Tallahassee -- November 5, 2014. Never has Florida ever had a more contentious election for governor. But Governor Scott ended up winning, and will start transitioning for his second term. We anticipate he will set up a normal transition team, as he will likely have numerous vacancies to fill—both in his agencies and within the Executive Office of the Governor.

CFO Jeff Atwater, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam and Attorney General Pam Bondi all won easily for their re-elections. Atwater and Putnam immediately became front-runners for governor in 2018.

Medical marijuana amendment did not pass, but the Department of Health still will be seeking to implement the Charlotte’s Web law that passed in the 2014 Session.

Things to think about regarding the election...

- In two weeks (November 18) the Florida Legislature will convene for their Organizational Session. This is where members will officially be sworn in, and the leadership for the next two years will take over in their capacities. We expect committee assignments to come out before they convene.

- Once again, the Florida House has a super Republican majority as they picked up six additional seats.

- Governor Transition Team to make recommendations on the following:
  - Executive Office of the Governor staff changes
  - Dozens of agency head and senior staff changes
  - Key appointments that will require Senate Confirmation

- The governor’s recommended 2015-16 budget is due February 2, 2015 to the Legislature.

Florida Engineers Political Action Committee (FEPAC) had a 90% election rate.

Consulting Engineers Legislative Council (CELC) had a 93% election rate.

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) had a 93% election rate.

For a complete list of engineering PAC supported candidates, contact shobbs@fleng.org.
Unofficial Election Numbers Report

Governor & Cabinet

Governor -- Gov. Rick Scott narrowly won re-election over Charlie Crist 48 to 47%.

Attorney General -- Attorney General Pam Bondi was re-elected over Democrat and former Department of Children and Families Secretary George Sheldon with 55% of the vote to Sheldon's 42%.

Chief Financial Officer -- Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater beat Democratic opponent Will Rankin 59% to 41%.

Agriculture Commissioner -- Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam defeated Democratic challenger Thad Hamilton. Hamilton was only able to win over 41% of voters, while close to 59% of voters chose to give Putnam another term.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

#1 -- Voters easily passed Florida's proposed conservation Amendment #1. Close to 75% of voters approved the measure, while only 25% rejected it. Amendment #1 will steer $10 billion in state funds to Florida Forever (the state's conservation land-buying program) within the next 20 years.

#2 -- Amendment #2 went up in smoke as the proposal failed to receive the 60% to pass. It did however become close, garnering 58% of the vote. 42% of Floridians rejected the measure.

#3 -- The proposed constitutional amendment allowing outgoing governors, rather than recently elected governors, to make judicial appointments failed to pass with the required 60%. It was supported by 48%.

House Districts

1 -- Rep. Clay Ingram, R-Pensacola, defeated Democrat Gloria Robertson-Wiggins 69 to 31%.

2 -- Rep. Mike Hill, R-Pensacola Beach, once again defeated Democrat Jeremy Lau, this time 65 to 35%.

3 -- Rep. Doug Broxson, R-Midway, was victorious over write-in John Daniel Melvin, winning with 100%.

5 -- Former Republican Rep. Brad Drake is on his way back to the House having defeated Libertarian Karen Schoen 76 to 24%.

6 -- Republican Jay Trumbull defeated Democrat Jamie Shepard (28%), Green Party candidate Henry Lawrence (3%) and write-in Jerry Wyche (0%) with 69%.

8 -- Rep. Alan Williams, D-Tallahassee, will return for a final term having beat write-in candidate James Sinclair with 100% of the vote.

10 -- Rep. Elizabeth Whiddon Porter, R-Lake City, pummeled write-in candidate Wendy Martin winning with 100%.

11 -- Rep. Janet Adkins, R-Fernandina Beach, beat Democrat Dave Smith winning 74% of the vote.

12 -- Rep. Lake Ray, R-Jacksonville, defeated Democrat Yevgeny Morozov 72 to 28%.
Republican Jay Fant beat Kerry Keith Kelly, a write-in, winning with 100%.

Rep. Charles McBurney, R-Jacksonville, defeated write-in candidate Brunell William Martineau with 100% of the vote.

Rep. Doc Renuart, R-Ponte Vedra Beach, beat NPA Sue Sharp 74-26%.

Rep. Travis Cummings, R-Orange Park, won with 81% over Libertarian Ken Wiley.

Rep. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, defeated Democrat Jon Uman with 58% of the vote.

Former Republican Rep. Fred Costello is headed back to the House having beat Democrat Noel Cheryl Bickford 59 to 41%.

Rep. Dwayne Taylor, D-Daytona Beach, will return to the House having beat Republican Mike Cantu 53 to 47%.

