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At a Special Session of the Florida Legislature convened under Article III, Section 3(c), of the Constitution of the State, as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on Thursday, August 7, 2014, in the State of Florida.

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make conforming changes to districts that are a direct result of the changes to Congressional Districts 5 and 10.

## CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Gaetz at 12:00 p.m. A quorum present—33:

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| Mr. President | Flores   | Margolis |
| Abruzzo       | Galvano  | Montford |
| Altman        | Garcia   | Negron   |
| Bean          | Gardiner | Richter  |
| Benacquisto   | Gibson   | Sachs    |
| Bradley       | Grimsley | Simmons  |
| Brandes       | Hukill   | Simpson  |
| Braynon       | Joyner   | Smith    |
| Clemens       | Latvala  | Soto     |
| Dean          | Lee      | Thompson |
| Detert        | Legg     | Thrasher |



*Don Gaetz*  
President, The Florida Senate  
August 4, 2014



*Will Weatherford*  
Speaker, The Florida House  
of Representatives  
August 4, 2014



Duly filed with and received by the Florida Department of State this 4th day of August, 2014 by:

*Ken Detzner*  
Secretary of State

## PRAYER

Excused: Senators Diaz de la Portilla, Hays, Ring, and Stargel

The following prayer was offered by Senator Bean:

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the following proclamation:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today asking your guidance and your blessing as we are now called together for a special purpose.

### THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE JOINT PROCLAMATION

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

We are thankful for many blessings: our family and our loved ones, and all those that we represent; to be part of a very blessed state and a blessed nation. We are so thankful to those men and women who wore our red, white, and blue, and who defend our freedom and our liberties, especially those who have given their lives in service to our country. Please grant their families peace, and let them know we are so grateful for their sacrifice, one that we can never fully repay.

We, Don Gaetz, President of the Florida Senate, and Will Weatherford, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, by virtue of the authority vested in us by Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, do hereby proclaim:

We ask a blessing for leaders all across America at every level. Give them courage and wisdom to do what is best to help this nation continue to be a shining beacon of freedom in a world that seems at times to be in tumult. Lord, we ask for winds of peace to blow wherever they are needed, especially in the Middle East, and may your healing winds blow to those that are suffering from disease.

1. That the Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session pursuant to Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, beginning at 12:00 noon on Thursday, the 7th day of August, 2014, for a period of nine days, ending at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, the 15th day of August, 2014.

As we meet in the coming days, Heavenly Father, please strengthen this body to meet the challenge before us. We ask for patience in all our interactions so that we may work together peacefully for a better state. We ask for understanding of the needs of our state and its citizens and for the wisdom to make the best choices with that knowledge. We ask for strength and energy to do our work for the State of Florida.

2. That the Legislature is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering revisions to Chapter 2012-2, Laws of Florida, an act establishing the congressional districts of the state, to amend Congressional Districts 5 and 10 established under the act, consistent with the Final Judgment issued by the circuit court in *Romo v. Detzner*, consolidated case nos. 2012-CA-412 and 2012-CA-490, in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit in and for Leon County, Florida, and to

We ask all of this in your name, Amen.

**PLEDGE**

Senator Smith led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**MOTIONS**

On motion by Senator Galvano, the rules were waived and an amendment deadline of 5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 9, 2014, was set for the Special Order Calendar to be considered Monday, August 11, 2014.

**INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS****FIRST READING**

By Senator Galvano—

**SB 2-A**—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the establishment of the congressional districts of the state; reenacting s. 8.0001, F.S., relating to definitions; reenacting s. 8.0002, F.S., relating to the state's congressional districts; reenacting s. 8.0111, F.S., relating to the inclusion of unlisted territory in contiguous districts; reenacting s. 8.031, F.S., relating to the election of representatives to the United States House of Representatives; reenacting s. 8.0611, F.S., relating to severability; reenacting s. 8.07, F.S., relating to applicability; providing an effective date.

—was referred to the Committee on Reapportionment.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS****VETOED BILLS 2014 REGULAR SESSION**

The Honorable Kenneth W. Detzner  
Secretary of State

June 2, 2014

Dear Secretary Detzner:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Bill 392, enacted during the 116th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2014 and entitled:

An act relating to state speed zones...

This legislation authorizes the Florida Department of Transportation to increase speed limits on Florida's roadways under specific conditions. Although the bill does not mandate higher speed limits, allowing for the possibility of faster driving on Florida's roads and highways could ultimately and unacceptably increase the risk of serious accidents for Florida citizens and visitors. I strongly respect the opinion of state and local law enforcement officers who have contacted me to warn about the possible serious negative consequences should this bill become law. While the evidence suggests that increased driving speeds are not the sole cause of traffic accidents, they clearly contribute to the increased severity of vehicle crash outcomes in the form of needless injuries and deaths. Maintaining our current speed limits will allow the Department of Transportation and our law enforcement officials to continue the state's focus on maintaining a safe traffic environment for every driver on Florida's roads.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 392 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

*Rick Scott*, Governor

**The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.**

**COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE**

(With Revisions)

**Agriculture**

Senator Montford, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley and Sachs

