

2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# HOME RULE IN THE HEADLINES



AN FLC REPORT



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**“Cities must fight to keep home rule”**

– TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

**“Ideologues in Tallahassee handcuff Florida cities, counties”**

– PALM BEACH POST

**“Florida’s local governments are sick and tired of state lawmakers pre-empting home rule, and they’re starting to push back”**

– ORLANDO WEEKLY

**“Stop legislature from usurping home rule”**

– GAINESVILLE SUN

**“Tallahassee needs to stop its attack on home rule authority”**

– SUN-SENTINEL

**“Shift power back to the local level”**

– POLITICO

**“Florida Legislature should butt out of cities’ business – and mind its own”**

– MIAMI HERALD

**“Let’s put an end to Tallahassee’s power grab from local governments”**

– FLORIDA TODAY

**“Analysis: Preemption is ‘heavy-handed’ tool to suppress local governments”**

– FLORIDA PHOENIX

**“Lawmakers creating an all-powerful nanny state at the expense of locally elected government”**

– ORLANDO SENTINEL

**“Legislative overreach is clearly out of hand”**

– SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE

**“Why are some Florida leaders so hypocritical on local control?”**

– TAMPA BAY TIMES

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# CITIES DEFEAT SHORT-TERM RENTAL PREEMPTION



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We have 22 million people almost. We are a very diverse state. For us to be micromanaging vacation rentals, I am not sure that is the right thing to do. My view would be, probably, that should be determined locally.

— GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

“Lawmakers want to limit local rules for vacation rentals. DeSantis not ready to support that”

— BRADENTON HERALD

“Short-term rental bill falters”

— DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL

## BY THE NUMBERS MEDIA COVERAGE

**568**

ARTICLES  
COVERING  
KEY ISSUES

**40**

EDITORIALS  
DEFENDING  
HOME RULE

**34**

OPINION-  
EDITORIALS  
WRITTEN BY  
LEAGUE MEMBERS

**28**

ARTICLES  
ADVOCATING  
FOR HOME RULE

# KEY ISSUE COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS

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## BROADBAND

“House votes to establish Florida Office of Broadband, reboot expansion”

– FLORIDA POLITICS

“Key infrastructure legislation signed into law”

– CAPITAL SOUP

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## GROWTH MANAGEMENT

“Gov. DeSantis shoots down bill amending growth management laws”

– FLORIDA POLITICS

“Editorial: Veto protects local power to manage growth”

– GAINESVILLE SUN

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## SALES AND USE TAX

“Legislators: Fix Florida sales tax loophole”

– TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT

“As FL sales tax collections crash in a virus economy, it may be time to close sales tax loopholes to pump up cash”

– FLORIDA PHOENIX

## SUNSCREEN BANS

“Sunscreen debate exposes the Legislature’s attempt to grab power from local governments”

– SUN-SENTINEL

“DeSantis backs bill on sunscreen bans”

– WLRN

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## ENVIRONMENT

“DeSantis environmental plans get legislative support”

– DAYTONA BEACH NEWS-JOURNAL

“Florida legislature passes several bills to benefit the environment”

– WTSP

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## PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

“Proposed Florida law a ‘nuclear bomb’ to local control of zoning, attorney says”

– TAMPA BAY TIMES

“State legislative session peaks, home rule, property rights at risk”

– THE ISLANDER

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## SHORT-TERM RENTALS

“Vacation rentals are a local issue for Floridians”

– NEWS-PRESS

“Poll: Floridians want local control of vacation rentals”

– FLORIDA POLITICS

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## WATER

“League of Cities takes aim at FL crisis in water quality and supply”

– FLORIDA PHOENIX

“Governor signs water quality bills”

– POLITICO PRO

# LOCAL VOICES IN THE NEWS

