

Rules and Policy Committee

January 18, 2018

5:30 PM

Sumner Hall (404 HOB)

Meeting Packet

Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Rules & Policy Committee

Start Date and Time: Thursday, January 18, 2018 05:30 pm
End Date and Time: Thursday, January 18, 2018 06:00 pm
Location: Sumner Hall (404 HOB)
Duration: 0.50 hrs

Consideration of the following proposed committee bill(s):

PCB RPC 18-05 -- The Legislature/Date for Convening 2020 Regular Session

Actionable Items

Set Special Order Calendar for January 24, 2018

Consideration of Special Amendment Deadlines and Procedures on the General Appropriations Act and Related Bills


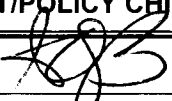
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB RPC 18-05 The Legislature/Date for Convening 2020 Regular Session

SPONSOR(S): Rules & Policy Committee, Nunez

TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
Orig. Comm.: Rules & Policy Committee		 Dowd	Birtman 

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The State Constitution provides that, in odd-numbered years, the regular session of the Legislature must begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March. For even-numbered years, the State Constitution permits the Legislature to fix by law the date for convening the regular legislative session. If no date is fixed by law, the regular session in even-numbered years must begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

The Legislature has not permanently fixed a specific date in law for even-numbered years. As such, the regular legislative session for even-numbered years typically convenes on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March. However, the Legislature enacted laws to require the 2012, 2016, and 2018 regular legislative sessions to begin in January. For subsequent even-numbered years, the regular legislative session will convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

The bill requires the 2020 regular session of the Legislature to convene on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

The bill has no fiscal impact on state or local government.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Background

The State Constitution prescribes the date for convening the 60-day regular session of the Legislature. Specifically, the State Constitution provides that, in odd-numbered years, the regular session of the Legislature must begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March. For even-numbered years, the State Constitution permits the Legislature to fix by law the date for convening the regular legislative session.¹ If no date is fixed by law, the regular session in even-numbered years must begin on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

Presently, the Legislature has not permanently fixed a specific date in law for even-numbered years. As such, the regular legislative session for even-numbered years typically convenes on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March.² However, in 2014, the Legislature enacted ch. 2014-106, Laws of Florida, to require the 2016 regular legislative session to begin on January 12, 2016. Also, in 2016, the Legislature enacted ch. 2016-218, Laws of Florida, to require the 2018 regular legislative session to begin on January 9, 2018. For subsequent even-numbered years, the regular legislative session will convene on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March.

Effect of the Bill

The bill requires the 2020 regular session of the Legislature to convene on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1: creates an unnumbered section of law and fixes the date for convening the 2020 regular session of the Legislature.

Section 2: provides that the act is effective upon becoming law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

¹ Subsection 3(b), Article III, Florida Constitution.

² Traditionally, the Legislature fixes an early start date for the regular session in apportionment (redistricting) years. For example, in 2012, the regular legislative session started on January 10, 2012. See chapter 2010-91, L.O.F.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Moving the start date of the regular legislative session in 2020 would result in the Legislature enacting the state budget approximately six weeks earlier than current practice. This change would provide state agencies with additional time prior to the start of the fiscal year to implement or react to any budgetary changes.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

Other Comments: Governor's Recommended Budget

Current law requires the Governor to submit a recommended balanced budget to the state at least 30 days before the scheduled annual legislative session, unless a later date is approved in writing by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.³ Moving the start date of the 2020 regular legislative session would require the Governor to submit a recommended balanced budget earlier in that year.

Other Comments: Declaration of Impasse

Current law requires the Governor to declare an impasse in all collective bargaining negotiations for which he or she is deemed to be the public employer and for which a collective bargaining agreement has not been executed at the same time the Governor is required to furnish his or her recommended budget to the Legislature.⁴ Moving the start date of the 2020 regular legislative session would require the Governor to declare an impasse in collective bargaining issues earlier in that year.

IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES

³ Section 216.162(1), F.S.

⁴ Section 216.163(6), F.S.

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Legislature; fixing the date
for convening the 2020 Regular Session of the
Legislature; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. In accordance with subsection (b) of Section 3
of Article III of the State Constitution, and in lieu of the
date fixed therein, the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature
shall convene on January 14, 2020.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

**GAA Special Amendment
Deadlines & Procedures**

**GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT & RELATED BILLS
SPECIAL AMENDMENT DEADLINES & PROCEDURES
PROPOSED BY THE
RULES & POLICY COMMITTEE**

January 18, 2018

The following report is submitted pursuant to Rules 7.11(b) and 12.2(c) for the purpose of establishing the procedures for committee and floor action on the general appropriations bill and any related implementing and conforming legislation.

