



## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mississippi Association of Supervisors

### Week in Review

Week Four has ended. Both the House and Senate have established joint rules that will alter the timetable for processing legislation. NEW deadline to request constitutional amendments or general bills to be drafted is now **Feb. 3, 2016**, not Feb. 18.

### COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

On Monday, Jan. 25, Senate leaders assigned committee chairs for the next four years. Listed below are the Senate standing committees that will address a significant portion of legislative issues impacting county government:

**County Affairs** (Chair: Sen. Chuck Younger)  
**Finance** (Chair: Sen. Joey Fillingane)  
**Transportation** (Chair: Sen. Willie Simmons)  
**Appropriations** (Chair: Sen. Eugene Clarke)  
**Energy** (Chair: Sen. Briggs Hopson)

On Friday, Jan. 29, House leadership assigned committee chairs for the next four years. These House standing committees address many legislative issues impacting county government:

**County Affairs** (Chair: Rep. Larry Byrd)  
**Ways & Means** (Chair: Rep. Jeff Smith)  
**Transportation** (Chair: Rep. Charles Busby)  
**Appropriations** (Chair: Rep. Herb Frierson)  
**Public Utilities** (Chair: Rep. Jim Beckett)  
**General Bills** (Chair: Rep. Mark Formby)

### LEGISLATION IMPACTING COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**Senate Bill 2004:** Clerk of the county board of supervisors, failure to comply with uniform budget requirements; provide remedy.

House and Senate reconvene Monday, February 1, 2016.

### UPCOMING EVENT

Make plans to attend the NACo Legislative Conference Feb. 20-24, 2016 in Washington, DC. MAS will host the Mississippi Caucus meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. Visit [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org) for more information.

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### MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

PDD Capitol visits continue next week with Three Rivers PDD on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and Southern PDD on Wednesday, Feb. 3. Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol by 9:00 a.m. to receive handouts/talking points. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Identify committee meetings you would like to attend. If there are issues discussed that will impact your county, find your legislator after the meeting and inform them of your concern.
- Invite your legislative delegation to the MAS office for lunch. MAS will provide a legislative briefing during lunch.
- Remember to go into the gallery to be recognized by either the Senate or House Chamber, or both.

### FEBRUARY 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Three Rivers PDD	3 Southern PDD	4	5	6
7	8	9 Northeast PDD	10	11	12	13