

Capitol Report

Week Ending April 05, 2019

Overview

The focus of this week's Capitol Report is on advocating against several bills that harm citizen democracy and are moving quickly through the legislative process. We need you to take action during Week 5 to try and stop these bills from moving out of their next committee. The calls to action below are for meetings through Wednesday. The legislature has a minimum of 36 hours to provide meeting notice. It is typical during this time of the session for last minute notices. Look for daily actions alerts.

Common Cause wants to amplify your advocacy. We hope that you will visit the legislators in your district and tell them in-person about the bills you oppose. Tag [Common Cause Florida](#) on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) whenever you tell legislators that you are one of 76,000 Common Cause Florida members advocating for Floridian's rights to free and fair elections, honest government, public campaign financing, voting rights, and protecting democracy.

Take Action in Week 5

Watch the committee meetings live on [The Florida Channel](#) or view the On-Demand Video from the committee page.

Monday, April 8, 2019

2:00 PM House State Affairs Committee

Call the [House State Affairs](#) Committee members before 2 pm on Monday and tell members you **oppose HJR57 and HB131**

- [HJR57](#) Percentage of Elector Votes Required to Approve Constitutional Amendment or Revision. Bill makes it harder to pass a constitutional amendment by raising the threshold to pass a citizen-led constitutional amendment from 60 percent to 66 two-thirds percent.
- [HB131](#) Voter Registration Maintenance. Identical to [SB230](#). Bill may result in inaccurately identifying eligible Florida voters as noncitizens and creating obstacles to their fundamental right to vote.

4:00 PM Senate Judiciary Committee

Call the Senate Judiciary Committee members before 4 pm on Monday and tell members to **oppose SB 7086**

- [SB7086](#) Voting Rights Restoration. Similar to [SB7089](#). Bill changes the language of Amendment 4 and decreases the number of people eligible to have their voting rights restored as voters intended when they passed the amendment in 2018. Read [Florida Politics "I Didn't Serve to See Lawmakers Undermine the Will of the People"](#)

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

10:00 AM Infrastructure and Security

Call the [Senate Infrastructure and Security](#) Committee members before 10 AM on Tuesday and tell members to **oppose SB 230**

- [SB230](#) Voter Registration Maintenance. Identical to [HB131](#). Bill may result in inaccurately identifying eligible Florida voters as noncitizens and creating obstacles to their fundamental right to vote.

2:00 PM House Judiciary Committee

Call the [House Judiciary](#) Committee members before 2 PM on Tuesday and tell members to **oppose HB7089**

- [SB7089](#) Voting Rights Restoration. Similar to [SB7086](#). Bill restricts the number of people who are eligible to vote, undermining what the 65% of Floridians intended when they passed the amendment in 2018.

2:00 PM Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

Call the [Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development](#) Committee members before 2 PM on Tuesday and tell members to **oppose SB7096**

- [SB7096](#) Constitutional Amendments. The bill makes it harder for citizens to place initiatives on the ballot. Read [Tampa Bay Times "Changing citizen initiative rules to silence voters."](#)

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

10:00 AM Senate Rules

Call the [Senate Rules](#) Committee members before 10 AM on Wednesday and tell members to **oppose SB362**

- [SB362](#) Abolishing the Constitution Revision Commission. Read [Tallahassee Democrat "Make Changes But Don't Abolish Constitution Revision Commission"](#)



LEGISLATION

Common Cause Florida is tracking several bills. They include a record number of measures to improve elections and a record number to preempt local communities from self-governance. The Common Cause Florida Team has put them in online tracking application for you here: <https://airtable.com/shrn93mUWOqI2il2Z>

Position Code: **N** – No position; **O** – Oppose; and **S**- Support

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