

SPECIAL SESSION

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At a Special Session of the Florida Legislature convened under Article III, Section 3(c) of the Constitution of the State, as revised in 1968, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida.

Saturday, April 8, 1972

In pursuance of the Proclamation of Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew, Governor of the State of Florida, the Senate met in Special Session at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by Senator Jerry Thomas, President of the Senate; the Secretary of the Senate, Elmer O. Friday, and the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, John Melton, being at their posts.

The Proclamation of the Governor convening the Legislature in Special Session was read as follows:

PROCLAMATION

State of Florida
Office of the Governor
Tallahassee

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, the Legislature has adjourned the Regular Session for 1972 as extended without final consideration of legislation needed to implement the amendment to Article V, Florida Constitution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary, economically desirable, and in the best interest of the State of Florida to convene the Legislature in Special Session so that it may consider such necessary legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, REUBIN O'D. ASKEW, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my constitutional duty and by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Section 3, Article III, Florida Constitution, do hereby proclaim as follows:

1. That the Legislature in the State of Florida is convened in Special Session pursuant to Section 3(c), Article III, Florida Constitution, at the Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Saturday, the 8th day of April, 1972, for a period of one (1) day.

2. That the Legislature is convened for the sole purpose of considering legislation concerning that part of the implementation of the amendment to Article V, Florida Constitution, which relates to the determination of number and compensation of county judges.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed to this Proclamation convening the Legislature in Special Session, at the Capitol, this 8th day of April, 1972.

REUBIN O'D. ASKEW
Governor

ATTEST:
RICHARD (DICK) STONE
Secretary of State

The following Senators were recorded present:

Mr. President Brantley Gunter Lewis (43rd)
Arnold Broxson Haverfield Myers
Barron Childers Hollahan Pope
Barrow Daniel Horne Saunders
Beaufort de la Parte Johnson (29th) Trask
Bishop Fincher Karl Ware
Boyd Gong Knopke Weissenborn
Peterson Graham Lewis (33rd) Williams

32. A quorum present.

The President announced the appointment of Senator Williams as a member of the Committee on Judiciary—Civil A.

Senator Ducker was recorded present.

On motion by Senator Boyd, the Senate recessed at 11:14 a.m., awaiting the call of the President.

The Senate was called to order by the President at 12:40 p.m. A quorum present.

The President announced that he and the Senator from the Fourth District, Senator Barron, had met with Governor Askew and advised the Governor that some Senators had no notice and others had not received reasonable notice of the Governor's call for a special session. Accordingly, a number of Senators were not present and if business were conducted, their respective constituency would not be represented.

The Governor concurring, the Senate adjourned without conducting any legislative business. The President named Senators Barron, de la Parte, Williams, Beaufort and Boyd as an ad hoc committee to work with a like committee of the House to recommend judicial legislation when the legislature convenes in special session on April 11, 1972.

On motion by Senator Hollahan, the Senate in special session adjourned at 12:45 p.m.