

# **PROPOSED RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE PASCO COUNTY LEGISLATIVE**

**As Adopted on November 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

## **RULE ONE**

### **COMPOSITION, QUORUM, VOTING**

1.1 – Effective November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Pasco Legislative Delegation shall be comprised of the following Senate and House districts: Senate 10, 16, and 20 and House 36, 37, and 38. Said membership shall be adjusted at the first organizational meeting of the Delegation immediately following reapportionment of the Legislature or as may otherwise be required.

1.2 - A quorum of the Delegation shall consist of not less than four (4) members of the Delegation and no official business may be conducted by the Delegation without such quorum.

## **RULE TWO**

### **OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

2.1 - A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected at the organizational meeting of the Pasco County Legislative Delegation. The Chair and Vice Chair shall continue in office for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are appointed at the next organizational meeting. During the time that a House member serves as Chair, a Senator shall serve as Vice Chair; and, during the time that a Senator serves as Chair, a House member shall serve as Vice Chair. Chairmanship will alternate between House and Senate with the Vice Chair moving up to Chair.

In the even-year of a redistricting term, the election of the Chair or the Vice-Chair shall be delayed until the delegation meeting following the even-year election, and shall be the first order of business at that meeting.

2.2 - A majority of the Delegation members shall select the designee for Chair and Vice Chair.

2.3 - When the Chair is absent from any meeting, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair. In case of the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the Chair shall designate who shall perform the duties of the Chair.

2.4 - The Chair shall, with the advice of the members, call any meeting deemed necessary, and designate the date, time, and place of said meeting.

## **RULE THREE**

### **VOTING**

3.1 - The voting requirements on all matters, except the introduction of local bills of the Pasco County Legislative Delegation, shall be a majority vote as defined herein.

3.2 - The Chair shall declare all votes, but if any member rises to doubt a vote, the Chair shall take a poll of the Delegation by oral roll call in alphabetical order, except that the Chair's name shall be called last, all of which shall be recorded and made a part of the public records of the Delegation.

3.3 - The voting requirements for the introduction in the Senate or House of any local legislation by any member of the Delegation is the signature on the jacket of the bill or an appropriate form designated by the Chair or two (2) members of the Delegation. No local bill shall be introduced by any member of the Delegation that does not have the requisite number of signatures prior to introduction.

3.4 - Matters upon reconsideration must be considered no later than the next meeting. If a matter for reconsideration is not taken up by the next meeting, it shall be considered abandoned. A motion to reconsider may be made by a member who was on the prevailing side, and a matter may be reconsidered one (1) time.

3.5 - A waiver or amendment of these rules may be obtained by majority consent of the members of the Senate and House present.

3.6- Any motion that draws a tie vote shall be deemed to have failed.

## **RULE FOUR**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION**

4.1 - The Delegation shall hold an organizational meeting as soon as is practicable following each general election or at the call of the Chair in years during which there is no general election to consider the following matters:

- (a.) Election of Chair and Vice Chair:
- (b.) Rule amendments; and
- (c.) Other matters deemed appropriate.

## **RULE FIVE**

### **MEETINGS OF THE DELEGATION**

5.1 - All requests for meetings with the Delegation, except those of a strictly social nature where public issues will not be formally discussed, shall be made by the deadline set for such requests. All such meetings shall be set at the time designated for public hearings, provided that the Delegation may meet at other times and placed upon request to view public facilities, both existing and proposed, and to attend dedication ceremonies and like events. It is the policy of the Delegation, sitting as a Delegation, to hear all matters affecting the public at public hearings upon due notice to the public.

## **RULE SIX**

### **LOCAL BILLS**

6.1 - No local bill shall be filed by any member of the Delegation which has not been afforded a public hearing in Pasco County, Florida. For the purpose of this rule, the annual Delegation Meeting shall constitute a public meeting.

6.2 - A proposed local bill must be submitted to the Delegation for its official consideration only if at least one member of the Delegation has agreed to sponsor said bill.

6.3 – Only a local bill that meets with approval by a majority of the Delegation may be filed.

## **RULE SEVEN**

### **GENERAL**

7.1 - To the extent not in direct conflict with these Rules, the Rules of the Florida House of Representatives shall apply to the extent applicable to the proceedings of the Delegation.