6 local election; authorizing an elector to vote on any  
 7 ballot measure in an election using the federal write-  
 8 in absentee ballot under certain circumstances;  
 9 specifying that a vote cast in a judicial merit  
 10 retention election is treated in the same manner as a  
 11 vote on certain ballot measures; allowing for  
 12 abbreviations, misspellings, and other minor  
 13 variations in the name of a ballot measure;  
 14 prohibiting the supervisor of elections from  
 15 canvassing federal write-in absentee ballots from  
 16 overseas voters in certain elections until 10 days  
 17 after the date of the election; making technical  
 18 changes; amending s. 102.166, F.S.; revising minimum  
 19 requirements for Department of State rules used to  
 20 determine what constitutes a valid vote on a federal  
 21 write-in absentee ballot; providing an effective date.

22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 24  
 25 Section 1. Subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection  
 26 (3) of section 101.6952, Florida Statutes, are amended, and  
 27 subsection (5) of that section is republished, to read:

28 101.6952 Absentee ballots for absent uniformed services and  
 29 overseas voters.—

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30 (2) (a) An absent uniformed services voter or an overseas  
 31 voter who makes timely application for but does not receive an  
 32 official absentee ballot may use the federal write-in absentee  
 33 ballot to vote in any federal, election and any state, or local  
 34 election ~~involving two or more candidates.~~

35 (b)1. In an election for federal office, an elector may  
 36 designate a candidate by writing the name of a candidate on the  
 37 ballot. Except for a primary or special primary election, the  
 38 elector may alternatively designate a candidate by writing the  
 39 name of a political party on the ballot. A written designation  
 40 of the political party shall be counted as a vote for the  
 41 candidate of that party if there is such a party candidate in  
 42 the race.

43 2. ~~In an election for a state or local election office,~~ an  
 44 elector may vote in the section of the federal write-in absentee  
 45 ballot designated for nonfederal races by writing on the ballot  
 46 the title of each office and by writing on the ballot the name  
 47 of the candidate for whom the elector is voting. Except for a  
 48 primary, special primary, or nonpartisan election, the elector  
 49 may alternatively designate a candidate by writing the name of a  
 50 political party on the ballot. A written designation of the  
 51 political party shall be counted as a vote for the candidate of  
 52 that party if there is such a party candidate in the race. In  
 53 addition, the elector may vote on any ballot measure presented  
 54 in such election by identifying the ballot measure on which he  
 55 or she desires to vote and specifying his or her vote on the  
 56 measure. For purposes of this section, a vote cast in a judicial  
 57 merit retention election shall be treated in the same manner as  
 58 a ballot measure in which the only allowable responses are "Yes"

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59 or "NO."

60 (c) In the case of a joint candidacy, such as for the  
61 offices of President/Vice President or Governor/Lieutenant  
62 Governor, a valid vote for one or both qualified candidates on  
63 the same ticket shall constitute a vote for the joint candidacy.

64 (d) For purposes of this subsection and except when where  
65 the context clearly indicates otherwise, such as when where a  
66 candidate in the election is affiliated with a political party  
67 whose name includes the word "Independent," "Independence," or a  
68 similar term, a voter designation of "No Party Affiliation" or  
69 "Independent," or any minor variation, misspelling, or  
70 abbreviation thereof, shall be considered a designation for the  
71 candidate, other than a write-in candidate, who qualified to run  
72 in the race with no party affiliation. If more than one  
73 candidate qualifies to run as a candidate with no party  
74 affiliation, the designation may shall not count for any  
75 candidate unless there is a valid, additional designation of the  
76 candidate's name.

77 (e) Any abbreviation, misspelling, or other minor variation  
78 in the form of the name of an office, the name of a candidate,  
79 the ballot measure, or the name of a political party must be  
80 disregarded in determining the validity of the ballot.

