



# RON DESANTIS SCORE CARD

**GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS** scores a **D-** for his environmental and freedom policies throughout his term as governor. Sierra Club has tracked his record to help Floridians make an informed decision when voting. A summary of the Governor's performance is listed below.



## ENVIRONMENT

Bill & Year	Description	Governor's Action
S.B. 7068 MCORES	2019 Authorizes three new toll road corridors through 330 miles of undeveloped Florida.	SIGNED
H.B. 7103 Community Development	2019 Effectively eliminates the only way to enforce comprehensive plans, citizen challenges to development, by forcing challengers to risk bankruptcy.	SIGNED
H.B. 829 Attorney Fees & Costs	2019 Intimidates local governments by increasing the financial risk of defending local ordinances against baseless legal actions by corporations and developers. Prevents local water quality solutions by preempting regulation of Class B biosolids.	SIGNED
S.B. 410 Growth Management	2020 Attacks the authority of comprehensive plans and the ability of communities and citizens to make decisions about what kind of place they want to live in.	VETOED
S.B. 172 Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act	2020 Blocks Key West from protecting its coral reef and prioritizes sunscreen chemicals over unique natural resources.	SIGNED
H.B. 839 Retail Fuel & Transportation Infrastructure	2021 Preemption Bill that blocks clean air and clean energy in the transportation sector by locking local communities into current fossil fuel dependence.	SIGNED
H.B. 919 Utility Services Restrictions	2021 Prevents local communities from adopting clean energy electrification initiatives in new residential and commercial building codes by mandating availability of fossil fuels including natural gas.	SIGNED
S.B. 896 Renewable Energy	2021 Greenwashes Methane (Natural Gas) as "renewable energy" to allow more production with increased consumer costs. Also shifted solar siting decisions from local governments to electric utilities.	SIGNED
S.B. 2516 Water Storage: Lake Okeechobee	2021 Misappropriates \$50 million annually from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund into Lake Okeechobee aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) wells which delays Everglades wetlands restoration.	SIGNED
S.B. 426 Seaport Regulations	2021 Overturns the Key West ballot measure for port limits protecting North America's only living and endangered coral reef. (This bill did not pass the legislature and was added onto S.B. 1194, which did pass.)	SIGNED
H.B. 487 Growth Management	2021 Increases by 500% the acreage that qualifies as "small scale" development which only needs a single local hearing without any state oversight.	SIGNED
H.B. 421/H.B. 1101 Real Property Relief from Burdens	2021 Expands "real property" definition to include the value of fracking gas and oil exploration. Forces local governments to choose between expensive litigation and the impacts of oil/gas production on public health.	SIGNED
S.B. 88 Farming Operations	2021 Tilts the legal playing field in favor of Big Sugar and against residents suffering health impacts from sugar cane burning's smoke and ash. Makes it more difficult for Palm Beach County residents to win a class-action lawsuit against Big Sugar.	SIGNED
H.B. 741 Net Metering	2022 Filed on behalf of Florida Power & Light to reduce monthly savings that rooftop solar owners would earn for power sent to the grid.	VETOED
S.B. 2508 Environmental Resources	2022 Focuses Florida's land acquisition solely on agricultural lands and deprioritizes ranch and timber lands and environmentally unique and irreplaceable ecosystems.	VETOED
S.B. 620 Local Business Protection	2022 Allows businesses to sue local governments for damages if a local ordinance or charter amendment will result in a loss of 15% or more in projected profits.	VETOED

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## FREEDOM

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H.B. 5 Ballot Measures	2019 Makes it more difficult and expensive for citizen initiatives to gain ballot access, to collect petitions and imposes new fines from \$50 to \$1,000 on sponsors for late delivery of signed petitions.	SIGNED
S.B. 7066 Election Administration	2019 Undercuts voter-approved Constitutional Amendment 4 by requiring all fees, fines, and restitution be paid before felons' rights are restored.	SIGNED
S.B. 1794 Constitutional Amendments	2020 Adds new hurdles to the Constitutional Amendment by the citizen initiative process, including reducing validity of signed petitions to one year and allowing any citizen to challenge petition circulators, to prevent new citizen-led initiatives.	SIGNED
S.B. 90 Election Administration	2021 Reduces drop box and vote-by-mail access. Limits the ability to collect ballots from the elderly, infirm and those without transportation access.	SIGNED
S.B. 1890/S.B. 699 Campaign Financing	2021 Unconstitutionally restricts political speech by limiting donations supporting citizen initiatives to \$3,000 until almost 1 million signatures across 14 congressional districts are obtained. Created with the goal of shutting down any citizen-led ballot initiatives.	SIGNED
H.B. 1 Combating Public Disorder	2021 Criminalizes the First Amendment right to protest by redefining "rioting" and grants police officers broad discretion to decide who can be arrested and charged with a third-degree felony at a protest.	SIGNED
S.B. 2C Congressional Districts	2022 Establishes new congressional districts drawn by the Governor himself after he vetoed the recommendation passed by Legislature. The map is a clear violation of the Fair Districts amendment to the Florida Constitution adopted by voters in 2010.	SIGNED

### DON'T BE FOOLED BY THE GOVERNOR'S DISTRACTIONS & GREENWASHING



Ignored the Blue-Green Algae Task Force's recommendations even though he requested their input.



Did not secure the land needed to clean the water to send to the Everglades and Florida Bay. Needed to commit more resources to seriously address Everglades Restoration.



Ignored the property insurance crisis, and refuses to take action to address the climate crisis which fuels it.



Did not stop expansion of phosphate mining or close the Piney Point site until a catastrophic spill threatened an entire neighborhood. Nothing has been done about the other 24 radioactive "gypstacks" in the state.

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