

Voice your opinion regarding legislation granting Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind the power of eminent domain

Current Status of Legislation (02.10.12):

Senate Bill 1348 is scheduled to have its first committee hearing on **Tuesday, February 14 @ 1:30pm** (Rm. 301 Senate Office Building) when it is considered by the Education K-12 Committee. Senator Wise is the Senate sponsor of the bill and the Chairman of the committee, so it is important that he hear from concerned citizens immediately. He has indicated that he has substantial concerns regarding the legislation.

House Bill 1037 is ready to be heard on the House floor. Representative Bill Proctor is pushing hard to have it placed on the House Special Order Calendar and approved by the full House. Dr. Proctor's considerable seniority carries weight in House and in efforts to move the bill through the process.

When writing or calling legislators:

- The communication should be short and to the point,
- It should include the bill number and why you oppose it.
- You should mention what impact the legislation will have on you as a property owner.
- Respectfully and politely ask them to oppose the bill and respect your property rights.

Who to contact:

Concerned citizens should contact all members of the **Education K-12 Committee**, the committee that will consider the legislation on Tuesday, February 14.

[Click on the name to visit the legislator's home page; click on the address to send an email.]

- [Stephen R. Wise](#), 850.487.5027 wise.stephen.web@flsenate.gov
- [JD Alexander](#), 850.487.5044 alexander.jd.web@flsenate.gov
- [Thad Altman](#), 850.487.5053 altman.thad.web@flsenate.gov
- [Lizbeth Benacquisto](#), 850.487.5356 benacquisto.lizbeth.web@flsenate.gov
- [Ellyn Setnor Bogdanoff](#), 850.487.5100 bogdanoff.ellyn.web@flsenate.gov
- [Larcenia J. Bullard](#), 850.487.5127 bullard.larcenia.web@flsenate.gov
- [Bill Montford](#), 850.487.5004 montford.bill.web@flsenate.gov

The Senate bill was also referred to the **Community Affairs Committee**, thus citizens should contact that committee's Chairman.

- [Senator Mike Bennett](#), 850.487.5078, bennett.mike.web@flsenate.gov

It is important to express concerns to **Sen. John Thrasher** both because of his key position as Chairman of the Rules Committee and because his district, District 8, includes St. Augustine.

- [John Thrasher](#), 850.487.5030, thrasher.john.web@flsenate.gov

Lastly, it is also critical to contact **Rep. Ronald "Doc" Renuart**, one of St. Augustine's two representatives (Proctor is the other) and whose district includes the campus of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and the most affected neighborhoods.

- [Ronald "Doc" Renuart](#), 850.488.0001, ronald.renuart@myfloridahouse.gov