

BROWARD LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

NEWSLETTER

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Broward Legislative Delegation Office provides a communication resource between the Federal, State, local governments and Broward County citizens to facilitate the legislative process. Our responsibilities include maintaining an efficient means for the local bill process and monitoring bills approved by the Delegation Members through the Legislature. The Legislative Delegation has a responsibility to monitor the appropriations process, securing State Revenues and other allocated funds for programs, organizations and government agencies in Broward County.

Week 1: Mar. 5 - 8

The 2019 Legislative Session has officially started.



On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, the 2019 Legislative Session began and the 60 day clock to pass a balanced budget began. This Session begin with a new Governor, Ron Desantis, a new Senate President, Bill Galvano (Left), and a new House Speaker, Jose Oliva (right).



GOVERNOR DESANTIS ADDRESSES THE LEGISLATURE.



TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis gave an anti-tax, pro-environment State of the State address Tuesday, asking lawmakers to be bold as they tackle issues like education, school safety and health care.

It was as much a recap of his whirlwind first two months in office as it was a blueprint for his goals as lawmakers begin their annual 60-day session.

Governor DeSantis told lawmakers gathered in the House chamber, “Be bold. Be bold in championing economic opportunity, be bold in protecting Florida’s environment, be bold in improving education, be bold in defending the safety of our communities. Be bold, because while perfection is not attainable, if we aim high, we can achieve excellence.”

DeSantis said he wants to keep building Florida’s economy by keeping taxes low and reducing the regulatory burden on businesses and professional licenses.

Courtesy of www.apnews.com.

Photos Credit: The Florida Channel

Medical Marijuana passes in the Senate.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. —

Florida's ban on smokable medical marijuana could soon be coming to an end.

The Senate voted 34-4 Thursday for a bill that would allow patients to use smokable forms of the plant. The vote was one of the first actions the Senate took during the 60-day session that began Tuesday.

Voters approved medical marijuana in 2016, but lawmakers banned smokable forms of the plant in a bill signed by then-Gov. Rick Scott in 2017. The state was sued over the issue, and a judge declared the ban unconstitutional. Scott, now a Republican U.S. senator, appealed the ruling. Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis said in January that the current law doesn't represent the will of the voters. He said he'd drop the appeal if lawmakers didn't repeal it. The House will vote on its version of the bill next week.

Courtesy of www.wesh.com



Senator Gary Farmer
Photo Credit: Senator Farmer

Session Opening Day Photos



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Top left, clockwise: Senators Thurston and Farmer; Rep. Slosberg & Chair Stark; Rep. & Mrs. DuBose; Rep. Gottlieb & Comm. Fried; Rep. A.M. Rodriguez; Rep. LaMarca.



BROWARD DAYS IN TALLAHASSEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 12
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

EVENT SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

10:00am - 11:30am	Registration Donald L. Tucker Civic Center 505 W. Pensacola Street Tallahassee, FL 32301
11:30am - 1:00pm	Welcome Luncheon * Donald L. Tucker Civic Center 505 W. Pensacola Street Tallahassee, FL 32301
1:00pm - 4:00pm	Speaker's Series/Invited Guests * Donald L. Tucker Civic Center
4:30pm - 6:00pm	Reception Old Capitol
6:30pm - 9:00pm	Welcome Dinner * DoubleTree by Hilton - Downtown Tallahassee 101 South Adams Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

7:30am - 8:30am	Registration Florida Professional Firefighters 343 W. Madison Street Tallahassee, FL 32301
8:00am - 10:00am	Breakfast Florida Professional Firefighters 343 W. Madison Street Tallahassee, FL 32301 Opioid Panel Discussion *
10:00am - 5:00pm	Legislative Series * 216 The Capitol Legislators Additional Appointments
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch 216 The Capitol
6:00pm -	Wrap Up Reception/ Trolley Tour

(*) Speakers and agendas being confirmed

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