



# State Budget

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# Study Objective\*

- To determine which options related to state government & employees Leon County residents preferred for reducing the state budget deficit.

\*This study was inspired by a column from Bill Cotterell.

# Findings

State employees and other Leon County residents differ significantly on what needs to happen to close the state budget deficit

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State employees have a different perspective on what should be done to reduce the state budget deficit.

State employees prefer to:

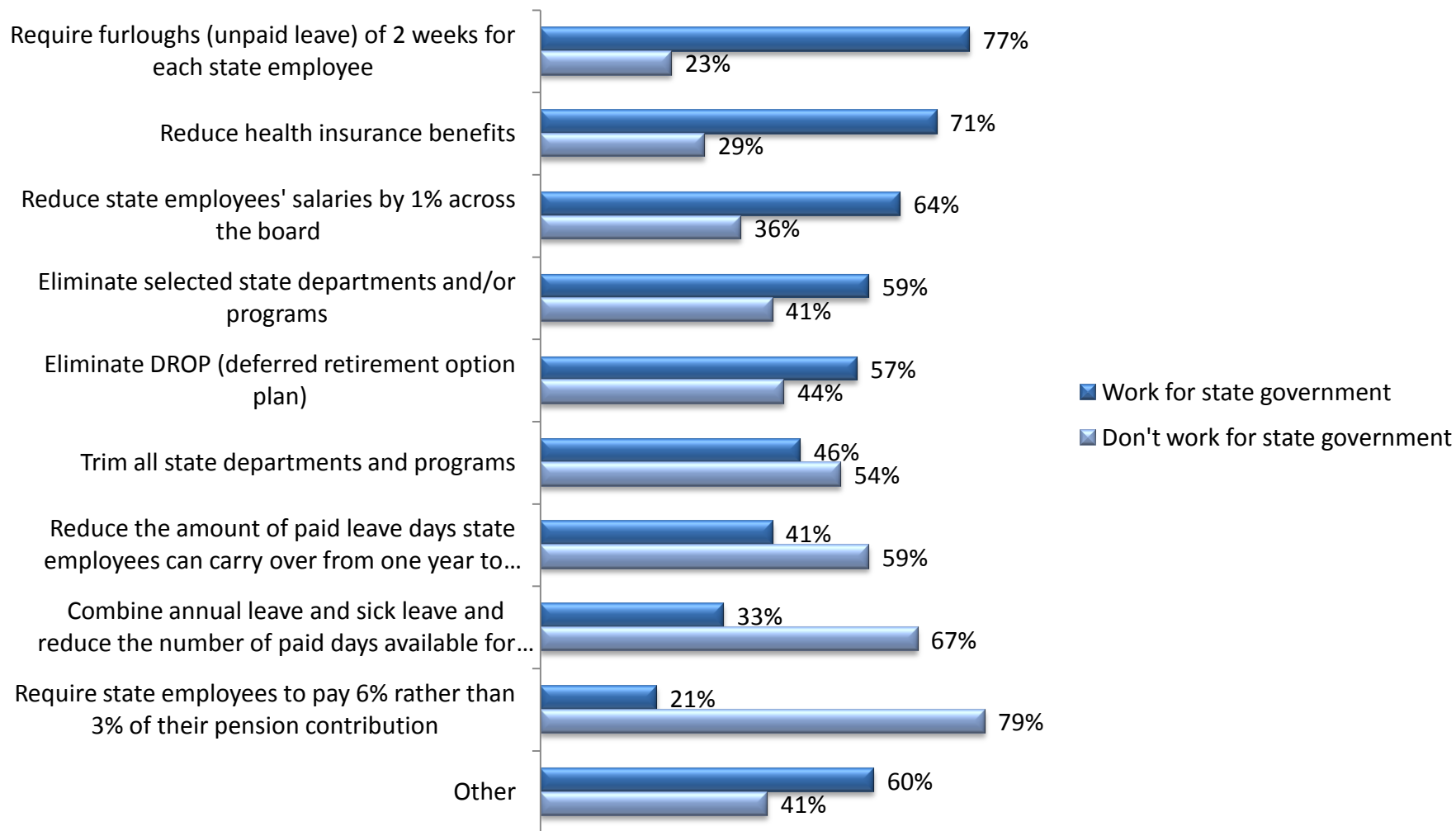
- Take furloughs (unpaid leave) for 2 weeks
- Reduce their health insurance benefits, and
- Reduce their salaries by 1% across the board.

# Findings

Leon County residents (who do **NOT** work for the state) want to:

- Require all state employees to pay 6% rather than 3% of their pension contribution
- Combine annual leave days and sick days to reduce the number of paid days off for state employees
- Reduce the number of paid leave days state employees can roll over from 1 year to the next

Given that tax increases at the state level are unlikely in the 2012 Florida Legislative session, here are some options that have been suggested for closing the expected budget deficit. Please check up to 3 options that you **most prefer**.



# Please check up to 3 options that you **least prefer** for reducing the state budget.

