



2015 Special Session B Week 1
August 10 - 14, 2016

Special Session B kicked off on Monday as the Legislature begins working on the congressional districts. Several districts (Districts 5, 13, 14, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27) have been ordered to be re-drawn after the Supreme Court ruled back in early July that it violated the “Fair Districts” act. Legislative staff released base maps that were work-shopped on Wednesday and approved by the House Reapportionment Committee. It will be considered by the full House this upcoming Monday. The Senate will consider their base maps and any amendments on Monday during their Reapportionment Committee meeting. Special Session B is scheduled to end on August 21st.

The Governor’s Commission on Healthcare and Hospital Funding met on Wednesday to discuss the legislative initiatives of allowing extended stays at ambulatory surgical centers and the creation of recovery care centers. Both were unsuccessful in passing the Senate during the 2015 Legislative Session. Chairman of the House Health and Human Services Committee, Representative Jason Brodeur also appeared and address the committee citing his desire to create a more competitive health care market. The commission’s next meeting takes place in Orlando on August 31st. They will workshop issues to provide recommendations to the Governor.

Upcoming Dates: I know it feels like we just concluded the 2015 Legislative Session (because we just did!) but 2016 is quickly approaching. Below are some key dates to keep in mind. Bills for the regular session have been getting filed slowly and we are monitoring closely. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our team if you need anything at all!

2015 Special Session B – Redistricting Maps for Congressional Districts 5, 13, 14, 21, 22, 25, 26 and 27
Scheduled to end on Friday, August 21, 2016

2015 Special Session C – Redistricting Maps for the Florida Senate
Monday, October 19, 2015, through November 6, 2015 (this coincides with the already below scheduled regular committee weeks)

2016 Regular Session/Committee Weeks:
Wednesday, September 16 through Friday, September 18
Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9
Monday, October 19 through Friday, October 23
Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 6
Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20
Monday, November 30 through Friday, December 4

The Regular Session will convene on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and conclude on March 11, 2016.