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1992 Legislature Convenes



1993 Legislative Session, Opening Day

AIF To Concentrate On Workers' Compensation, Health Care, Taxes and Environmental Regulation

The battle over how the lines are drawn... It's that time again. Tallies of the 1990 census data are complete and the Florida Legislature is ready to redraw district lines.

Reapportionment has written some of our state legislature's most colorful chapters. This time around should prove no different. Individual legislators will work to secure election-safe districts. Political parties will seek the path to majority representation. The democrats' tentative control of the Senate is blurred by the suspect loyalties of conservative party members and the 1992 election. Florida's congressional delegation will gain four members. Republicans hope to shape congressional boundaries that will consolidate their grip in the Congress.

The dust raised by scuffles over reapportionment and election year power plays may

or may not obscure the chances for passage of other substantive legislation. But the state of our state demands immediate attention and courageous action. So this may be the year for significant government restructuring. Public sector unions are fighting it, but the times are surely changing. If it happens, career service employees will find themselves living under a whole new management style. The phrase buzzing around the capital city is "total quality management." That's supposed to translate to accountability and productivity.

Governor Lawton Chiles will push for streamlining the public sector and will seek revision of Florida's tax base. The prospects for achieving both are anyone's best guess. Any major tax increase during this current recession will do far more harm than good.

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