No later than 8 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2018, the Appropriations Committee will make electronically available to Members and the public the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation to be considered at its meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.

AMENDMENTS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE:

Main amendments to the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation must be filed no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018, in the manner described below. Packages of these filed amendments for the bills will be available from the Appropriations Committee no later than 8 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.

All amendments to amendments and substitute amendments for the proposed General Appropriations bill, proposed implementing bill, and proposed conforming legislation must be filed no later than 12 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, in the manner described below.

Amendments for the Appropriations Committee meeting must be filed with the Committee (Room 221, The Capitol) on the attached form. Member requests for appropriations staff to draft amendments will be treated as timely filed if received before the relevant deadline. The Appropriations Committee will meet at its noticed time on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, and will consider all timely filed amendments.

The Appropriations Committee will file and publish the General Appropriations bill, the implementing bill, and conforming legislation, as amended no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2018. Members and staff will be notified via email when the bills are filed and published.

FLOOR AMENDMENTS:

All floor amendments to be considered on second reading of the General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming legislation must be filed in the manner described below.

Main amendments to the General Appropriations bill, the implementing bill, and conforming legislation must be filed by 4 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018. Packages of amendments for the General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and

conforming legislation will be available from the Appropriations Committee no later than 8 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2018. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.

Amendments to main amendments or substitute amendments for main floor amendments must be requested in the same manner as main amendments by 12 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

Floor amendments to the General Appropriations bill must be filed with the Appropriations Committee (Room 221, The Capitol) on the attached General Appropriations Amendment Input Form. Member requests for appropriations staff to draft amendments will be treated as timely filed if received before the relevant deadline.

Floor amendments to the implementing bill and conforming legislation must be filed with the House Bill Drafting office through the LEAGIS member dashboard and must be “approved for filing” by the relevant deadline.

Amendment deadlines for both Committee and floor amendments apply to all Members, including Members of the Appropriations Committee.

Amendments filed with the Appropriations Committee will be accepted only from the House Member who wishes to file the amendment or from an employee of the House. With the exception of amendments offered by the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, any such amendment request must be delivered by the Member or from an employee of the House, and accompanied by the written authorization of the sponsoring Member on the Member’s letterhead. Email requests for amendments will not be accepted.

Members are reminded that the provisions of Rule 12.5 apply.

Time Schedule for Special Rule – 2018
 Procedure for Committee and Floor Action on the
 General Appropriations Bill and Related Implementing and Conforming Bills

Friday, January 26, 2018	8 a.m.	The Appropriations Committee will make electronically available the proposed General Appropriations bill and related implementing and conforming bills to be considered at its meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018.
Monday, January 29, 2018	4 p.m.	All main amendments for the proposed General Appropriations bill and related implementing and conforming bills must be filed for the Appropriations Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. Amendments must be filed with the Appropriations Committee.
Monday, January 29, 2018	8 p.m.	Packages of amendments will be made available. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.
Tuesday, January 30, 2018	12 p.m.	All amendments to the amendments and substitute amendments must be filed with the Appropriations Committee.
Wednesday, January 31, 2018	TBD	The Appropriations Committee will meet.
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Thursday, February 1, 2018	4 p.m.	The General Appropriations bill, implementing bill, and conforming bills, as amended, will be filed, published, and made electronically available.
Monday, February 5, 2018	4 p.m.	All requests for main floor amendments for the General Appropriations bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for main floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis.
Monday, February 5, 2018	8 p.m.	Packages of amendments will be made available. Members and staff will be notified via email once the amendment package has been published.
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	12 p.m.	All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for the General Appropriations bill must be submitted to the Appropriations Committee. All requests for amendments to floor amendments and substitute amendments to floor amendments for related implementing and conforming bills must be approved for filing in Leagis.
Wednesday- Thursday, February 7 – 8, 2018	TBD	Second reading & Third reading

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Appropriations Amendment Input Form

Primary Sponsor: _____

Co Sponsors: _____

BILL NUMBER:

	Check one:	
Amendment:		Original Amendment #
Amendment to Amendment (<i>insert original amend. #</i>):		
Substitute Amendment for Amendment (<i>insert original amend. #</i>):		

Explanation: _____

Deleting From: (Note: The amendment must balance by fund. Deletes = Adds)

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(Note: Delete only the paragraph(s) in the proviso you are changing; do not delete paragraphs you are not changing)

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