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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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## President's Message

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JON L. SHEBEL  
PRESIDENT

January, 1992

Dear Member:

Total effort is a requirement for success. The complete dedication of resources, directed toward one common purpose. Total effort makes Associated Industries the undisputed representative of the business community in the state capital. This special edition of Employer Advocate previews the 1992 Legislative Session. We're also taking this opportunity to introduce you to the people at AIF who make up the business lobby team. Three full-time staff lobbyists and eight expert consultants patrol the halls of the Capitol, the offices of government agencies, and the chambers of the Supreme Court on behalf of Florida business. Respect is an item in rare supply at the state capitol, where elected officials are inundated with requests and demands. The AIF team of lobbyists combine over 135 years of legislative experience with a level of skill and knowledge that has earned them the respect and trust of legislators. Those qualities open doors that are kept closed to many others.

AIF's effective advocacy depends on the willingness of employers to keep Governmental Information System and the publication Know Your Legislators are two major elements of AIF's game plan. Elsewhere in this newsletter, both services are described in fuller detail. Our computerized AIF's final cuase is to take part in the development of public policies that enhance the state's economic climate. The profitability and stability of Florida business create the conditions that foster the prosperity of the people who live here. To that end, all of our resources are dedicated to protecting your resources. We look forward to continued service on your behalf in 1992 and the years beyond.

Sincerely,

Jon L. Shebel, President



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