Rep. David Santiago, R-Deltona, beat Democrat Bob Garcia 58 to 42%.

Rep. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, once again beat Libertarian Franklin Perez, this time with 68% of the vote.

Republican Scott Plakon defeated incumbent Rep. Mike Clelland, D-Lake Mary, 57-43%.

Republican Bob Cortes has unseated Rep. Karen Castor Dentel, D-Maitland, winning 51% of the vote.

Republican Blaise Ingoglia is headed to the House having defeated Democrat Ross Rocco (42%), and no-party candidates James Scavetta (4%) and Hamilton Hanson (3%) with 51% of the vote.

Rep. Amanda Murphy, D-New Port Richey, was victorious over Republican Chris Gregg, winning with 54% of the vote.

Republican Danny Burgess will replace outgoing House Speaker Will Weatherford having defeated Democrat Beverly Ledbetter with 60% of the vote.

Rep. Neil Combee, R-Polk City, once again beat Democrat Carol Castagnero, this time 65 to 35%.

Republican Colleen Burton is joining the House having beat Democrat Ricky Shirah (40%) and third-party candidate Ed Shoemaker (4%) with 56% of the vote.

Rep. John Wood, R-Winter Haven, won a handy victory over Democratic challenger Celestynre Williams with 59% of the vote to Williams' 41%.

Rep. Mike La Rosa, R-St. Cloud, carried the district with 60% of the vote, defeating Democrat Chad Carnell, who garnered 40%.

Democrat John Cortes defeated Republican Carlos Irizarry with 66% of the vote to Irizarry's 34%.

Rep. Eric Eisnaugle, R-Orlando, eviscerated NPA opponent Matthew Falconer with 65% of the vote.

Rep. Bruce Antone, D-Orlando, returns to the House of Representatives after winning a resounding victory over write-in candidate James W. Anderson Jr. with 100% of the vote.
Republican Mike Miller narrowly defeated incumbent Rep. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, with 52% of the vote to Stewart’s 48%.

Rep. Joe Saunders, D-Orlando, was unseated by Republican challenger Rene “Coach P” Plasencia, who carried 51% of the vote to Saunders’ 49%.

Rep. Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, overcame Democratic challenger Joseph Murray with 67% of the vote to Murray’s 33% to gain another term in the House.

Rep. John Tobia, R-Melbourne, will return to the House of Representatives after defeating opponents Santa Isabel Wright and NPA candidate David Kearns. Tobia won 56% of the vote, while Wright carried 38% of the vote. Kearns, meanwhile, received 7%.

Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, won her fourth term in the House after defeating Democrat and high school teacher Jorge Lugo. Mayfield ended election night with 68% of the vote to Lugo’s 32%.

Rep. Ross Spano, R-Dover, cruised to victory over Democrat Donna Lee Fore with 58% of the vote to Fore’s 42%.

Democrat Ed Narain easily took the race, trouncing write-in candidate Nicole Santiago with 100% of the vote.

Republican Shawn Harrison retook the District 63 seat he lost to Rep. Mark Danish, D-Tampa, in 2012, winning a close victory with 52% of the vote to Danish’s 47%.

Rep. James Grant, R-Tampa, may have won 60% of the votes cast between him and fellow Republican Miriam Steinberg Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014, but that doesn’t mean he can declare victory yet. Grant and Steinberg must still wait for further court decisions before they will know whether the election night results are valid or not.

Republican Chris Sprowls bested freshman Rep. Carl Zimmerman, D-Palm Harbor, with 52% of the vote to Zimmerman’s 48%.

Rep. Larry Ahern, R-St. Petersburg, retained his seat 57% to 43% despite the efforts of Democratic challenger Lorena Grizzle.

Republican Chris Latvala cruised to victory over Democratic opponent Stephen Sarnoff with 53% of the vote to Sarnoff’s 47%.

Rep. Dwight Dudley, D-St. Petersburg, managed to defeat Republican opponent Bill Young II 53% to 47%.

Rep. Kathleen Peters, R-South Pasadena, easily won re-election despite the opposition of Democrat Scott Orsini, defeating the Democrat 58% to 42%.

Rep. Darryl Rouson bested his two challengers with 80% of the vote, defeating write in candidate Justin Bauford and NPA candidate Philip Garrett.

Rep. Ray Pilon, R-Sarasota, trounced Democrat Greg Para with 58% of the vote to Para’s 42% to retain his seat.

Julio Gonzalez won with 100% of the vote, annihilating write-in opponents Robert Kaplan and Shiloh Turner.

