

The Slosberg Report

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Legislation Sponsored By Representative Slosberg

The Florida House Rules bring an unprecedented level of scrutiny to budget projects. All projects in the House budget have to be filed as individual bills. In order for a project to be funded in the House budget, it must be filed as a stand alone bill, be favorably considered in committee, and request only a nonrecurring appropriation.

Representative Slosberg has filed four (4) Appropriation Project Bills:

House Bill 3131, Palm Beach County Green Cay Phase 2, seeks funds to be used by the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) to construct a Water Purification Facility (WPF) to treat reclaimed water from its Southern

Region Water Reclamation Facility (SFWRF), adding a new water source to the water supply of Palm Beach County. The purified water will be conveyed to the recreational lakes at the proposed 63-acre public access Green Cay Park and recharge the aquifer for indirect potable use. The project includes the construction of a state-of-the-art education campus adjacent to the WPF.

House Bill 3443, Operation Phoenix, seeks funds to aid active-duty military and prior-service veterans with innovative solutions to regain physical and mental health. Basic physical health, nutrition, suicidal ideation, PTSD, traumatic brain injury, depression, anxiety, self-imposed isolationism and other visible and invisible wounds from service will be addressed.

House Bill 3767, Rales Rides- Senior Transportation Program, seeks funds to provide a minimum 600 seniors, including over 275 Holocaust Survivors, who have disabilities, limited mobility, are unable to safely operate a motor vehicle, or have no other means of transportation, with free transportation to medical appointments and social, cultural, educational, and well-being programs. The funds will enable these seniors to maintain and improve their physical, mental, and emotional health to remain active members of society.

House Bill 3133, Second Chance Program-15th Judicial Circuit, seeks funds to establish a prison reentry program focusing upon education, job training, employment and entrepreneurship.

Tour of the Boca Raton Water Treatment Facility



On December 15, 2021, Representative Slosberg toured the City of Boca Raton water treatment facility to learn how residents have a reliable and sufficient supply of high-quality drinking water.

The City of Boca Raton's raw water supply is from the Biscayne Aquifer. This raw groundwater supply in South Florida contains relatively high levels of naturally occurring dissolved organic material. In the late 1990's, City leaders began a project to comply with new, more stringent water quality regulations and to dramatically improve the aesthetic quality of the drinking water supplied to customers. The City Council authorized final design and construction of a 40 million-gallon-per-day (mgd), state-of-the-art membrane softening process at the Glades Road Utility Services complex.

The Right to Vote and Registering to Vote



The right to vote is one of the fundamental liberties we enjoy as Americans. It is also one of the greatest civic responsibilities U.S. Citizens have. Exercise your **right** to vote and understand your **responsibilities** as a voter.

Register online at

<https://www.pbcelections.org/Voters/Register-to-Vote>.

This system can be used to submit a new registration, makes changes to your existing registration information (i.e., party affiliation, address changes, name changes, etc.), or to prefill a voter registration application form. You will need your Florida driver license or FL ID card, and the last four digits of your Social Security Number to submit your application online.

You should not use this system to register or update your voter registration information if your address is protected. Contact the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections office (561) 656-6200, or the office in your county, to register.

All About Florida Redistricting

After each decennial census the Legislature redraws the districts from which Florida voters elect their state representatives, state senators, and members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Florida Constitution directs the Legislature to redraw district boundaries at its Regular Session in the second year following each decennial census, which will begin on January 11, 2022.

Redistricting is the redrawing of congressional and state legislative districts to adjust for uneven growth rates in different parts of the state. Districts determine which voters participate in which elections.

Reapportionment is the redistribution of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states, based on the decennial census. Each state gets at least one seat. Effective with elections in 2022, Florida gets 28 representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives, an increase of one from the last decade. Two U.S. Senators represent the entire state.

The Voting Rights Act prohibits any state from imposing any voting qualification, standard, practice or procedure that results in the denial of any U.S. citizen the right to vote on the basis of race, color, or membership in a language minority group.

The Florida Constitution requires the Legislature to divide the state into 30 to 40 contiguous senatorial districts and 80 to 120 contiguous house districts. The Florida Constitution prohibit line-drawing that intentionally favors or disfavors a political party or an incumbent. These Sections also afford protection to racial and language minorities, and provide additional standards for the drawing of plans and districts, such as districts shall consist of contiguous territory, districts shall consist of contiguous territory.

A joint website was created by the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate to provide access to information about the 2022 redistricting cycle. See <https://www.floridaredistricting.gov/>. The site also provides free, public access to the same redistricting data and map-drawing application used by the Legislature, as well as information about opportunities for public engagement.

December is National and Universal Human Rights Month



December recognizes National Human Rights Month. This month and every month to follow, everyone in the United States is encouraged to come together and stand up for equality, justice, and the dignity of all humans. December is a time to honor the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an international document stating the fundamental rights and freedoms to which all human beings are entitled. These rights include freedom from discrimination, the right to equality, and the right to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

“Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home — so close and so small they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.”

-Eleanor Roosevelt

[December Celebrations](#)



Steve and I celebrating our marriage on December 6th!



*Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year from the
District #91 Team!*

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