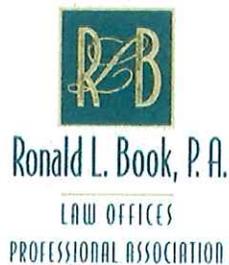


**MONTHLY REPORT TO VILLAGE COUNCIL
SECTION 4**

**Legislative Updates
Federal Legislative Information**



Post Session 2016 Update

The 2016 Legislative Session ended early this year, on Friday, March 11th, and with the close of Session brought the beginning of the Florida election season. This election season will not be a regular one, in addition to it being an extended season, with Session's early end, as a result of redistricting, and after the Court's final redistricting decision in January of this year, the entirety of the Florida Senate and of the Florida House are up for reelection. This means each of the 40 Senate seats and 120 House seats are up. The 2016 summer election season will be one to remember. Specific to our area, are several Senate districts which vary significantly from the prior district lines before the Court's final decision on the Senate maps.

While state Legislative qualifying will be from Noon, June 20, 2016 until Noon, June 24, 2016, already, several of the most important Senate races to watch are in Miami-Dade County. Districts 37, 39, and 40, all in the south end of the County, are expected to be contentious.

Candidates in these races, as of today, are as follows:

- Senate District 37: Senator Miguel Diaz de la Portilla (R) and Representative Jose Javier Rodriguez (D)
- Senate District 39: Senator Flores (R) and Andrew Korge (D)
- Senate District 40: Senator Dwight Bullard (D), former Representative Ana Rivas Logan (D) and Representative Artilles (R)

For a complete list of all House and Senate races, please click here:

<http://dos.elections.myflorida.com/candidates/>

Florida State legislative elections qualifying: Noon, June 20, 2016 through Noon, June 24, 2016 (after 6/24, the final listing of elections will be updated to reflect those who have qualified and who has filed to run in House and Senate seats. It is important to note that until 6/24/16 at noon, no race has been finalized.

Florida Election Dates: The primary election will be held on August 30, 2016, and the general election will be held on November 8, 2016.

Legislative Committee weeks and the 2017 Session Dates: After the November 8th election, the House and Senate will hold an organizational Session to formally appoint leadership. Senate President Designate Joe Negron (R – Stuart) and House Speaker-designate Richard Corcoran (R – Land O'Lakes) will be sworn in and will announce legislative committee chairs and

membership, and begin the legislative committee process which lasts through the end of February. **The 2017 Regular Legislative Session will begin on March 7th and run for 60 consecutive days, through Friday, May 5th, 2017.**

If there are specific issues of interest over the summer or in anticipation of the next legislative session, or if there are questions on any new or any ongoing issues, please let us know and we will be happy to follow up with further information.

Thank you.