



## MEMORANDUM

To: SEFLUC

From: Edward de la Parte and Nicolas Porter

Date: November 8, 2023

RE: 2024 Legislation – SEFLUC Update

The following is a summary of legislation which may be of interest to the Southeast Florida Utility Council (“SEFLUC”). A summary of proposed changes and an analysis of impacts to SEFLUC are presented for each bill. In some cases, because of the length of the bill, the analysis may be limited to only those provisions impacting SEFLUC. In the event a more extensive summary and analysis is required, a separate memo addressing the specific legislation can be prepared upon request.

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The 2024 Legislative Session begins January 9 and adjourns March 8.

### **List of Bills Contained in Memo:**

- 1. HB 47/SB 104 - Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates (Robinson/Jones)**
- 2. HB 165/SB 338 – Safe Waterways Act (Gossett-Seidman/Berman)**

## **1. HB 47/SB 104 Municipal Water and Sewer Utility Rates (Robinson/Jones)**

### **Summary:**

- Any municipality providing water or sewer service to customers in another municipality using facilities located in the recipient municipality must charge the same rates and fees to the recipient municipality customers as within its own municipal boundaries.
- Essentially the same as 2023 HB 361, which failed to pass.

### **Status:**

#### **HB 47**

**09/18/23**      **Filed**

**10/05/23**      **Referred to Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee; Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee; Commerce Committee**  
**HOUSE**        **Now in Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee**

#### **SB 104**

**10/04/23**      **Filed**

**10/17/23**      **Referred to Regulated Industries; Community Affairs; Rules**

## **2. HB 165/SB 338 – Safe Waterways Act (Gossett-Seidman/Berman)**

### **Summary:**

- Requires Department of Health to report information regarding its bacteriological sampling of beach waters and public bathing places.
- Requires Department of Health and DEP by December 2024 to submit recommendations regarding the transfer of bacteriological sampling of beach waters and public bathing places from Department of Health to DEP, including continued rule, if any for county health departments in tracking and reporting data.
- Requires Department of Health and DEP by June 2025 to enter into an interagency agreement addressing cooperation between the agencies regarding cooperation between the agencies on data collection, transfer of divisions within the Department of Health to DEP.
- Effective July 1, 2025, powers of Department of Health regarding bacteriological sampling of beach waters and public bathing places transferred to DEP.
- Require rulemaking requiring owners of beach waters and public bathing places to notify DEP and resample within 24 hours of a test result failing to meet a standard established by DEP. Requires closure of waters that fail to meet standards and if necessary to protect public health.
- Requires municipalities and counties to “immediately” notify DEP of any incident that may affect the quality of beach waters or public bathing places within their jurisdiction.
- Requires municipalities and counties to post and maintain health advisory signs around affected beach waters and public bathing places that they own.

**Status:**

**HB 165**

**10/16/23**      **Filed**

**11/02/23**      **Referred to Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee;  
Appropriations Committee; Infrastructure Strategies Committee**

**HOUSE**      **Now in Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee**

**SB 338**

**11/07/23**      **Filed**