



2026 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Session: January 13 – March 13



BILLS THAT PASSED

Bill Title	Significance	Bill Numbers	Sponsors	Status
Special District Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Revising agency agreements that provide state financial assistance to recipients or subrecipients to include certain special districts as an entity to which such agency may provide for the payment of invoices under specified circumstancesrevising the definition of “rural community” to include certain special districts	SB 214	McClain	3/6/2026 Passed
		HB 273	Johnson	3/4/2026 Passed

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Data Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specifying that local governments maintain authority to exercise power and responsibility over comprehensive planning and land development regulations relating to large load customers; • requiring public utilities to provide certain minimum tariff and service requirements for large load customers; 	SB 484	Avila	3/13/2026 Passed
		HB 1007	Griffits	3/11/2026 Passed

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Conservation Lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires Division of State Lands to publish certain information on its website before proposed sale of conservation lands; Requires appraisal criteria for exchange of parcels Revises Acquisition & Restoration Council review More website transparency prior to sale or exchange of land; Requirements that trigger council and board of trustees involvement; Requires governing board of water management district to publish certain information on its website before meeting to review proposed sale or exchange of certain lands. 	SB 546	Mayfield	Passed 2/26/2026
		HB 441	Kendall Tant Benarroch Black Campbell Eskamani Gosset- Seidman Tenrich Weinberger	Passed 2/17/2026

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Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits municipality from requiring construction permits from DEP for single family residences as condition of issuing building or plumbing permits; requires such owners & builders to provide certain proof to municipality 	<u>SB 698</u>	Martin	3/11/2026 Passed
		<u>HB 589</u>	Nix	3/12/2026 Passed

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Stormwater Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the terms “compensating stormwater treatment” and “total land area”; requiring compensating stormwater treatment to comply with certain provisions unless certain circumstances exist; explaining the types of mitigation measures for compensating stormwater treatment that the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district governing board must consider under certain circumstances; authorizing mitigation measures or enhancement credits intended to address certain impacts to be generated by certain entities and sold only to certain environmental resource permit applicants, etc. 	SB 848	Truenow	1/13/2025 Introduced
		HB 1457	Andrade	1/13/2026 First Reading

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Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibits, beginning on specified date, certain use & sale, purchase, or distribution of aqueous film-forming foam; requires, beginning on specified date, certain entities to submit aqueous film-forming foam inventories & disposal plans to DEP; prohibits, beginning on specified date, possession & use of aqueous film-forming foam; authorizes DEP to administer certain grants or cost share programs; provides penalties & injunctive relief; requires certain public entities disposing of domestic wastewater biosolids and treated effluent to quarterly conduct specified samplings & submit results to DEP; limits purpose such samplings until specified standards are established by EPA & adopted by DEP. 	SB 1230	Harrell Truenow Berman	3/4/2026 Passed
		HB 1019	Conerly Blanco	2/25/2026 Passed

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Claims and Suits Against the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These bills increase the statutory liability limits for tort claims against governmental entities. • Raises sovereign immunity caps in multiple phases, reaching as high as \$600,000 per individual claim and \$1.2 million per incident after Oct. 1, 2031. • Empowers local governments to settle claims in excess of these limits without legislative action. • Shortens from three years to 18 months the timeframe for presenting tort claims to an agency and reduces the statute of limitations for negligence suits from four years to two years. 	SB 1366	Brodeur	3/10/2026 Passed
		HB 145	McFarland	3/12/2026 Passed

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS

Bill Title	Senate Bill	House Bill
Florida Public Service Commission	<u>SB 126</u>	<u>HB 187</u>
Blue Ribbon Projects	<u>SB 354</u>	<u>HB 299</u>
Landscape Irrigation	<u>SB 508</u>	<u>HB 611</u>
Standards for Storm Water Systems	<u>SB 558</u>	<u>HB 239</u>
Land and Water Management	<u>SB 718</u>	<u>HB 479</u>
Public Officers and Employees <i>or</i> Governmental Agencies and Personnel	<u>SB 802</u>	<u>HB 593</u>

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Consumer Fairness in Utility Rates	<u>SB 940</u>	<u>HB 225</u>
Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances	<u>SB 1058</u>	<u>HB 855</u>
Public Records/ Data Centers	<u>SB 1118</u>	
Water Management Districts	<u>SB 1120</u>	<u>HB 701</u>
Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates	<u>SB 1188</u>	
Special Districts		<u>HB 123</u>
Approval of Data Center Facilities		<u>HB 1517</u>

PROPERTY TAX AND HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS

BILL NUMBER	SUBJECT	FILED BY	LAST ACTION AND LOCATION
<u>H 201</u>	Elimination of Non-school Property Tax for Homesteads	Steele, Miller	1/13/2026 1st Reading
<u>H 203</u>	Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads	Miller, Barnaby, Black	2/19/2026 Passed in the House
<u>H 205</u>	Elimination of Non-School Property Tax for Homesteads for Persons Age 65 or Older	Porras	1/13/2026 1st Reading
<u>H 207</u>	Assessed Home Value Homestead Exemption of Non-school Property Tax	Abbott	1/13/2026 1st Reading
<u>H 209</u>	Property Insurance Relief Homestead Exemption Non-school Property Tax	Bisatta	1/13/2026 Added to 2 nd Reading Calendar
<u>H 211</u>	Accrued Save-Our-Homes Property Tax Benefit for Non-school Property Tax	Ovedoff	1/13/2026 1st Reading
<u>H 213</u>	Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases	Griffitts	1/28/2026 Added to Second Reading Calendar
<u>H227</u> <u>S110</u>	Eligibility of Leasehold Interests for Homestead Exemptions	Maney Arrington, Gaetz	3/9/2026 Passed 2/19/2026 Passed
<u>S 274</u>	Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners	Bernard Sharief	1/13/2026 Introduced
<u>S 276</u>	Homestead Property Tax Benefits for Long-term Owners and Permanent Residents	Bernard Sharief	1/13/2026 Introduced
<u>S1350</u>	Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemptions	McClain	1/22/2026 Introduced
<u>S1520</u>	Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemptions	Calatayud	2/13/2026 Appropriations

Special Session in April