

**FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, INC.
POLICY**

Subject: FAC Member Legislative Issue Conflict Resolution Process Used During Non-Legislative Session Periods of Time

Objective: To articulate the process that FAC will employ when a conflict among the members occurs on a legislative issue and when that conflict arises during a time when the Florida Legislature is not in session.

There are times when conflicts arise on a legislative issue among the members of FAC. When such a conflict is identified during a time when the Florida Legislature is not in session, the following process will be employed:

1. A county must notify the President, in writing, of the conflict, including as much information as necessary to further the issue development process and including a request of formal conflict resolution of the issue, by September 1 of any year.

2. The President will then notify the Executive Committee of the request, which will determine whether to convene a conflict resolution conference, consisting of three appointees from medium-sized counties (as appointed by the President), the chairs and vice-chairs of the legislative policy committees, and the rural and urban caucuses chairs and vice chairs.

3. The conflict resolution conference will meet, deliberate and recommend a resolution to the conflict prior to the policy committee meetings or Legislative Conference, as appropriate. The recommendations will be deliberated and approved by the appropriate legislative policy committee as part of FAC's legislative policy development process.

Reservation of Authority: The FAC Board of Directors reserves the right to modify, amend or abolish this policy by majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board.

As approved by the Board of Directors, this 1st day of December, 2004.



Commissioner Cliff Thael
President