81 (3)

82 (b) A federal write-in absentee ballot may not be canvassed  
83 until 7 p.m. on the day of the election. A federal write-in  
84 absentee ballot from an overseas voter in a presidential  
85 preference primary or general election may not be canvassed  
86 until the conclusion of the 10-day period specified in  
87 subsection (5). Each federal write-in absentee ballot received

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88 by 7 p.m. on the day of the election shall be canvassed pursuant  
89 to ss. 101.5614(5) and 101.68, unless the elector's official  
90 absentee ballot is received by 7 p.m. on election day. Each  
91 federal write-in absentee ballot from an overseas voter in a  
92 presidential preference primary or general election received by  
93 10 days after the date of the election shall be canvassed  
94 pursuant to ss. 101.5614(5) and 101.68, unless the overseas  
95 voter's official absentee ballot is received by 10 days after  
96 the date of the election. If the elector's official absentee  
97 ballot is received by 7 p.m. on election day, or, for an  
98 overseas voter in a presidential preference primary or general  
99 election, no later than 10 days after the date of the election,  
100 the federal write-in absentee ballot is invalid and the official  
101 absentee ballot shall be canvassed. The time shall be regulated  
102 by the customary time in standard use in the county seat of the  
103 locality.

104 (5) An absentee ballot from an overseas voter in any  
105 presidential preference primary or general election which is  
106 postmarked or dated no later than the date of the election and  
107 is received by the supervisor of elections of the county in  
108 which the overseas voter is registered no later than 10 days  
109 after the date of the election shall be counted as long as the  
110 absentee ballot is otherwise proper.

111 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 102.166, Florida  
112 Statutes, is amended to read:

113 102.166 Manual recounts of overvotes and undervotes.—

114 (4) (a) A vote for a candidate or ballot measure shall be  
115 counted if there is a clear indication on the ballot that the  
116 voter has made a definite choice.

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117 (b) The Department of State shall adopt specific rules for  
 118 the federal write-in absentee ballot and for each certified  
 119 voting system prescribing what constitutes a "clear indication  
 120 on the ballot that the voter has made a definite choice." The  
 121 rules shall be consistent, to the extent practicable, and may  
 122 not:

123 1. Exclusively provide that the voter must properly mark or  
 124 designate his or her choice on the ballot; or

125 2. Contain a catch-all provision that fails to identify  
 126 specific standards, such as "any other mark or indication  
 127 clearly indicating that the voter has made a definite choice."

128 (c) The rule for the federal write-in absentee ballot must  
 129 address, at a minimum, the following issues:

130 1. The appropriate lines or spaces for designating a  
 131 candidate choice and, for state and local races, the office or  
 132 ballot measure to be voted, including the proximity of each to  
 133 the other and the effect of intervening blank lines.

134 2. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or  
 135 last name when no other candidate in the race has the same or a  
 136 similar name.

137 3. The sufficiency of designating a candidate's first or  
 138 last name when an opposing candidate has the same or a similar  
 139 name, notwithstanding generational suffixes and titles such as  
 140 "Jr.," "Sr.," or "III." The rule should contemplate the  
 141 sufficiency of additional first names and first initials, middle  
 142 names and middle initials, generational suffixes and titles,  
 143 nicknames, and, in general elections, the name or abbreviation  
 144 of a political party.

145 4. Candidate designations containing both a qualified

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146 candidate's name and a political party, including those in which  
 147 ~~where~~ the party designated is the candidate's party, is not the  
 148 candidate's party, has an opposing candidate in the race, or  
 149 does not have an opposing candidate in the race.

150 5. Situations where the abbreviation or name of a candidate  
 151 is the same as the abbreviation or name of a political party to  
 152 which the candidate does not belong, including those in which  
 153 ~~where~~ the party designated has another candidate in the race or  
 154 does not have a candidate in the race.

155 6. The use of marks, symbols, or language, such as arrows,  
 156 quotation marks, or the word "same" or "ditto," to indicate that  
 157 the same political party designation applies to all listed  
 158 offices or the elector's approval or disapproval of all listed  
 159 ballot measures.

160 7. Situations in which ~~where~~ an elector designates the name  
 161 of a qualified candidate for an incorrect office.

