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**Representative Geraldine Thompson Named Ranking
Democrat on Two Committees**

Windermere, Fla. - Representative Geraldine F. Thompson was named Ranking Democratic Member on **Higher Education Appropriations** and **Public Integrity and Elections Committees**, two critically important committees in the Florida House of Representatives.

The Ranking Democrat works with the Higher Education Appropriations Committee Chair to help develop solutions for issues facing higher educational institutions in Florida and to draft a budget to support proposed solutions. **Representative Thompson** will work with the Chair of the Public Integrity and Elections Committee to develop guidelines for ethical performance by legislators and to facilitate and safeguard the integrity of elections throughout Florida.

Representative Thompson will also serve on four other committees which include Civil Justice and Public Safety, Commerce, Criminal Justice and Redistricting. The Redistricting Committee will be especially important as Florida Legislators work to draw lines for political districts to reflect the 2020 Census numbers. The political districts that will be drawn by the Redistricting Committee will determine leadership in Florida for the next ten years.

Representative Thompson said, "I'm excited about the work ahead in the Florida Legislature during the 2022 Session. What we do will impact the future of Florida for the next decade and beyond. I plan to advocate for the things that I believe in from my seat at the table."

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