

DEFEND FLORIDA NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 25, 2025

FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET!



Things are moving at lightening speed in Tallahassee. We got two of our bills filed, sent to committee and are crossing our fingers while waiting to see if they get passed through to the floor.

Here's the lineup of our bills, their companion bills, and their sponsors.

Elections and State Issued Identification (Only Citizens Vote):

- HB831 – Jacques and Tremont
- SB1330 – Garcia

Elections/Audits (VBM):

- HB1203 – Barnaby
- SB396 – Garcia

Election Technology Security (Tech Bill):

- SB394 – Garcia

As you can see, there is no House sponsor for SB394. There is a hail Mary move but we need your help. If you have any sort of relationship with Representative Jenna Persons-Mulicka from Lee County (Ft. Myers area) please contact Deb Monks at sdmonks@proton.me. Persons-Mulicka has a technology bill. Our hail Mary is to merge our bill into hers. If you are one of her constituents that's even better.

ALL GAS, NO BRAKES

Senator Ingoglia has introduced a stinker of an election bill, SB1414, that must be killed. When asked about his bill, he claimed it came from the Governor and the Secretary of State, Cord Byrd. Truth or not, it's going to be a big lift for us to convince legislators to go against a bill the Governor supposedly wants.

Ingoglia's bill has a lot of poison pills in it. A major one is that during reconciliation, the bill demands that ballot images be used in a recount and prohibits hand counting paper ballots.

This is how the 2020 Georgia election was stolen. Ballot images make it easier to cheat. In Georgia, evidence proved that ballot images were duplicated two and three times and added to the ballot totals. This was possible because digital images were used and not paper ballots. They could even change which bubble was filled in to make a Republican ballot appear to vote Democrat. SB364 is for the people of Florida. SB 1414 is for the machine vendors who will cash in on this legislation.

At a recent White House Governor's luncheon, President Trump pushed his single day voting and hand counting of ballots initiatives.

<https://x.com/thepeoplesaudit/status/1893104100209725772>



He campaigned on this. Our bills address both issues. Florida can lead the nation by reforming elections and be the first to champion Trump's

reforms. So far, 138.4K people have watched the video. We need it to go viral to put pressure on the FSE and their lobbyists. Watch and share with your friends.

WE'VE GOT US A CONVOY

It's time to head to Tallahassee. There are several people carpooling and a bus is scheduled to leave from Sarasota Tuesday March 11th. For information regarding the Sarasota bus, email contact@thehollowalliance.com

Appointments are being made with legislators on the 11th and 12th with most people returning the afternoon of the 12th. Many Defenders are staying at the BOB (Boutique on a Budget) Hotel that is 15 minutes from the capital.

The link is: <http://thebobhotels.com/>



To watch some videos on why making the effort to go to Tallahassee is so important, go here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaO_hWNIToE&list=PLks7KNjxsuQFurFddfz8nvz9UAlp3s3cx&index=6

To be effective, you don't need to be a pro or to have legislation memorized. Go to Defend Florida's website at www.defendflorida.org. Click on the different tabs to learn about Defend Florida, its mission and our bills. There are documents to print and take with you like the 2-page summary of the bills. We will place you with one of our experienced Defender teams and by day's end you will be the pro. In addition to attending legislator meetings, you can attend committee meetings that are important to our cause. Being in a committee meeting is impactful as legislators take notice of 'visitors'.

SOS FROM THE SOEs



Supervisors of Elections (SOEs) are required by law to submit an Election Security Plan each year to the state. Evidently, this hasn't been done for years. At a recent meeting they asked for help with a Model Election Security Plan. There are a lot of new SOEs this year and they need help getting up to speed. They asked. We delivered.

Deb Monks and her team put together a detailed plan for the SOEs. Here's where you come in. We are requesting that you make copies of the plan and give it to your SOE. There is also a script and follow up email to guide you when you meet with your SOE. This will create an opening for a relationship with your SOE. Even if your SOE isn't a newbie, there's a lot of information in the packet regarding new election legislation and rules. Email Deb at sdmonks@proton.me to get a copy. Print the first 133 pages and give it to your SOE. HINT: If you print it at home, Staples will bind it for less than \$10. Staples suggested using 24 weight paper for a professional presentation.

The SOEs have seasoned lobbyists that are opposed to our election integrity bills. They want to call us harassers and criminalize our voice. David Ramba holds a tremendous amount of power as the Executive Director of the Florida Supervisors of Elections (FSEs) and the boss of the Chairman of the RPOF, Evan Power. We are the ambassadors of transparency and freedom of speech. They are not.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Go to www.defendflorida.org and register for the Tuesday 7 pm calls. Study the Bonus section for information about Tallahassee. Watch previous calls at www.defendflorida.org/p2 Play the video links and share with your friends.