162 8. Situations in which ~~where~~ an elector designates an  
 163 otherwise correct office name that includes an incorrect  
 164 district number.

165 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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## Committee Agenda Request

**To:** Chair Senator Richter  
Committee On Ethics and Elections


**Subject:** Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot

**Date:** February 10, 2015

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I respectfully request that **Senate Bill # S0184**, relating to Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

  
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Senator Greg Evers  
Florida Senate, District 2





# THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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**SENATOR GREG EVERS**

2nd District

March 9, 2015

Dear Chairman Richter,

I have a conflicting committee schedule on March 10, so my Legislative Assistant, Dave Murzin, will present SB184 to the Ethics and Elections for me.

Thank you.

*Greg Evers*

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President Pro Tempore

# APPEARANCE RECORD



3/10/15

Meeting Date

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Brian Corley-Supervisor of Elections-Pasco County

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE)

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

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BILL: CS/SB 1058

INTRODUCER: Ethics and Elections Committee and Senator Smith

SUBJECT: Canvassing of Absentee Ballots

DATE: March 10, 2015

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Carlton	Roberts	EE	<b>Fav/CS</b>
2.			CA	
3.			RC	

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**Please see Section IX. for Additional Information:**

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE - Substantial Changes

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**I. Summary:**

CS/SB 1058 permits a county canvassing board to begin canvassing absentee ballots as soon as the Supervisor of Elections successfully completes testing of the electronic tabulating equipment.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

**II. Present Situation:**

Section 101.68(2), F.S., provides that a county canvassing board may begin the canvassing of absentee ballots at 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election, but not later than noon on the day following the election.

**III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

CS/SB 1058 permits a county canvassing board to begin canvassing absentee ballots as soon as the Supervisor of Elections successfully completes testing of the electronic tabulating equipment. The bill also makes conforming changes to the instructions provided to absentee voters to reflect the longer canvassing period for absentee ballots. Those instructions are contained in ss. 101.65 and 101.6923, F.S.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

**IV. Constitutional Issues:**

## A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

## B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

## C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

## A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

## B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

## C. Government Sector Impact:

Indeterminate.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 101.68, 101.65, and 101.6923.

**IX. Additional Information:**

## A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

**CS by Ethics and Elections on March 10, 2015:**

CS/SB 1058 differs from the original bill in that it specifies that canvassing of absentee ballots can begin upon successful completion of testing of the electronic vote tabulating equipment instead of 28 days prior to the election.

B. Amendments:

None.

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This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

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The Committee on Ethics and Elections (Smith) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 16 - 139  
and insert:

(2) (a) The county canvassing board may begin the canvassing of absentee ballots after successfully testing the electronic tabulating equipment as required by this chapter ~~at 7 a.m. on the 15th day before the election,~~ but not later than noon on the day following the election. ~~In addition, for any county using electronic tabulating equipment, the processing of absentee~~



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11 ~~ballots through such tabulating equipment may begin at 7 a.m. on~~  
12 ~~the 15th day before the election.~~ However, notwithstanding any  
13 such authorization to begin canvassing or otherwise processing  
14 absentee ballots early, no result shall be released until after  
15 the closing of the polls in that county on election day. Any  
16 supervisor of elections, deputy supervisor of elections,  
17 canvassing board member, election board member, or election  
18 employee who releases the results of a canvassing or processing  
19 of absentee ballots before ~~prior to~~ the closing of the polls in  
20 that county on election day commits a felony of the third  
21 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
22 775.084.

23 Section 2. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
24 read:

25 101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor  
26 shall enclose with each absentee ballot separate printed  
27 instructions in substantially the following form:

28  
29 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY  
30 BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

31 1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your absentee  
32 ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned as  
33 soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of  
34 elections of the county in which your precinct is located no  
35 later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. However, if you  
36 are an overseas voter casting a ballot in a presidential  
37 preference primary or general election, your absentee ballot  
38 must be postmarked or dated no later than the date of the  
39 election and received by the supervisor of elections of the



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40 county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days  
41 after the date of the election.