**Appropriations**

Senator Negron, Chair; Senator Benacquisto, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Bradley, Galvano, Gardiner, Grimsley, Hays, Hukill, Joyner, Latvala, Lee, Margolis, Montford, Richter, Ring, Smith, Sobel and Thrasher

**Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice**

Senator Bradley, Chair; Senator Joyner, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Braynon, Clemens, Dean, Diaz de la Portilla, Flores, Garcia, Grimsley, Hays, Smith and Soto

**Appropriations Subcommittee on Education**

Senator Galvano, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Bean, Benacquisto, Bullard, Detert, Hukill, Legg, Richter, Sachs, Simmons and Thrasher

**Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax**

Senator Hukill, Chair; Senator Ring, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Altman, Brandes, Clemens, Diaz de la Portilla, Evers, Gardiner, Margolis, Sachs and Simmons

**Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government**

Senator Hays, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Braynon, Bullard, Dean, Detert, Joyner, Latvala, Legg, Simpson, Soto and Stargel

**Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services**

Senator Grimsley, Chair; Senator Flores, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Benacquisto, Galvano, Garcia, Gibson, Lee, Montford, Richter, Smith, Sobel and Thrasher

**Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development**

Senator Gardiner, Chair; Senator Margolis, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Evers, Gibson, Latvala, Lee, Ring, Simpson, Sobel, Stargel and Thompson

**Banking and Insurance**

Senator Simmons, Chair; Senator Clemens, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Hays, Lee, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Richter and Ring

**Children, Families, and Elder Affairs**

Senator Sobel, Chair; Senator Hays, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Braynon, Clemens, Dean, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla, Grimsley and Thompson

**Commerce and Tourism**

Senator Detert, Chair; Senator Abruzzo, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Hays, Hukill, Margolis, Richter, Ring, Simpson, Stargel and Thompson

**Communications, Energy, and Public Utilities**

Senator Flores, Chair; Senator Garcia, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Bean, Evers, Gibson, Hukill, Simpson and Smith

**Community Affairs**

Senator Simpson, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Hukill, Latvala, Smith, Soto, Stargel and Thrasher

**Criminal Justice**

Senator Evers, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Bradley, Dean, Gibson and Simmons

**Education**

Senator Legg, Chair; Senator Montford, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Brandes, Bullard, Galvano, Sachs, Simmons and Stargel

**Environmental Preservation and Conservation**

Senator Dean, Chair; Senator Abruzzo, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Bullard, Gardiner, Grimsley, Latvala, Simpson and Soto

**Ethics and Elections**

Senator Latvala, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Braynon, Clemens, Diaz de la Portilla, Flores, Gardiner, Joyner, Lee, Legg, Soto and Thrasher

**Gaming**

Senator Richter, Chair; Senator Sachs, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Benacquisto, Braynon, Clemens, Dean, Galvano, Gardiner, Latvala, Lee, Margolis, Montford and Thrasher

**Governmental Oversight and Accountability**

Senator Ring, Chair; Senator Hays, Vice Chair; Senators Bean, Benacquisto, Bradley, Hukill, Montford, Simmons and Smith

**Health Policy**

Senator Bean, Chair; Senator Sobel, Vice Chair; Senators Brandes, Braynon, Flores, Galvano, Garcia, Grimsley and Joyner

**Judiciary**

Senator Lee, Chair; Senator Soto, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Gardiner, Joyner, Latvala, Richter, Ring and Thrasher

**Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security**

Senator Altman, Chair; Senator Gibson, Vice Chair; Senators Abruzzo, Bullard, Dean, Evers, Gardiner, Legg and Sachs

**Reapportionment**

Senator Galvano, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Gibson, Lee, Montford and Simmons

**Regulated Industries**

Senator Stargel, Chair; Senator Braynon, Vice Chair; Senators Detert, Flores, Galvano, Gibson, Legg, Sachs, Sobel and Thrasher

**Rules**

Senator Thrasher, Chair; Senator Smith, Vice Chair; Senators Benacquisto, Diaz de la Portilla, Galvano, Gardiner, Latvala, Lee, Margolis, Montford, Negron, Richter, Ring, Simmons and Sobel

**Transportation**

Senator Brandes, Chair; Senator Margolis, Vice Chair; Senators Clemens, Diaz de la Portilla, Evers, Garcia, Joyner, Lee, Richter and Thompson

**Joint Legislative Committees:****Joint Administrative Procedures Committee**

Senator Garcia, Alternating Chair; Senators Bullard, Detert, Diaz de la Portilla and Thompson

**Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight**

Senator Joyner, Alternating Chair; Senators Altman, Evers, Hukill and Stargel

**Joint Legislative Auditing Committee**

Senator Abruzzo, Alternating Chair; Senators Bradley, Hays, Ring and Simpson

**Joint Legislative Budget Commission**

Senator Negron, Alternating Chair; Senators Gardiner, Hays, Margolis, Richter, Smith and Thrasher

**CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL**

The Journal of May 2, 2014, Regular Session, was corrected and approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Senator Thrasher, the Senate adjourned at 12:11 p.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 12:00 p.m., Monday, August 11 or upon call of the President.