



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.

### SPECIAL THANKS!

We would like to send a special thanks to all of the counties that participated in this year's MAS Regional Capital Visits.

### SAVE THE DATE

The 2019 Annual Convention registration is open. To register please open the following [link](https://goo.gl/yLi1Qu):  
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### HELPFUL TECHNOLOGY

Download the [MAS Directory](#) iPhone app by searching "mas supervisor Directory" in the App Store.

Download the [Mississippi Legislature Roster](#) to your iPhone by visiting the App Store and searching "Mississippi Legislature" provided by Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi.

## THE 2019 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in other house is Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR FUND MEASURE HEADS TO CONFERENCE

**House Bill 779:** This measure revises how the Emergency Road & Bridge Repair Fund monies may be spent, while also allowing the boards of supervisors to expend ERBR Funds during the last term of office.

#### Understanding Concurrence or Non-Concurrence

We have now entered the part of the legislative process where the chamber in which a bill originated will decide to either concur (*meaning accept the legislation in its current draft and send it to the governor*) or non-concur. (*meaning not accept the legislation in its draft and proceed to deliberate further within a conference committee.*)

#### BELOW ARE MEASURES AWAITING CONCURRENCE OR NON-CONCURRENCE

### RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING

**House Bill 444:** Provides funding for the Rural Fire Truck Program at \$3 million dollars in section three of this bill.

### OMNIBUS COUNTY OFFICIAL SALARY INCREASE

**Senate Bill 2827:** Provides a salary increase for various county officials

### FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT SENATE BILL 2835

**Senate Bill 2835:** This measure creates a mandate that will require counties and municipalities to provide health benefit coverage for volunteer firefighters, professional firefighters, and law enforcement officers as it relates to diagnosis attributed to their occupational hazards.

### TAX LIEN PROPERTIES

**House Bill 1307:** This measure addresses land sold for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes.

### BCAP PROGRAM

**Senate Bill 3043:** This measure makes an appropriation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

**NOTE:** In section 8 of this bill, the Beaver Control Assistance Program is funded at \$1,100,000.00. This amount is level funded from the previous fiscal year. This measure currently resides in the House Appropriations Committee.

### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT

**Senate Bill 3024:** This measure makes an appropriation for the purpose of reimbursing the counties, county districts and municipal separate school districts for tax losses incurred by reason of the exemption of the homes from certain ad valorem taxes.

**NOTE:** The funding level for the homestead exemption reimbursement is in section 8 of this bill and it is funded at \$80,625,992.00. This funding level represents level funding from the previous fiscal year. To fully fund the homestead exemption reimbursement, it will take an appropriation of \$87.5 million. Please contact your local legislative delegation and request full funding of the homestead exemption reimbursement.