



2015 Special Session B Week 2 – The Sine Die Edition August 17 – 21, 2015

With the legislative budget process seeing a quick turn around this year with the early 2016 session, Florida received some good news late last week. State economists released budget information late Friday that predicted more than \$460 million in budget surplus. State agencies are required to submit their legislative budget requests (LBRs) mid September that Governor Scott will use to craft his recommended budget to the Legislature. This recommended budget must be submitted at least 30 days before the beginning of the 2016 Legislative Session.

The Legislature concluded their special session on redistricting today at an impasse. Sound familiar? After disagreement over the redistricting map of several congressional districts, things turned ugly fast. There was lots of back and forth, two Senate attempts to extend Special Session B with the creation of a conference committee and two votes in opposition therefore ending the session at noon today.... without any agreement. What happens next is still yet to be determined but the new districts could be left to the courts to draw. This special session was called as several congressional districts (Districts 5, 13, 14, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27) were ordered by the Supreme Court to be redrawn.

The first substantive committee week for the 2016 Legislative Session is coming up quickly. The Senate has released their block calendar and it can be viewed [HERE](#). There is no word from the House on their schedule at the time of this report.

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**