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DeSantis Defies Bob Iger, Calls Disney Suit ‘Political’

- **A new lawsuit pits the company against presidential contender**
- **Suit says governor is violating company’s free speech rights**

Walt Disney Co. Chief Executive Officer Bob Iger had enough.

After Florida Governor Ron DeSantis began pushing legislation that could upend Disney’s theme-park development plans and regulate its monorails, and even floated the idea of building a prison near Walt Disney World, the company sued, accusing the Republican of breach of contract and violating its free speech rights.

“Disney expressed its opinion on state legislation and was then punished by the state for doing so,” the company said in a filing Wednesday in federal court in Florida. “This is as clear a case of retaliation as this court is ever likely to see.”

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