



April 26, 2017

The Bills listed below are on the House Calendar for Thursday, April 27. Please contact your Representatives in **OPPOSITION** to the following:

**Wireless Communications Infrastructure – Oppose CS/CS/HB 687**

**CS/CS/HB 687 (La Rosa)** will be considered by the full **House of Representatives** Thursday, April 27. Please contact your Representatives and urge them to **Oppose CS/HB 687**.

While Florida cities embrace the deployment of 5G technology in their communities, this legislation would offer deep discounts to multibillion dollar telecom companies at the taxpayers' expense.

CS/HB 687 currently imposes a price cap of \$150 for these assets. **FLC supports a free market approach to the deployment of this infrastructure.**

If passed, this legislation will use taxpayer-owned land to irresponsibly drive down costs, effectively wrecking an existing and functioning free market. This is subsidizing a for-profit industry with taxpayer dollars.

**Message to Representatives:**

Installment of wireless communications technology should be negotiated at the local level.

Oppose **CS/HB 687** because instead of using a free market approach, it creates an unreasonable and arbitrary cap on fees (\$150/year) for the installation of this infrastructure.

If you have any questions, concerns or need any additional information contact Megan Sirjane-Samples at 850-701-3655 or [msirjanesamples@flcities.com](mailto:msirjanesamples@flcities.com).

**Short-Term Vacation Rentals – Oppose CS/HB 425**

**CS/HB 425 (La Rosa)** will be considered by the full **House of Representatives** Thursday, April 27. Please contact your Representatives and urge them to **Oppose CS/HB 425**.

**CS/HB 425** as amended, would still preempt cities from adopting ordinances specific to vacation rentals. The amended bill also allows grandfathered cities to amend their ordinances to be less restrictive or reduce regulatory burdens on U.S. Armed Services or disabled veterans.

Should you have any questions, please contact Casey Cook at [ccook@flcities.com](mailto:ccook@flcities.com) or 850-228-8559 (cell).

### **Municipal Election Dates – Oppose CS/CS/HB 1325**

**CS/CS/HB 1325 (Renner), an elections bill which includes language preempting municipal election dates, will be considered by the full House of Representatives Thursday, April 27. Please contact your Representatives and urge them to Oppose CS/CS/HB 1325.**

The bill expressly preempts to the state the authority to establish the dates of elections of municipal officers and requires the governing body of a municipality to choose from among the following dates:

- The general election in November of each even-numbered year;
- The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year;
- The first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of an even-numbered year or odd-numbered year.

If a municipal charter or ordinance requires the municipality to conduct its election in a runoff format, the bill requires the municipality to choose from among a number of specified election date options.

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