Rep. Kenneth Roberson, D-Punta Gorda, sailed to victory over NPA candidate Ronald Gillis, garnering 68% of the vote to Gillis’ 31%.

Rep. Ray Rodrigues, R-Estero, buried opponent Charles Messina 68% to 32% to retain his House seat.
77 -- Rep. Dane Eagle, R-Cape Coral, made a successful drive to retain his House seat against write-in candidate Jeremy Wood. Eagle ended the night with 100% of the vote.

78 -- Rep. Heather Fitzhagen, R-Fort Myers, retained her seat with 100% of the vote, crushing write-in candidate Bates Meloand Haney.

82 -- Rep. MaryLynn Magar, R-Tequesta, trounced her Democratic opponent Mary Higgins, taking 61% of the vote. Higgins garnered close to 39%.

84 -- Rep. Larry Lee Jr., D-Port St. Lucie, won re-election with a more than comfortable margin over Republican challenger Robert Siedlecki Jr. Lee garnered 56% of the vote, while Siedlecki took in close to 44%.

86 -- Rep. Mark Pafford, D-West Palm Beach, was re-elected in a landslide over his Republican challenger Stuart Mears. Pafford pulverized Mears by a 19 point margin, taking home close to 60%. Mears could only manage 40%.

88 -- Rep. Bobby Powell, D-Riviera Beach, easily sailed past write-in candidate Courtney Antron Grace, receiving 100% of the vote.

89 -- Rep. Bill Hager, R-Delray Beach, won re-election with a comfortable margin over Democrat David Silvers. Hager held on to close to 53% of the vote, while Silvers only garnered 47%.

92 -- Rep. Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed, D-Deerfield Beach, destroyed Republican challenger Kenny Brighton. Brighton barely captured 27% of the vote, while Clarke-Reed took in close to a whopping 73%.

93 -- Republican Rep. George Moraitis Jr., R-Fort Lauderdale, held on to his South Florida seat after defeating Democratic challenger Scott Herman with close to 57% of the vote. Herman only won 43%.

95 -- Rep. Hazelle Rogers, D-Lauderdale Lakes, easily recaptured her district 95 seat after steamrolling write-in candidate Doletta McDonald. Rogers trounced McDonald with 100% of the vote.

96 -- Democrat and former Broward County Commissioner Kristin Jacobs rocked write-in candidate Ronald Bray. Jacobs took home close to 100% of the vote.

100 -- Democrat Joe Geller bested Republican Martin Feigenbaum, replacing outgoing Rep. Joe Gibbons, D-Hallandale Beach. Geller won 59% of the vote while Feigenbaum could only muster close to 38%. Libertarian candidate Omar Recuero took home 3%.

103 -- Rep. Manny Diaz, R-Hialeah, easily held on to his seat by defeating Democrat Benjamin De Yurre. Diaz took home a little more than 58% of the vote. De Yurre garnered close to 42%.

105 -- Rep. Carlos Trujillo, R-Miami, easily conquered Democrat Carlos Pereira in Miami. Trujillo was supported by a little more than 57% of voters, while Pereira was supported by close to 43%.

108 -- Rep. Daphne Campbell, D-Miami, canned her NPA opposition Cedon Saintil Jr. Campbell raked in close to 87% of the vote, leaving Saintill with a mere 13%.

110 -- Rep. Jose Oliva, R-Miami Lakes, rolled over NPA candidate Nelson Millian, taking home close to 69% of the vote. Millian only took in 31%.

111 -- Rep. Republican Bryan Avila defeated Democrat Mariano Ariel Corcilli. Avila took home close to 69% of the vote. Corcilli garnered 31%.
Rep. Jose Javier Rodriguez, D-Miami, barely held on to his seat, taking in only 51% of the vote. Republican Daniel Diaz Leyva got 49%.

Rep. Erik Fresen, R-Miami, easily held on to power, defeating Democrat Daisy Baez with 52% of the vote. Baez garnered close to 44% of the vote, while NPA candidate Ross Hancock syphoned off a little more than 3%.

Rep. Michael Bileca, R-Miami, will have another two years after staving off opposition from Democrat Kristopher Decossard. Bileca won handly, taking home close to 59% of the vote. A little more than 41% of voters chose Decossard.

Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, R-Miami, destroyed Democrat Juan Carlos Cuba, easily winning re-election. Close to 67% of voters chose Felix Diaz. A little more than 33% voted for Cuba.


Rep. Frank Artiles, R-Miami, beat his Democratic challenger Omar Rivero to win another two years in Tallahassee. Artiles took in a little more than 58% of the vote. Close to 42% of voters chose Rivero.

Rep. Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami, destroyed her Democratic opposition, Milagro Ruiz. 61% of voters selected Nunez, while close to 39% chose Ruiz.