42 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
43 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
44 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

45 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
46 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
47 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one candidate,  
48 your vote in that race will not be counted.

49 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
50 envelope.

51 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing  
52 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

53 6. Seal the mailing envelope and completely fill out the  
54 Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

55 7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your absentee ballot to be  
56 counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
57 Signature). An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and  
58 not be counted if the signature on the voter's certificate does  
59 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
60 start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature  
61 that will be used to verify your signature on the voter's  
62 certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
63 election, send your signature update on a voter registration  
64 application to your supervisor of elections so that it is  
65 received no later than the start of the canvassing of absentee  
66 ballots, which can occur as early as the 25th ~~occurs no earlier~~  
67 ~~than the 15th~~ day before election day.

68 8. VERY IMPORTANT. If you are an overseas voter, you must





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69 include the date you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line  
70 above (Date) or your ballot may not be counted.

71 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
72 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

73 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
74 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
75 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
76 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
77 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

78 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 101.6923, Florida  
79 Statutes, is amended to read:

80 101.6923 Special absentee ballot instructions for certain  
81 first-time voters.—

82 (2) A voter covered by this section shall be provided with  
83 printed instructions with his or her absentee ballot in  
84 substantially the following form:

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86 READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR  
87 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE  
88 YOUR BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.

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90 1. In order to ensure that your absentee ballot will be  
91 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
92 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county  
93 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
94 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
95 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
96 election, your absentee ballot must be postmarked or dated no  
97 later than the date of the election and received by the



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98 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
99 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
100 election.

101 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
102 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
103 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

104 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
105 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
106 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in  
107 that race will not be counted.

108 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
109 envelope and seal the envelope.

110 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
111 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
112 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
113 envelope.

114 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
115 Signature).

116 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
117 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
118 your ballot may not be counted.

119 c. An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and will  
120 not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate does  
121 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
122 start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature  
123 that will be used to verify your signature on the Voter's  
124 Certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
125 election, send your signature update on a voter registration  
126 application to your supervisor of elections so that it is



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127 received no later than the start of canvassing of absentee  
128 ballots, which can occur as early as the 25th ~~occurs no earlier~~  
129 ~~than the 15th~~ day before election day.

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131 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

132 And the title is amended as follows:

133 Delete lines 3 - 5

134 and insert:

135 amending s. 101.68, F.S.; authorizing the county  
136 canvassing board to begin the canvassing of absentee  
137 ballots after successfully completing testing of the  
138 electronic tabulating equipment; removing obsolete  
139 language; amending ss. 101.65 and 101.6923,

By Senator Smith

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to canvassing of absentee ballots; amending s. 101.68, F.S.; extending the time for canvassing and processing absentee ballots to 28 days before an election; amending ss. 101.65 and 101.6923, F.S.; revising absentee ballot instructions for absent electors and certain first-time voters, respectively, to conform to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 101.68, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.68 Canvassing of absentee ballot.—

(2) (a) The county canvassing board may begin the canvassing of absentee ballots at 7 a.m. on the 28th ~~15th~~ day before the election, but not later than noon on the day following the election. In addition, for any county using electronic tabulating equipment, the processing of absentee ballots through such tabulating equipment may begin at 7 a.m. on the 28th ~~15th~~ day before the election. However, notwithstanding any such authorization to begin canvassing or otherwise processing absentee ballots early, no result shall be released until after the closing of the polls in that county on election day. Any supervisor of elections, deputy supervisor of elections, canvassing board member, election board member, or election employee who releases the results of a canvassing or processing of absentee ballots before ~~prior to~~ the closing of the polls in

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that county on election day commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Section 2. Section 101.65, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

101.65 Instructions to absent electors.—The supervisor shall enclose with each absentee ballot separate printed instructions in substantially the following form:

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY  
BEFORE MARKING BALLOT.

1. VERY IMPORTANT. In order to ensure that your absentee ballot will be counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general election, your absentee ballot must be postmarked or dated no later than the date of the election and received by the supervisor of elections of the county in which you are registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the election.

