



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

REGIONAL CAPITOL VISITS

South Delta PDD will have its Capitol visit on Thursday, March 7, 2019.

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 at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. March 2nd – 6th.

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 is a **CRITICAL DEADLINE** for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.

This deadline affects several bills with potential significant impact at the county level. Please contact your local legislative delegation and request support of the following bills:

COUNTY SUPERVISORS SALARY INCREASE (SB 2827): Omnibus county official pay increase. This bill currently resides in the House Appropriations Committee. **(NOTE: Contact House Members for this Bill)**

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING (HB 444): Provides funding for the Rural Fire Truck Program at \$3 Million in Section Three. Currently resides in the Senate Accountability Efficiency and Transparency Committee. **(NOTE: Contact Senate Members for this Bill)**

DEBT SETOFF (HB 991): Authorizes counties and municipalities to collect certain debts by setoff against the debtor’s state income tax refund. Currently resides in the Senate Finance Committee. **(NOTE: Contact Senate Members for this Bill)**

EMERGENCY ROAD & BRIDGE REPAIR (ERBR) FUND (HB 779): Revises how the ERBR Fund monies may be spent, while also allowing the boards of supervisors to expend ERBR Funds during the last term of office. Currently resides in the Senate Finance Committee. **(NOTE: Contact Senate Members for this Bill)**

IMPORTANT APPROPRIATION BILLS IMPACTING COUNTY GOVERNMENT

SENATE BILL 3043: Provides an appropriation to defray the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

NOTE: Section 8 of this bill funds the Beaver Control Assistance Program at \$1,1 Million. This amount is level funded from the previous fiscal year.

SENATE BILL 3024: Provides 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 (\$87.5 Million) for the homestead exemption reimbursement.**