Senate Districts

Sen. John Thrasher, R-St. Augustine, won re-election with 58% over Democrat Kathleen Trued (37%) and NPA Greg Feldman (5%).

Sen. David Simmons, R-Maitland, easily defeated NPA Walter Osborne 69 to 31%.

Sen. Geri Thompson, D-Orlando, will return to the chamber having defeated Republican Edward Aguilera with 63%.

Sen. Darren Soto, D-Orlando, trounced NPA candidate Devin Michael Norton with 75% of the vote to Norton's 25%.

Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater, roundly defeated Libertarian Party candidate Tony Caso 72% to 29%.

Sen. Jeff Brandes, R-St. Petersburg, retains his Senate seat with the defeat of Democrat Judithanne McLauchlan. Brandes managed to snag 58% of the vote to McLauchlan's 42%.

Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon, crushed write-in candidates Steven Warren and Brandon Thebeau, earning 100% of the vote.

Sen. Joe Negron, R-Stuart, easily defeated both write-in Joshua Loew and Democrat Bruno Moore. Negron captured close to 67%, while Moore took in little more than 33%. Loew did not receive a single vote.

After a hotly contested race, Sen. Maria Sachs, D-Delray Beach, beat Republican Ellyn Bogdanoff. Sachs took home 52% of the vote, while Bogdanoff could only muster 48%.

Sen. Oscar Braynon, D-Miami Gardens, eclipsed his write-in opposition William Burton Moreland. 100% of voters in District 36 supported Braynon.
Unopposed House Districts

4 -- Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fort Walton Beach.
7 -- Rep. Halsey Beshears, R-Monticello
9 -- Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vaslindia, D-Tallahassee
14 -- Rep. Mia Jones, D-Jacksonville
20 -- Rep. Clovis Watson, D-Alachua
22 -- Rep. Charlie Stone, R-Ocala
23 -- Rep. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala
24 -- Rep. Travis Hutson, R-Elkton
31 -- Republican Jennifer Sullivan
32 -- Rep. Larry Metz, R-Yalaha
33 -- Rep. Marlene O'Toole, R-Lady Lake
34 -- Rep. Jimmie Smith, R-Inverness
37 -- Rep. Richard Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes
45 -- Rep. Randolph Bracy, D-Orlando
48 -- Rep. Victor Torres, D-Orlando
50 -- Rep. Tom Goodson, R-Titusville
52 -- Rep. Ritch Workman, R-Melbourne
56 -- Rep. Ben Albritton, R-Bartow
57 -- Rep. Jake Raburn, R-Lithia
58 -- Rep. Dan Raulerson, R-Plant City
59 -- Rep. Ross Spano, R-Dover
60 -- Rep. Dana Young, R-Tampa
62 -- Rep. Janet Cruz, D-Tampa
71 -- Rep. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton
73 -- Rep. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota
79 -- Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-Lehigh Acres
80 -- Rep. Matt Hudson, R-Naples
81 -- Rep. Kevin Rader, D-Boca Raton
83 -- Rep. Gayle Harrell, R-Port St. Lucie
85 -- Rep. Patrick Rooney, R-Palm Beach Gardens
87 -- Rep. Dave Kerner, D-Palm Springs
90 -- Rep. Lori Berman, R-Boytont Beach
91 -- Rep. Irv Slosberg, D-Delray Beach
94 -- Democrat Bobby DuBose
97 -- Rep. Jared Evan Moskowitz, D-Coral Springs
98 -- Rep. Katie Edwards, D-Sunrise
99 -- Democrat Evan Jenne
101 -- Rep. Shevrin Jones, D-West Park
102 -- Rep. Sharon Pritchett, D-Miramar
104 -- Rep. Richard Stark, D-Weston
106 -- Rep. Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples
107 -- Rep. Barbara Watson, D-Miami Gardens
109 -- Rep. Cynthia Stafford, D-Opa Locka
113 -- Rep. David Richardson, D-Miami Beach
120 -- Rep. Holly Raschein, R-Key Largo
Unopposed Senate Districts

2 -- Sen. Greg Evers, R-Crestview
4 -- Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach
8 -- Sen. Dorothy Hukill, R-Port Orange
16 -- Sen. Thad Altman, R-Melbourne
18 -- Sen. Wilton Simpson, R-New Port Richey
26 -- Sen. Bill Galvano, R-Bradenton
28 -- Sen. Nancy Detert, R-Venice
30 -- Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, R-Fort Myers
38 -- Sen. Rene Garcia, R-Hialeah
40 -- Sen. Miguel Diaz de la Portilla, R-Miami