2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot. You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote for One" candidate and you vote for more than one candidate, your vote in that race will not be counted.

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59 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
60 envelope.

61 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed mailing  
62 envelope which is addressed to the supervisor.

63 6. Seal the mailing envelope and completely fill out the  
64 Voter's Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope.

65 7. VERY IMPORTANT. In order for your absentee ballot to be  
66 counted, you must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
67 Signature). An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and  
68 not be counted if the signature on the voter's certificate does  
69 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
70 start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature  
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72 certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
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74 application to your supervisor of elections so that it is  
75 received no later than the start of the canvassing of absentee  
76 ballots, which occurs no earlier than the 28th ~~15th~~ day before  
77 election day.

78 8. VERY IMPORTANT. If you are an overseas voter, you must  
79 include the date you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line  
80 above (Date) or your ballot may not be counted.

81 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
82 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

83 10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
84 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
85 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
86 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
87 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

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89 Statutes, is amended to read:  
90 101.6923 Special absentee ballot instructions for certain  
91 first-time voters.-  
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94 substantially the following form:  
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97 BALLOT. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS MAY CAUSE  
98 YOUR BALLOT NOT TO COUNT.  
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100 1. In order to ensure that your absentee ballot will be  
101 counted, it should be completed and returned as soon as possible  
102 so that it can reach the supervisor of elections of the county  
103 in which your precinct is located no later than 7 p.m. on the  
104 date of the election. However, if you are an overseas voter  
105 casting a ballot in a presidential preference primary or general  
106 election, your absentee ballot must be postmarked or dated no  
107 later than the date of the election and received by the  
108 supervisor of elections of the county in which you are  
109 registered to vote no later than 10 days after the date of the  
110 election.

111 2. Mark your ballot in secret as instructed on the ballot.  
112 You must mark your own ballot unless you are unable to do so  
113 because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

114 3. Mark only the number of candidates or issue choices for  
115 a race as indicated on the ballot. If you are allowed to "Vote  
116 for One" candidate and you vote for more than one, your vote in

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117 that race will not be counted.

118 4. Place your marked ballot in the enclosed secrecy  
119 envelope and seal the envelope.

120 5. Insert the secrecy envelope into the enclosed envelope  
121 bearing the Voter's Certificate. Seal the envelope and  
122 completely fill out the Voter's Certificate on the back of the  
123 envelope.

124 a. You must sign your name on the line above (Voter's  
125 Signature).

126 b. If you are an overseas voter, you must include the date  
127 you signed the Voter's Certificate on the line above (Date) or  
128 your ballot may not be counted.

129 c. An absentee ballot will be considered illegal and will  
130 not be counted if the signature on the Voter's Certificate does  
131 not match the signature on record. The signature on file at the  
132 start of the canvass of the absentee ballots is the signature  
133 that will be used to verify your signature on the Voter's  
134 Certificate. If you need to update your signature for this  
135 election, send your signature update on a voter registration  
136 application to your supervisor of elections so that it is  
137 received no later than the start of canvassing of absentee  
138 ballots, which occurs no earlier than the 28th ~~15th~~ day before  
139 election day.

140 6. Unless you meet one of the exemptions in Item 7., you  
141 must make a copy of one of the following forms of  
142 identification:

143 a. Identification which must include your name and  
144 photograph: United States passport; debit or credit card;  
145 military identification; student identification; retirement

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146 center identification; neighborhood association identification;  
147 or public assistance identification; or

148 b. Identification which shows your name and current  
149 residence address: current utility bill, bank statement,  
150 government check, paycheck, or government document (excluding  
151 voter identification card).

152 7. The identification requirements of Item 6. do not apply  
153 if you meet one of the following requirements:

154 a. You are 65 years of age or older.

155 b. You have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

156 c. You are a member of a uniformed service on active duty  
157 who, by reason of such active duty, will be absent from the  
158 county on election day.

159 d. You are a member of the Merchant Marine who, by reason  
160 of service in the Merchant Marine, will be absent from the  
161 county on election day.

