



Item #100847

State of Florida Legislative Update

May 19, 2011

Gainesville Priorities - Passed

- **Santa Fe Transit Fee**
 - Included in SB 2150 (Post Secondary Education Funding).
 - Requires a referendum by the Santa Fe College Student Government
 - Maximum \$6 per credit hour
 - Fee implemented at the beginning of the fall term

Gainesville Priorities - Failed

- Internet Gaming Establishments
 - SB 576 (Oelrich) and CS/HB 217 (Perry, Chestnut and others)
- Operation of Radios or Other Mechanical Sound-Making Devices in Vehicles
 - CS/SB 886 (Oelrich) and HB 643 (Chestnut)

Constitutional Amendments

- Proposed for the November 2012 General Election
- State Revenue Limitation
 - SJR 958 proposes a limit on state revenues based on the previous fiscal year and changes in population and inflation
- Additional Homestead Exemption
 - HJR 381 reduces assessment cap on non-homestead property from 10% to 5%. Cap will sunset in 2023
 - Provides an additional homestead exemption of 50% to first time homesteaders

Other Bills that Passed

- Growth Management – HB 7207
 - Comprehensive growth management bill
 - Revises comprehensive plan amendment process
 - Makes an existing pilot program for expedited review of comprehensive plan amendments applicable statewide
 - Reduces the scope and scale of state agency review of plan amendments
 - Makes school and transportation concurrency optional

Other Bills that Passed

- **Public Retirement Plans – CS/CS/SB 1128**
 - Revises the use of overtime and accrued sick/annual leave for pension purposes
 - Eliminates Chapter 175 and 185 F.S. requirement that pension benefits be increased whenever member contributions are increased

Other Bills that Passed

- Elections – CS/CS/HB 1355
 - Provides rules for setting the date for the Presidential Preference Primary
 - Establishes a Presidential Preference Primary date selection committee
 - Requires that the Presidential Preference Primary date be set by October 1 of the year preceding the primary election