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# 8 REGIONAL OFFICES – 30+ STATE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS EXPERTS



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- **Catch Up on what's Happened**
  - 2018 Session
  - Past Success
  
- **Future**
  - Election 2018
  - Goals for 2019...and beyond
  
- **Q & A**



- October to December 2017... 5 committee weeks.
- January 9 to March 9... 60 days
  - 3,250 Bills/PCBs filed
  - 2,721 Amendments filed
  - 527 Committee meetings
  - 2,853 Bills seen in committee
  - 200 Bills passed both chambers (6%)

# 2018 Session “highlights”

- Recovery Residence Legislation
  - Successfully opposed creating loopholes to 2017 changes
- Successfully opposed restrictions to local government authority
  - CRA legislation.... Failed
  - Vacation Rental .... Failed
  - Travel polices .... Failed
  - Puppy Mills .... Failed
- Successfully Secured an appropriation:
  - \$300,000 for the Atlantic Dunes Park Coastal Dune Restoration & Water Quality Improvement Project... Passed
- Bills of note that passed...

## **HB 631 by Rep. Edwards-Walpole (D, Sunrise) and Sen. Passidomo (R, Naples) relating to Possession of Real Property:**

- Establishment of Recreational Customary Use
- Defines extensive steps a local government must take to establish the Use.
- These customary use provisions do not apply to an ordinance in effect before January 1, 2016.
- Law effective July 1, 2018

## **HB 227 and SB 376 relating to Workers' Compensation Benefits for First Responders by Rep. Willhite (D, Wellington) and Sen. Book (D, Plantation) :**

- Revises the standards for determining compensability of PTSD under workers' compensation for first responders
- Defines extensive steps a local government must take to establish the Use.
- Requires direct or indirect exposure to specifically defined traumatic event(s).
- Law effective October 1, 2018



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# Team History

# Ballard Partners & City of Delray Team History

- In 2015 we assisted the City with passage of Recovery Residence legislation.
- In 2016 we started our current “full service” contract
- **2016:**
  - Passed of a Local Bill related to your City Civil Services board
  - \$300,000 allocation for “Reclaimed Water System Expansion”
- **2017:**
  - Passage of further recovery residence legislation prohibiting patient brokering
- **2018:**
  - Legislation Opposition
  - \$300,000 allocation for Atlantic Dunes Park restoration



The Future...

# Important Dates:



## Election Dates:

- June 18 - June 22 State Qualifying Period
- August 28 Primary Election
- November 6 General Election



## Important Election in Florida:

- New Governor & Cabinet
- New Legislative Leaders
  - Speaker
  - President
  - Committee Chairs
- 30 open State House seats
- 5 open State Senate seats

# Session Starts in The Districts....

- **Palm Beach County Delegation:**

- **Senate:**

- #25      **Open**      (Formerly Sen. Negron)
- #29      Sen. Radar      (Not up for re-election)
- #30      Sen. Powell
- **#31**      **Sen. Berman**      **(Just Elected. City of Delray Beach)**





# Proposed State Constitution Amendments

## 13 Proposed Amendments

- **2 “Citizen” Generated:**
  - “Amendment 3”: Voter Approval for changes in gambling laws
  - Restoration of Voting Rights for Felons

- **3 Legislature Generated:**
  - **“Amendment 1”**: Increases the amount of a home's value exempted from property taxes.
  - **“Amendment 2”**: Makes the cap on non-homestead parcel assessment increases permanent.
  - **“Amendment 5”** : Requires a Two-Thirds Vote of Legislature to Increase Taxes or Fees

## ● **CRC Generated:**

### ● **8 “questions”**

- Marsy's Law, Judicial Retirement Age, and Judicial Interpretation
- Survivor Benefits, Votes for College Fees, and College System
- School Board Term Limits, Allow State to Operate Non-Board Established Schools, and Civic Literacy
- Ban Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling and Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces
- State and Local Government Structure
- Repeal Prohibition on Aliens' Property Ownership, Provision on High-Speed Rail, and Criminal Statutes' Effect
- Ban on Dog Racing



- November 2018:  
**Organizational Session  
TBD**
- December to February:  
**Committee Weeks TBD**
- March 5 to May 3, 2019:  
**General Session**
- Palm Beach County Day:  
**TBD.. March 5 & 6 ?**

# Possible Issues

- Vacation Rental
- Local Government Transparency Measures
- Recovery Residences
- Tree Trimming Regulations
- Beach Nourishment Funding
- Agency Structures
- Gaming

- **Now to October 2018**

- Determine any local legislation that might need addressed
- Determine any general legislation to propose
  - Identify sponsors
  - Assist with the drafting of language
- Work with City Staff to identify possible appropriation requests.
  - Statewide / Regional Benefit.
    - “Why should all Floridians contribute to this project?”

- **October to March**

- Educate the PBC Delegation on issues important to the City

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