162 e. You are the spouse or dependent of a member referred to  
163 in paragraph c. or paragraph d. who, by reason of the active  
164 duty or service of the member, will be absent from the county on  
165 election day.

166 f. You are currently residing outside the United States.

167 8. Place the envelope bearing the Voter's Certificate into  
168 the mailing envelope addressed to the supervisor. Insert a copy  
169 of your identification in the mailing envelope. DO NOT PUT YOUR  
170 IDENTIFICATION INSIDE THE SECRECY ENVELOPE WITH THE BALLOT OR  
171 INSIDE THE ENVELOPE WHICH BEARS THE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OR YOUR  
172 BALLOT WILL NOT COUNT.

173 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing  
174 envelope. Be sure there is sufficient postage if mailed.

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175           10. FELONY NOTICE. It is a felony under Florida law to  
176 accept any gift, payment, or gratuity in exchange for your vote  
177 for a candidate. It is also a felony under Florida law to vote  
178 in an election using a false identity or false address, or under  
179 any other circumstances making your ballot false or fraudulent.

180           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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The Florida Senate

## Committee Agenda Request

**To:** Senator Garrett Richter, Chair  
Committee on Ethics and Elections

**Subject:** Committee Agenda Request

**Date:** March 2, 2015

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I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #1058**, relating to Canvassing of Absentee Ballots , be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher L. Smith".

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Senator Christopher L. Smith  
Florida Senate, District 31



THE FLORIDA SENATE  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

(Deliver BOTH copies of this form to the Senator or Senate Professional Staff conducting the meeting)

3/10/15  
Meeting Date

SB 1058  
Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic CANVASSING OF ABSENTEE BALLOT

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Job Title INTER GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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Street

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

MIAMI FL 33128  
City State Zip

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

This form is part of the public record for this meeting.

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THE FLORIDA SENATE  
**APPEARANCE RECORD**

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Meeting Date

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Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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City State Zip

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Speaking:  For  Against  Information

Waive Speaking:  In Support  Against  
(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Florida Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE)

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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037-10-15 Meeting Date

1202 Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Elections

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Connie Milito

Job Title Chief Officer, Gov Relations

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Street

Tampa

State

Zip

Email cmilito@sdhcc

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against (The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Hillsborough County Public Schools

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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3/10/2015 Meeting Date

1202 Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic SB 1202

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

Name Susan L. Valdes

Job Title Chairman Hillsborough County Public School Board

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Tampa FL

33602

City

State

Zip

Email svaldes@sdhc.us

Speaking: For Against Information

Waive Speaking: In Support Against (The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Thank you

Representing

Appearing at request of Chair: Yes No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature: Yes No

While it is a Senate tradition to encourage public testimony, time may not permit all persons wishing to speak to be heard at this meeting. Those who do speak may be asked to limit their remarks so that as many persons as possible can be heard.

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**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Committee on Ethics and Elections

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BILL: SB 1202

INTRODUCER: Senator Brandes

SUBJECT: Voter Registration

DATE: March 6, 2015

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Carlton	Roberts	EE	<b>Favorable</b>
2.			ED	
3.			RC	

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**I. Summary:**

SB 1202 designates the first week in May of each year as “Florida High School Senior Voter Registration Week.” The bill provides that each Supervisor of Elections (“Supervisor”) may, in collaboration with the local school district, provide high school seniors with the opportunity to register to vote and provide instruction on the elections process, voter registration requirements, polling place processes, and the history of suffrage in the United States.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

**II. Present Situation:**

The Department of State (“Department”) is required by s. 98.255, F.S., to adopt rules prescribing minimum standards for voter education. The standards shall, at a minimum, address: voter registration; balloting procedures, absentee and polling place; voter rights and responsibilities; distribution of sample ballots; and public service announcements. Each Supervisor of Elections is required to implement the minimum voter education standards, and shall conduct additional nonpartisan education efforts as necessary to ensure that voters have a working knowledge of the voting process. The Supervisors are required to provide a detailed description of their voter education programs to the Department of State.

