

## SANTA ROSA COUNTY

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 1 ..... Greg Evers (R)  
District 3 ..... Clay Ford (R)

### STATE ATTORNEY

Circuit 14 ..... Glenn Hess (D)

## SARASOTA COUNTY

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 55 ..... Darryl Rouson (D)  
District 67 ..... Ron Reagan (R)  
District 69 ..... Laura Benson (R)  
District 70 ..... Dough Holder (R)  
District 71 ..... Ken Roberson (R)

## SEMINOLE COUNTY

### FLORIDA SENATE

District 9 ..... J.D. Alexander (R)  
District 24 ..... Thad Altman (R)

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 33 ..... Sandy Adams (R)  
District 34 ..... Chris Dorworth (R)  
District 37 ..... Scott Plakon (R)

## SUMTER COUNTY

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 42 ..... Marlene O'Toole (R)  
District 44 ..... Robert Schenck (R)

## SUMTER COUNTY Cont. CIRCUIT JUDGE

Circuit 5/Group 3 ..... Denise Lyn

## TAYLOR COUNTY

### FLORIDA SENATE

District 3 ..... Charlie Dean (R)

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 10 ..... Leonard Bembry (D)

## UNION COUNTY

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 12 ..... Janet Adkins (R)

## VOLUSIA COUNTY

### FLORIDA SENATE

District 1 ..... Tony Hill (D)  
District 7 ..... Evelyn Lynn (R)

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 21 ..... Linda Meyers (D)  
District 26 ..... Pat Patterson (R)  
District 27 ..... Dwayne L. Taylor (D)  
District 28 ..... Dorothy Hukill (R)  
District 33 ..... Sandy Adams (R)

### SHERIFF

Ben Johnson

## WAKULLA COUNTY

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 10 ..... Leonard Bembry (D)

### CIRCUIT JUDGE

Circuit 2/Group 7 ..... Frank Sheffield

## WALTON COUNTY

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 5 ..... Brad Drake (R)

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

### FLORIDA HOUSE

District 5 ..... Brad Drake (R)

### STATE ATTORNEY

Circuit 14 ..... Glenn Hess (D)



**Please Vote on Tuesday, November 4th  
for PBA Endorsed Candidates!**

## *Pension Forecast From Your* **Political Consultant**

**Look out, here they come... Pensions  
for law enforcement under attack.**

For years we have stressed to our members the difference between "need" v. "greed" in going after better pay and retirement benefits. For the most part, we've been successful in balancing the sometimes insatiable demands of our membership with the fiscal and political reality out there. Times have changed, however, and we're about to be in the fight for our lives.

No louder a warning bell can there be than the declaration of bankruptcy by the City of Vallejo, California. The city fathers sought a court's protection citing excessive pension obligations to police and fire as justification for their extreme action. The filing sent shock waves across the country and has received national attention, even an editorial by conservative columnist **George Will** (a must read for any labor group as he telegraphs quite accurately the punches to come).

As our national financial crisis worsens and pressure on local government mounts, there will be extreme pressure on elected officials to "rein in" what some elected officials

perceive to be greedy law enforcement officers and their exorbitant pay and benefit packages. Unfortunately, this message may find a receptive audience in beleaguered taxpayers struggling to survive day to day while their 401k goes to hell and beyond.

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Ask the old timers and they will tell you that crises such as these come and go and that, eventually, revenues will rebound and life will go on. The danger here is that our nimble adversaries are just looking for reasons to attack your compensation package; especially pension benefits they feel are excessive.

Remember, these are the same folks who feel law enforcement officers should be treated the same as all other employees, and they dismiss the very real dangers you face everyday. We think officers deserve fair and reasonable treatment, not necessarily a sentiment shared by those who equate officers as being like all other employees.

The reality is we will need to confront this mentality on a scale unimaginable a few years ago. Get ready, ladies and gentlemen, here they come. ■



*Jim  
Spearing*