



South Florida Cities Challenge Gun Preemption

Elected officials from 10 South Florida cities are challenging an NRA-backed state law that imposes strict penalties on local lawmakers — including removal from office and hefty fines — for enacting gun ordinances.

The cities — Weston, Coral Gables, Cutler Bay, Lauderhill, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miramar, Pinecrest, Pompano Beach and South Miami — are asking a judge to toss out a 2011 law that **imposes** a \$5,000 fine on local government officials who create gun rules that exceed statewide restrictions. Under the law, the officials could also be ousted from office for the gun ordinances.

Weston Mayor **Daniel Stermer** invited “every municipal and county official” to join the challenge, filed in Leon County circuit court Monday.

“This lawsuit impacts each and every one of us that holds office,” Stermer said. “The onerous penalties that exist in this statute ... exit nowhere else in Florida statutes.”

Gov. **Rick Scott**, Attorney General **Pam Bondi**, and other statewide officials, including Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner **Rick Swearingen**, are among the defendants named in the lawsuit, headed by the city of Weston. [FloridaPolitics](#), excerpt posted on [SouthFloridaReporter.com](#), April 3, 2018

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