Pursuant to s. 98.255, F.S., the Department adopted Rule 1S-2.033(3)(a), F.A.C., which requires a county supervisor of elections to conduct at least once a year a high school voter registration/education program in each public high school in the county. The program must be developed in cooperation with the local school board and be designed for maximum effectiveness in reaching and educating high school students who are eligible to pre-register or register.

Currently, s. 97.0583, F.S., requires qualifying educational institutions to provide each student enrolled in that institution the opportunity to register to vote or to update a voter registration record on each campus at least once a year. Qualifying educational institutions are also encouraged to provide voter registration services at other times and places, such as upon application for financial aid, during admissions, at registration, upon issuance of student identifications, and at new-student orientation. For purposes of this law, a qualifying educational institution is:

any public or private educational institution receiving state financial assistance which has, as its primary mission, the provision of education or training to students who are at least 18 years of age, provided such institution has more than 200 students enrolled in classes with the institution and provided that the recognized student government organization has requested this designation in writing and has filed the request with the office of the supervisor of elections in the county in which the institution is located. See, s. 97.021(32), F.S.

### **III. Effect of Proposed Changes:**

The bill creates s. 98.255, F.S., which designates the first week in May of each year as “Florida High School Senior Voter Registration Week.” The bill also provides that each Supervisor may, in collaboration with the local school district, provide high school seniors with the opportunity to register to vote and provide instruction on the elections process, voter registration requirements, polling place processes, and the history of suffrage in the United States.

The bill provides for an effective date of July 1, 2015.

### **IV. Constitutional Issues:**

#### **A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

#### **B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:**

None.

#### **C. Trust Funds Restrictions:**

None.

### **V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**

#### **A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

#### **B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates section 98.255 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:**

A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:

None.

By Senator Brandes

22-01256-15

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to voter registration; amending s. 98.255, F.S.; designating a specified period each year during which supervisors of elections are authorized to provide certain students with the opportunity to register to vote at school and with instruction on the elections process; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 98.255, Florida Statutes, to read:

98.255 Voter education programs.—

(4) The first week in May of each year is designated as "Florida High School Senior Voter Registration Week" in this state. During Florida High School Senior Voter Registration Week, each supervisor of elections may, in collaboration with the local school district, provide high school seniors with:

(a) The opportunity to register to vote at school.

(b) Instruction on the elections process, including, but not limited to, voter registration requirements, polling place processes, and the history of suffrage in the United States.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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The Florida Senate

## Committee Agenda Request

**To:** Senator Garrett Richter, Chair  
Committee on Ethics and Elections

**Subject:** Committee Agenda Request

**Date:** February 27, 2015

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I respectfully request that **Senate Bill #1202**, relating to **Voter Registration**, be placed on the:

- committee agenda at your earliest possible convenience.
- next committee agenda.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Brandes", written over a horizontal line.

Senator Jeff Brandes  
Florida Senate, District 22



## THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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### SENATOR JEFF BRANDES

22nd District

March 10, 2015

Senator Garrett Richter  
404 Senate Office Building  
404 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Richter,

I will be unable to present my bill, **SB 1202: Voter Registration**, in the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections today.

I am requesting that my legislative assistant Trent Phillips be permitted to present this bill on my behalf. Please contact me with any questions on this request.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Brandes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Brandes

CC: Dawn Roberts  
Diane Vause

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03-10-15  
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1202  
Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Elections

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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(The Chair will read this information into the record.)

