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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Medieval Reenactment Month; creating s. 683.337, F.S., designating June of each year as "Medieval Reenactment Month"; authorizing the Governor to issue an official proclamation; authorizing the Department of State to highlight festivals and celebrations of medieval life, culture, and history; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, in the 1850s, families in Leon County, Florida held medieval reenactments that included jousts, horse races, and pageants, and
WHEREAS, annual medieval reenactments, fairs, and festivals are held throughout the United States and Europe every year, and
WHEREAS, historical reenactments are fun and engaging ways to teach people about the past, and
WHEREAS, organizations such as the Society for Creative Anachronism and thousands of local organizations support historical reenactments of various periods, including the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and
WHEREAS, historical reenactments benefit local economies and create a sense of community and comradery, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Section 683.337, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
683.337. Medieval Reenactment Month.-
(1) June of each year is designated as "Medieval Reenactment Month."
(2) The Governor may issue a proclamation declaring June as "Medieval Reenactment Month."

The Department of State is encouraged to highlight festivals and celebrations of medieval life and culture that occur in June and throughout the year.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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A bill to be entitled

An act related to the payment of property taxes and assessments; adding a subsection to s. 192.0105, F.S.; affording taxpayers the right to pay property taxes and assessments in full using virtual or digital currency; authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to determine the value of any virtual or digital currency used to pay taxes and assessments; permitting taxpayers to appeal valuations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 192.0105, Florida Statutes, subsection (5) is added to read:

5. THE RIGHT TO ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS.-

(1) The right of taxpayers to remit virtual or digital currency in an amount equivalent to United States dollars, as determined by the Chief Financial Officer, to pay Florida property taxes and non-ad valorem assessments in full.

(2) The right to appeal the Chief Financial Officer's valuation of any virtual or digital currency used to pay property taxes and non-ad valorem assessments.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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A bill to be entitled

An act to preserve Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty by prohibiting the use of political campaign signs for any federal, state, county, or district election; amending s. 106.1435, F.S., providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 106.1435, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- (1) No affiliated party committee or candidate for a federal, state, county, or district office shall erect, post, paint, tack, nail, or otherwise display a political campaign sign of any kind on public or private property.
- (2) Political subdivisions or governmental entities have the authority to remove political campaign signs and may charge the affiliated party committee or candidate the actual cost for such removal.
- (3) Affiliated party committees or candidates found to have erected a political campaign sign for themselves or another candidate commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.
- (4) This section does apply to the following types of political campaign advertisements: stationary billboards, mobile billboards, mailers, flyers, bumper stickers, newspapers, magazines, and periodicals.

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A bill to be entitled

An act to prohibit "equitable" grading practices on the basis that such practices undermine holding all public school students to high standards; adding a subsection to s. 1008.22, F.S., directing teachers to impose reasonable penalties for late work; mandating extra credit opportunities; prohibiting flexible or rolling deadlines; prohibiting limitations on weekly assignments; requiring teachers to award a zero for unsubmitted work; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 1008.22, subsection (6), Florida Statutes, paragraph (a) is added to that subsection to read:

(a) In the interest of holding all students to high academic standards, all public school educators shall impose reasonable penalties for work submitted after a clearly communicated due date; shall provide extra credit opportunities to encourage mastery of the material; shall grade or award points for practice work or homework; shall not offer flexible or rolling deadlines for the submission of assignments; shall not limit the number or type of assignments per week, shall not permit multiple re-takes of school-based tests; and shall not establish minimum scores or pass rates for unsubmitted work other than zero.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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Senate Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing a new section to add Section 33 to Article X of the State Constitution to affirm the state's role in addressing immigration challenges.

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

That the creation of Section 33 of Article X of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE X
MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 33. State role in immigration. - State and local law enforcement agencies shall use all available resources to enforce federal immigration law within the jurisdiction of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
ARTICLE X, SECTION 33

STATE ROLE IN IMMIGRATION - Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require state and local law enforcement agencies to use all available resources to enforce federal immigration law within the jurisdiction of the state.

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A bill to be entitled

An act to create a sales tax holiday for goods produced, manufactured, or processed in Florida; exempting certain theme parks and entertainment complexes, public lodging establishments, and airports; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Made in Florida; sales tax holiday -

(1) The tax levied under Chapter 212, Florida Statutes, may not be collected during the period from March 30, 2025, through April 30, 2024 on the sale of:

(a) Any fresh produce grown in Florida with a sales price of \$25 or less.

(b) Any meat or fish harvested in Florida with a sales price of \$25 or less.

(b) Any retail item of less than \$25 manufactured by a Florida-based business registered with the Florida Division of Corporations for at least one year prior to March 30, 2025.

(c) Any books written about the history of Florida, guidebooks about Florida travel and tourism, maps of Florida, or other nonfiction publications with Florida as its primary subject with a sales price of \$25 or less.

(d) Official flags of the state of Florida with a sales price of \$50 or less.

(e) Souvenir and clothing items sold by Florida-based professional sports organizations, tourism entities, or entertainment venues with a sales price of \$75 or less.

