



## September 2018 Government Affairs Update

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### 2018 Elections

#### Constitutional Amendments

We wanted to remind everyone that Broward voters will be faced with a long and crowded ballot this November. There are currently 5 State Constitutional amendments that have qualified for the ballot: 3 by Legislative Initiative and 2 by voter petition method. In addition, the Florida CRC voted to place an additional 8 Constitutional amendments on the ballot (one was removed) and the Broward CRC voted to place 11 Charter amendments on the ballot. In addition the County will officially vote on its final plan for a transportation surtax ballot question at its next meeting.

Here is a helpful link to all of the State Constitutional Amendments:

[https://ballotpedia.org/Florida\\_2018\\_ballot\\_measures](https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_2018_ballot_measures)

#### Florida Constitution Revision Commission (Florida CRC)

The 2018 Florida Constitution Revision Commission approved 8 ballot questions to amend the Florida Constitution. The Commission is convened every twenty years and is one method to amend the Constitution along with voter petition and Legislative initiative. Controversy surrounds the decision to group some of the proposals together, such as combining public vaping and offshore drilling or combining first responder benefits with checks on college tuition raises.

- [P 6001: Rights of Crime Victims; Judges](#)
- [P 6002: First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities](#)
- ~~[P 6003: School Board Term Limits and Duties; Public Schools](#)~~ Removed by FL Supreme Court
- [P 6004: Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces](#)
- [P 6005: State and Local Government Structure and Operation](#)

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- [P 6006: Property Rights; Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes](#)
- [P 6007: Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers](#)
- [P 6012: Ends Dog Racing](#)

### **Broward Charter Review Commission (Broward CRC)**

Similar to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, Broward County convenes a Charter Review Commission every 12 years to propose amendments to the County Charter.

- CRC Resolution No. 2018-010, which would adopt fair districting standards to County Commission redistricting
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-011, which would, among other things, require the Board to retain a four-year Florida college or university to identify and designate nine single-member districts in an open and transparent process
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-007, which would establish and address the Broward County Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-002, which would provide discretion (instead of a mandate) for the Inspector General to commence investigations
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-003, which would require the County Land Use Plan to include the Broward County Zoning Glossary, and which would provide that the Broward County Planning Council shall hold no less than one (1) public hearing prior to consideration of a proposed land use plan or plan amendment
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-004, which would provide for alternate members to be appointed to each of the Central Examining Boards
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-005, which would address the required quorum for the Board of Rules and Appeals
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-006, which would generally require that the County and municipalities post online notices, agendas, and backup materials at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the scheduled meeting;
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-008, which would change the composition of the board that nominates the Broward County Auditor
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-012, which would change the composition of the Selection-Oversight Committee for the Inspector General
- CRC Resolution No. 2018-013, which would delete certain unnecessary charter references.

[http://cragenda.broward.org/docs/2018/CCCM/20180508\\_563/26772\\_2018\\_0508\\_Exh1\\_CRC.PDF](http://cragenda.broward.org/docs/2018/CCCM/20180508_563/26772_2018_0508_Exh1_CRC.PDF)

### **New State Laws go into effect**

Six state laws became effective on October 1<sup>st</sup> – including First Responders receiving Workers Compensation benefits for PTSD, a law passed in the aftermath of the Parkland shooting (and also as a result of the effects of the mass shootings at Pulse Nightclub and Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport.) Increased background checks for concealed weapons license is also included.

<https://www.floridatrend.com/article/25530/new-laws-that-are-in-effect-in-florida-as-of-october-1-2018>

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## **Broward County adopts 2019 Budget**

The County adopted a \$4 billion dollar budget that includes increases for BSO, affordable housing and bus services. The Fiscal year begins October 1<sup>st</sup>.

<http://www.broward.org/Budget/Documents/FY18/Final%20Public%20Hearing%209-25-18%20ADA.pdf>

<http://www.broward.org/Budget/Documents/FY18/FY19RecommendedBIB%207-13-18.pdf>

## **Broward Delegation Local Bill Workshop**

Broward County Legislative Delegation Members, staff, the public, and members of local government discussed the process for filing a local bill to ultimately go to Tallahassee.

There were no specific local bills discussed, and the meeting was led by Delegation Attorney, and member of Tripp Scott, Chris Smith.

## **2019 Intergovernmental Policy Development**

The Florida Association of Counties and Florida League of Cities began their policy development process this month, convening policy committees made up of local elected officials from around the state. Each committee (covering a range of topics from Finance & Tax to Growth Management to Public Safety to Transportation and Natural Resources) selects a limited amount of priorities to put forth for final adoption at legislative conferences scheduled for November. The Florida Association of Counties also spent a day focused on “Innovation,” which included emerging technology companies offering solutions to 5G Small Cell Wireless, Affordable Housing, Sea Level Rise, Public Safety Communication, Emissions Reductions, and more. The conference included a tour of Babcock Ranch, a development located in Charlotte County that is the first fully solar powered community (powered by FPL solar panels) that features other innovative planning, such as reclaimed water usage, a STEAM charter school, and autonomous school busses.

## **Florida Chamber “Future of Florida” Forum**

The Florida Chamber hosted a “Future of Florida” forum, which focused on how the state can meet the challenges and demands of the future as well as address and utilize emerging technologies. A Chamber sponsored group, Autonomous Florida, also held its first in-person meeting at the forum to discuss its approach for making Florida the national leader in the driverless, autonomous vehicle space. The group has formed three committees: Public Acceptance, Business to Business (designed to capitalize on future business opportunities generated by autonomous vehicles), and Public Policy.

## **Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) Annual Conference**

We attended the Associated Industries of Florida (AIF) annual conference this month. The discussions revolved around the state’s economic climate, with a focus on the upcoming election. Known as “The Voice of Florida Business” in the Sunshine State, Associated

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Industries of Florida (AIF) has represented the principles of prosperity and free enterprise before the three branches of state government since 1920. A voluntary association of diversified businesses, AIF was created to foster an economic climate in Florida conducive to the growth, development, and welfare of industry and business and the people of the state. With headquarters standing on the road that connects the state Capitol building to the governor's mansion, AIF represents the link between responsible public policy and a thriving marketplace. At AIF, the spirit of innovation, emblematic of a young company, is tempered by nearly ten decades of experience in the halls of governmental power. A not-for-profit association, AIF is owned by its members, which hail from every corner of the state and represent every segment of Florida's private sector. Through AIF, they join together to make sure the principles of economic liberty get a fair hearing before the state's elected officials, Supreme Court justices, and executive agencies.

### **Get Involved:**

#### **Upcoming: Broward Penny Sales Tax Discussion- Broward College's Village Square**

Broward College's Village Square series will host a dinner on October 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed Transportation "Penny Surtax" expected to be on the 2018 November ballot- please let us know if you would like to attend.

<https://broward.villagesquare.us/event/pennysalestax/>

#### **Broward Days Impact Teams**

We are extremely excited about the direction that Broward Days is moving with the grass roots local efforts. Our impact teams that range from affordable housing to transportation to health care and beyond are gaining tremendous support throughout the community. Elected officials from the state, county and municipal level are actively engaged with this journey to make Broward's voice stronger in Tallahassee. Please look at the website [www.browarddays.com](http://www.browarddays.com) or call Candice directly to learn more about the various impact teams and becoming involved.

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