



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

**REGIONAL CAPITOL VISITS**  
North Central PDD Capitol Visit is scheduled for next Tuesday, February 12.

Southern PDD Capitol Visit is scheduled for next Wednesday, February 13.

Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the **first floor of the Capitol at 9:00am** to receive talking points.

### SAVE THE DATE

The 2019 NACo Legislative Conference will be a the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. March 2<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own House has passed. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own House is Thursday, February 14, 2019.

### SENATE CHAMBER PASSES OMNIBUS COUNTY OFFICIAL PAY RAISE LEGISLATION: SENATE BILL 2827

On Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Mississippi Senate Chamber passed **Senate Bill 2827** by a **vote** of 44 to 2. **Senate Bill 2827** provides for a pay increase for various county elected officials. The county officials covered in this legislation is as follows: Chancery Clerks, Election Commissioners, Tax Assessors, County Supervisors, Marshalls & Constables, and Medical Examiners.

**NOTE: Senate Bill 2827 will now head to the House of Representatives for its committee assignment and consideration.**

### AMENDED REVERSE AUCTION LEGISLATION PASSES OUT OF HOUSE ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, AND TRANSPARENCY COMMITTEE: HOUSE BILL 1561

On Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Mississippi House Accountability, Efficiency, & Transparency Committee (AET) passed out **House Bill 1561**. This measure allows for the removal of term contract purchases from the reverse auction process. This law also specifically defines term contract purchases as the purchase of various commodities, goods and merchandise.

**NOTE: House Bill 1561 now resides on the House Floor Calendar.**

### EMERGENCY ROAD & BRIDGE REPAIR FUNDS (ERBRF) FLEXIBLE SPENDING LEGISLATION PASSES HOUSE FLOOR

On Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Mississippi House Floor Chamber passed **House Bill 779** by a **vote** of 98 to 14. This measure allows all potential sources of funding including state and federal to be combined with ERBR Funds, for projects covered by the ERBRF Program. In addition, this bill also exempts projects that receive monies from the ERBR Fund from the last year of the last term prohibitions. (*Meaning counties awarded ERBR Funds can continue to work on these projects throughout the last year of term*).

**NOTE: House Bill 779 will now head to the Senate Chamber for its committee assignment and consideration**

### COUNTY REGIONAL JAIL FACILITIES RECEIVES PREFERENCE OVER PRIVATE OWNED JAIL FACILITIES IN HOUSE BILL 1470

On Tuesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, the Mississippi House Corrections Committee passed **House Bill 1470**. House Bill 1470 states that no contract for private incarceration shall be entered into by the Department of Corrections for the private incarceration of state offenders unless the Department of Correction first utilize all regional correctional facilities for the housing of such offenders.

**NOTE: House Bill 1470 currently resides on the House Floor Calendar.**