Representing Hillsborough County Public Schools

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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1202  
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Topic SB 1202

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Thank you

Representing \_\_\_\_\_

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SB 1202

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic Voter Registration

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing Ought to be a Law - Armwood High School

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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S.B. 1202

Bill Number (if applicable)

Topic  Voter Registration

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing  Ought to be a Law, Armwood High School

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

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Topic Voter registration

Amendment Barcode (if applicable)

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Representing Armmwood "ought to be a law"

Appearing at request of Chair:  Yes  No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:  Yes  No

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# CourtSmart Tag Report

Room: KN 412

Case:

Type:

Caption: Senate Ethics and Elections Committee

Judge:

Started: 3/10/2015 4:02:41 PM

Ends: 3/10/2015 4:22:49 PM

Length: 00:20:09

4:02:45 PM Chair, Sen. Richter  
4:02:53 PM Roll Call  
4:03:00 PM Quorum Present  
4:03:12 PM Chair  
4:03:18 PM TABS 1-10: Executive Appointments  
4:03:53 PM Motion to Recommend Confirmation on Tabs 1-10 by Sen. Gaetz  
4:04:03 PM Roll Call on Motion to Recommend  
4:04:24 PM Confirmation of Appointees (Tabs 1-10) Recommended Favorably  
4:04:40 PM TAB 11: SB 184 by Evers - Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot  
4:04:55 PM Presented by Sen. Evers's Legislative Assistant, Dave Murzin  
4:05:50 PM Chair  
4:05:59 PM Brian Corley, Supervisor of Elections (SOE), Pasco County, Speaks in Favor of Bill  
4:06:35 PM Chair  
4:06:50 PM Roll Call on SB 184  
4:07:14 PM SB 184 Reported Favorably  
4:07:23 PM TAB 12: SB 1058 by Smith - Canvassing of Absentee Ballots  
4:07:33 PM Sen. Smith  
4:08:10 PM AM 488226 Explained  
4:08:32 PM Chair  
4:08:37 PM AM 488226 is Adopted  
4:09:02 PM Alina Gonzalez, Intergovernmental Affairs, Miami-Dade Co., Waives in Support  
4:09:08 PM Brian Corley, S.O.E., Pasco Co., Speaks in Favor of Bill  
4:09:51 PM Sen. Smith waives close  
4:10:05 PM Motion for Committee Substitute by Sen. Braynon  
4:10:21 PM Roll Call on CS for SB 1058  
4:10:36 PM CS for SB 1058 Reported Favorably  
4:10:49 PM TAB 13: SB 1202 by Brandes - Voter Registration  
4:10:54 PM Presented by Sen. Brandes' Legislative Assistant, Trent Phillips  
4:11:31 PM Chair  
4:11:40 PM Public Testimony  
4:11:51 PM Chase Cabre, Student at Armwood High School, Representing Ought to be a Law  
4:12:05 PM Karla Cerritos, Student at Armwood High School, Representing Ought to be a Law  
4:12:16 PM Alyssa Newby, Student at Armwood High School, Representing Ought to be a Law  
4:12:21 PM Karla Cerritos speaks on bill  
4:12:57 PM Alyssa Newby speaks on bill  
4:13:20 PM Chase Cabre speaks on bill  
4:14:16 PM Chair  
4:14:47 PM Sen. Smith Recognized for a Question  
4:15:23 PM Students Respond  
4:16:12 PM Sen. Smith Follow-Up  
4:16:28 PM Students Respond  
4:16:48 PM Sen. Smith  
4:17:53 PM Sen. Hays Recognized  
4:18:24 PM Chair  
4:19:16 PM Sen. Smith  
4:19:42 PM Chair  
4:19:54 PM Connie Milito, Chief Officer of Government Relations, Representing Hillsborough Co. Public Schools,  
Waives in Support  
4:20:18 PM Susan L. Valdes, Chairman of the Hillsborough Co. Public School Board, Speaks in Favor of Bill  
4:21:12 PM Chair  
4:21:33 PM Trent Phillips recognized to close  
4:21:44 PM Trent Phillips waives close

**4:21:45 PM** Roll Call on SB 1202  
**4:22:04 PM** SB 1202 Reported Favorably  
**4:22:11 PM** Sen. Flores requests to be shown favorably on SB 184, SB 1058, and Tabs 1-10 (Appointments)  
**4:22:36 PM** Motion Adopted  
**4:22:38 PM** Sen. Flores Moves to Rise  
**4:22:40 PM** Meeting Adjourned