

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2018 Regular Legislative Session

February 9, 2018

SENATE PASSES WEIGHT LIMIT BILL (SB 2418)

On Thursday February 8, 2018, the Senate chamber brought [Senate Bill 2418](#) before the Senate body for debate. Senate Bill 2418 passed by a vote of 35 to 11. The bill was heavily debated and received a great deal of discussion concerning the safety of our State's infrastructure. Senate members are truly concerned about the public's safety as it relates to the state's infrastructure. An amendment was offered and added to the bill. This amendment added a "reverse repealer" to the bill. The reverse repealer will force the bill to be discussed further with a strong chance of it being sent to conference, for further discussion. This measure will now head to the House Chamber.

Please begin contacting your House delegation and request that they defeat Senate Bill 2418.

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MS HOUSE AMENDS BILL TO GIVE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH REVERSE AUCTION

On Wednesday February 7, 2018, The Mississippi House of Representatives amended [House Bill 1131](#) during a floor debate to allow governing authorities to have more flexibility as it relates to "reverse auction". With the new amendment, if a governing authority determines that reverse auction is "not" in the best interest of the governing authority, then the governing authority as a body must approve that it is not in the best interest and make findings in its minutes of why it is not in the best interest of the governing authority.

NOTE: [House Bill 1131](#) has passed the House Chamber and will head to the Senate for further discussion.

MS HOUSE STRENGTHENS RURAL FIRE TRUCK BILL

On Thursday February 8, 2018, The Mississippi House of Representatives added a floor amendment to [House Bill 49](#) that would allow rural fire truck acquisition revenue to also assist with firefighting equipment and/or personal protective equipment, and related gear. The amendment also authorized another round acquisition for another fire truck purchase, and more revenue was added to the program. This bill has passed the House Chamber.

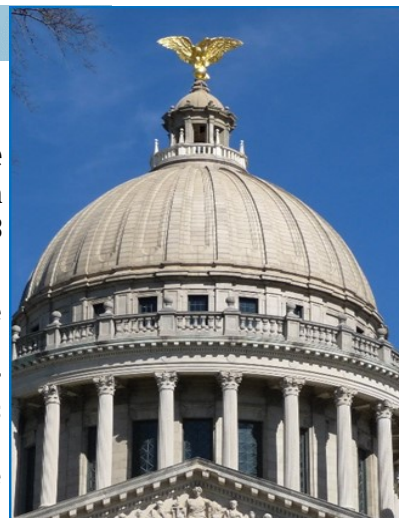
NOTE: [House Bill 948](#) passed the House Chamber earlier this week which also includes the same amendment in House Bill 49 regarding rural fire truck acquisition funding. Both bills have been sent the Senate Chamber. Please contact your Senator and ask for their support on both bills.

HOUSE BILL 722 COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

This bill is designed to divert 35% of the state's use tax into a fund to support municipal and county local infrastructure. Counties would receive 15% of the new revenue and it would be distributed based on the State Aid Formula. This measure also provides that 5% of this new revenue to the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) for grant programs where local governments could apply for road and bridge funding up to \$1.5 million per project.

This bill has been sent to the Senate chamber. Please continue to contact your local Senator and request that they support [House Bill 722](#).

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The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, February 12 at 4:00 p.m.

MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

The Fourth PDD County Capitol visits begins with [Northeast PDD on Wednesday February 21st](#). Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at 9:00am to receive handouts (talking points).

REGIONAL ELECTIONS FOR MAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES

During MAS Regional Capitol Visits, Supervisors will be electing representatives to the MAS Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Legislative Committee. These elections will be held promptly at **11:30 a.m.** Lunch will follow beginning at **11:45 a.m.**

Supervisors unable to attend the Capitol Visit may still participate in the election process by conference call. Conference call information is listed below and will be posted on the MAS website.

Dial In Number:
(877) 699-4804
Passcode: 601 353 2100 #

SAVE THE DATE

The 2018 NACo Legislative Conference will be held on **March 3rd—7th** at Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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