

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Community Affairs

CS/CS/SB 1628 — Local Government Actions

by Fiscal Policy Committee; Community Affairs Committee; and Senator Collins

The bill reduces the exceptions to the requirement that counties and cities, respectively, produce or have produced a “business impact estimate” prior to passing an ordinance. A local government must generally, with certain exceptions, complete a business impact estimate, which includes an estimate of the direct economic impact of the government action, before passing an ordinance. The bill provides that local governments must complete a business impact statement prior to adopting and implementing a comprehensive plan amendment or land development regulation amendment, other than those amendments initiated by a private party.

The bill also provides that a local government holding a referendum on approving a bond issue in an amount greater than \$500 million must do so at a general election, as opposed to a special election held for that purpose.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect October 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 30-1; House 84-30