

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Mississippi Association of Supervisors

Week in Review

Week Five of the 2016 Session has passed. Deadline to request constitutional amendments or general bills has passed. Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house is Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016.

GOVERNOR CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

Governor Bryant called a Special Session during the Regular Session for a \$1.45 Billion company investment bringing 2,500 jobs to central MS and 1,000 jobs to Gulfport. House Bill 1 of the Special Session—a comprehensive incentive package for Continental Tires and TopShip LLC— passed both chambers Thursday.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

This week Mississippi State Economist Darrin Webb met with Appropriations members to provide the latest economic outlook for the state. He said the state’s economy is growing, but at a slower pace than the rest of the country. In addition, the Legislative Budget Office (LBO) also presented highlights of the Fiscal Year 2017 budget to the committee. LBO members emphasized that in FY2017, there are no across-the-board budget cuts; only recurring funds are being used to support recurring expenditures.

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 8, 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 for more information.

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MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

PDD Capitol visits continue next week with the Northeast PDD on Tuesday, February 9. 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
7	8	9 Northeast PDD	10	11	12	13
14	15 Presidents Day	16 North Central PDD	17	18	19	20 NACo—DC Conf.
21 NACo—DC Conf.	22 NACo—DC Conf.	23 Central PDD	24	25	26	27