(2) The tax exemptions provided in this section do not apply to sales within a theme park or entertainment complex as defined in s. 509.013(9), Florida Statutes, within a public lodging establishment as defined in s. 509.013(4), Florida Statutes, or within an airport as defined in s. 330.27(2), Florida Statutes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect March 1, 2025.

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House Concurrent Resolution

A concurrent resolution applying to the Congress of the United States to invest in the expansion of the Interstate Highway System in Florida.

WHEREAS, Florida ranks first in domestic migration and second in international migration, and

WHEREAS, In 2024, Florida's total population exceeded 23 million residents for the first time, and

WHEREAS, 135 million people visited Florida in 2023, and

WHEREAS, Economists and demographers predict that Florida's population and tourism will continue to increase, and

WHEREAS, Federal infrastructure projects have not kept pace with population growth in states like Florida, and

WHEREAS, The construction of interstate highways has long been a core function of the federal government, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, the Senate Concurring:

(1) That the Legislature of the State of Florida applies to Congress to immediately approve a federal budget that allocates a minimum of \$50 billion for the Federal Highway System in Florida.

(2) That these projects include the widening and extension of existing interstates and the building of new interstates throughout the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this application be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature of each state.

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A bill to be entitled

An act to initiate the process of dividing Miami-Dade, Broward, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, and Orange counties; creation of the The Commission on County Reorganization; providing an effective date

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

Section 1. The Commission on County Reorganization is hereby authorized.

1. The Commission on County Reorganization shall:

(a) Consult the "Local Government Formation Manual" and provide regular updates to the State Local Administration, Federal Affairs and Special Districts Subcommittee of the Florida House of Representatives.

(b) Solicit and document input from residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, and Orange counties.

(c) Examine the county boundaries specified in Chapter 7, Florida Statutes, for the counties of Miami-Dade, Broward, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, and Orange.

(d) Identify natural, political, or manmade boundaries that may be used to divide Miami-Dade, Broward, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, and Orange counties.

(e) Recommend processes and procedures for transferring and allocating government assets and addressing payment or apportionment of public debt, per Article VIII, Section 1(a), Florida Constitution.

(f) Recommend names and county seats for the newly created counties.

(g) Establish a timeline, not to exceed eight years, for the completed division of Miami-Dade, Broward, Hillsborough, Palm Beach, and Orange counties.

2. The Commission on County Reorganization shall consist of the following membership:

(a) The commission shall be composed of seventeen members. The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives shall each provide a of six nominees to the Governor for initial appointment to the commission. The seventeenth commission member, who shall serve as chair of the commission, shall be appointed by the Governor. Each member of the commission is subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(b) Members of the commission shall serve 4-year terms.

(c) Members of the commission are prohibited from lobbying state or local government while they are members of the commission.

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A bill to be entitled

An act to begin the transition to i-voting for elections; adding s.
97.030, F.S.; providing an effective date

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

Section 1. Section 97.030, Florida Statutes, subsection (w), is added
to read:

(1) Beginning in 2033, all residents of Florida who meet the requirements of
Chapter 97, Part II, Florida Statutes, the Florida Voter Registration Act,
shall vote using a secure, internet-based voting system maintained by the
Florida Department of State.

(2) The Florida Department of State shall issue a smart card to each resident
who is legally eligible to vote. The smart card shall be used to verify the
identity of the voter and is not transferable. Individuals with a documented
disability that impair their ability to vote may receive assistance from
parents or caretakers.

(3) Residents who knowingly sell or transfer a smart card commits a felony of
the first degree and is subject to fines of up to \$1,000,000 and/or
imprisonment of not more than 120 months.

(4) Individuals who knowingly use a smart card assigned to another Florida
resident commits a felony in the first degree and is subject to fines of up
to \$1,000,000 and/or imprisonment of not more than 120 months.

(5) The Florida Department of State shall ensure adequate audit and chain of
custody procedures for all e-voting systems.

(6) The Florida Department of State shall conduct regular trials to assess
potential vulnerabilities in Florida's i-voting system.

(7) The Florida i-voting portal shall be available on any device with
internet access, including computers, tablets, and smartphones.

Section 2. The Florida Legislature shall appropriate \$250 million to
fulfill the requirements of this act.

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A bill to be entitled

An act to expedite the undergrounding of certain electrical distribution lines

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

Section 1. Section 366.96, Florida Statutes, subsection (12) is added to read:

(12) The commission shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a comprehensive plan to underground Florida's existing electrical distribution lines.

(a) The plan timeline may not exceed 20 years or the year 2045.

(b) The plan must underground at least 75% of all existing overhead electrical distribution lines.

(c) Priority for undergrounding electrical distribution lines shall be given to areas determined by the commission to have weather-related vulnerabilities in transmission and distribution infrastructure.

(d) The plan must include reasonable cost estimates and penalties for the failure of public utilities to underground electrical distribution lines in a timely, safe, and cost-effective manner.

Section 2. The Florida Legislature shall appropriate \$3 billion per year to fulfill the requirements of this act. This amount may be reduced upon the receipt of federal funds designated to protect or strengthen transmission and distribution electric utility infrastructure from extreme weather conditions.