

Nick DiCeglie, Republican Representative- House District 66

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Overview

Has served in House since 2014

Presently, member of:

- Civil Justice Subcommittee
- Government Operations & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee
- Health & Human Services Committee
- Local, Federal & Veterans Affairs Subcommittee
- PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee
- State Affairs Committee

2020 Legislative Update

His performance during the 2020 Legislative session earned him a grade of 43% and an **F** rating on the People First Report Card issued by Progress Florida. www.floridareportcard.com

Diceglio continues the Republic Party attacks on Florida Workers

[HB 1/SB 804](#)

An anti-union think tank funded by an out of state billionaire came up with this latest attempt to take more power away from working people. This bill would have hurt teachers, first responders and other public employees by putting employers between public service unions and their members and ban automatic union membership renewals. The bill passed the House but wasn't taken up by the Senate.

Votes to Block Bans on Dangerous Chemicals

[HB 113 / SB 172](#)

Year after year, the leadership of the Florida Legislature takes more and more control away from local communities. After failing to get preemption passed last year that would stop local communities from regulating drugs and cosmetics sales, this year the bill was rushed through. Why? Because Key West banned the sale of sunscreens containing chemicals harmful to coral reefs, a vital part of our coastal ecosystem and economy. The bill passed the House and Senate.

Creates an undo Burdensome Expansion of E-Verify

[SB 664](#)

This bill harms Florida's economy, burdens employers, and places employment obstacles in the path of all workers by mandating use of the error-prone E-Verify program for all new hires, including all U.S. citizens. Experts predict this law will result in thousands of qualified U.S. Citizens wrongfully denied the right to work, with no mechanism to appeal. This bill forces business owners to participate in a massive government surveillance operation, and will lead to discrimination and pose privacy and security concerns. The bill passed both the House and Senate.

Crushes local control with Growth Mismanagement Bill

[SB 410](#)

This bill undermines the authority of most county governments to manage growth within their borders, threatening residents with negative impacts to the environment, quality of life, property values and tax bills. The bill strips away the ability of county governments to ensure rural spaces aren't overrun by development, even if voters have explicitly voiced their support for conservation. This bill is a costly handout to big developers at the expense of our natural areas.. It passed both chambers.

Votes for Growth Mismanagement Bill II

[HB 519 / SB 1766](#)

This legislation would have exposed taxpayers and local governments to unlimited financial liability from lawsuits filed by developers. Also, the ability of smart growth advocates and organizations to participate in local development challenges would have been curtailed. The result would be more urban sprawl, poorly designed, and unsustainable developments. The bill passed the House but wasn't taken up in the Senate.

Continues to Silence Florida Voters

[SB 1794](#)

In the last decade, Floridians have amended the state constitution to raise the minimum wage, stop gerrymandering, fund land and water conservation, legalize medical marijuana, and restore voting rights. This, in spite of Florida already having one of the most difficult citizen-led amendment processes in the country. Unfortunately, legislative leadership in both chambers, backed by corporate special interest lobbyists, don't want voters to be able to amend their own constitution. This bill continues an ongoing effort to mire Florida's citizen initiative process with enough red tape to silence the voters' voice. This attack on direct democracy passed both chambers.

Silencing Florida Voters Part II

[HJR 7093/SB 7062](#)

This proposed constitutional amendment would have put another obstacle in the way of citizens having a say in our democracy. This resolution was an attempt to require citizen initiative campaigns to gather a minimum number of signatures from all 25 of the state's U.S. House districts to qualify for the ballot, a significant financial burden for grassroots funded campaigns. The joint resolution passed the House but wasn't taken up in the Senate.

Term Limits on Local School Boards

[SJR 1216/HB157](#)

This was yet another attempt by the Legislature to strip control from local communities. If passed, it would have put a constitutional amendment on the 2020 ballot in an attempt to impose a “one size fits all” system of eight year term limits on all local school boards in the state. Giving the state control over local elections would have set a dangerous precedent. This joint resolution passed the House but wasn’t voted on by the full Senate.

Votes to further undermine public education with Unaccountable Voucher plan

[CS/HB 7067 / SB 1220](#)

Diverting millions more in tax dollars to unaccountable private voucher schools, and allowing taxpayer supported private schools to discriminate, is bad public policy that harms students. It’s particularly bad policy when public school teachers are already reaching into their own pockets for everything from art supplies to hand soap. The bill passed the House but wasn’t voted on in the Senate.

Talking Points

HEALTHCARE: Voted to allow insurance companies to charge more to people with pre-existing conditions if Obamacare is repealed or overturned. Pre-existing conditions include heart disease, diabetes, obesity, cancer, pregnancy, depression, and many other health issues.

ENVIRONMENT: According to Sierra Club Florida, he “actively worked against the environment” when he voted contrary to their recommendations on every environmental bill detailed in their Legislative Scorecards for 2019 and 2020.

GUN SAFETY: He earned a 93% rating from NRA for 2018. In 2019 he voted against a special session to consider universal background checks and other measures to address gun violence and he voted to allow teachers to be armed. (elected in 2018)

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