



## **2023 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

For the past 10 years, there has been a constant assault by the Florida Legislature to erode municipal ability to govern their communities. It is important that all owners/residents understand the impact such legislation has on their community. Below is a list of current legislation that has been proposed for passage this year that would adversely affect our town.

### **SB714**

This bill amends previous passed legislation preempting local prohibition of vacation rentals and prohibits local regulation as to the frequency or duration of rentals. This bill removes home rule authority possessed by local governments.

Result : This does not affect NRB at this time, but illustrates the continuing restrictions placed on local governments to govern and will adversely affect the lifestyle of our communities.

### **HB 41**

This bill would prohibit a referendum process to any amendment for local development regulations.

Result: This bill takes away the voice of the people to vote on land development that affects them or their communities.

### **SB798/HB975**

This bill provides that a city or county may not restrict a private entity from collecting solid waste or recycling to commercial or residential properties.

Result: Anyone can select their own sanitation company which results in trucks from different companies driving through the town Monday through Saturday.

### **SB405**

This bill changes all local elections from non-partisan to partisan.

Result: An egregious departure from non-partisan election where issues matter more than politics.

### **SB604/HB401**

This bill removes the statutory limit of liability of tort claims against the state and municipalities. The current limit is \$200,000 per person and \$300,000 per incident. This bill increased the cap to \$2,500,000 per person and \$5,000,000 per incident.

Result: Increased amounts subject municipalities to bankruptcy.

### **SB682/HB671**

This bill impacts a municipality's construction permitting process and related permit review. It requires a 75% reduction in permit fee if the owner retain a private inspection of services. Reduces the time in which municipalities must provide written notice of receipt of a completed application. Reduces the amount of times a municipality can ask an applicant for additional information.

Result: Reduces the time for proper examination of applications and increases the possibility of errors in construction.

**SB170/HB515**

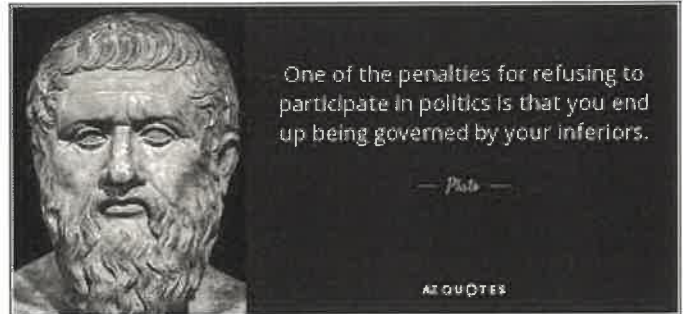
This is a lengthy bill that creates a substantial change in the manner local governments adopt ordinances by requiring a municipality to conduct a business impact estimate before adopting an ordinance.

Result: Exposes local governments to lawsuits due to increased challenges to newly adopted ordinances.

Best Regards,



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Our local elected state officials are listed below. If you have concerns about these changes in our local communities, please contact these officials and voice your concerns.

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