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## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Mississippi Association of Supervisors

### Week in Review

Week Ten of the 2016 Session has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in own house is Wednesday, March 16.

### CALLS AND COMMITMENTS STILL NEEDED FOR SB 2170

We **URGENTLY** need county supervisors calling their **House members** to get commitments in supporting and fighting for passage of Senate Bill 2170. This bill has already passed the Senate chamber by a vote of 48-1.

Please continue to contact your House members and request that they **ask the Speaker of the House to have Senate Bill 2170 single referred to House County Affairs Committee.**



### SENATE PASSES \$577 MILLION TAX CUT

Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves has introduced his tax reform plan (“Taxpayer Raise Act of 2016”) (Senate Bill 2858) that passed the Senate chamber by a vote of 38-10 on Thursday. Lieutenant Governor Reeves touts the plan as a “flatter and fairer” tax code that will grow the State’s economy. The plan, which is phased in over a 15 year period, will remove the corporate franchise tax, eliminate the 3% and 4% tax bracket levied on personal income, and lower taxes for small business owners.

While this same plan passed the Senate last year, it did not receive a vote in the House chamber. The House has until April 5 to consider SB 2858.

### HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE PASSES BILLS TO HELP COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**House Bill 1611** creates the Mississippi Site Development Grant Program. This Program will be administered by the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), which will be given the authority to provide grants to counties, municipalities and economic development organizations to assist in paying costs associated with improving the marketability of publicly owned industrial property for industrial economic development purposes.

**Status:** Passed House Ways & Means Committee.

**House Bill 1674** provides that the county board of supervisors and municipal authorities may, at their discretion, enter into a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem taxes agreements for projects totaling over \$20 Million. The current fee-in-lieu of incentive is capped at 10 years. This measure provides the discretion to extend term up to 30 years.

**Status:** Passed House Ways & Means Committee.

### LOCAL SYSTEM BRIDGE PROGRAM: SUPPORT HB 878 AND SB 2469

Both HB 878 and SB 2469 have passed out of original chambers and now head to opposite chamber for consideration. Both bills bring the Local System Bridge Program (LSBP) code sections forward for consideration. LSBP expires in June 2016.

MAS Has been informed by the Office of State Aid that one of the two bills will be used as a vehicle to extend the life of the LSBP.

**House and Senate reconvene at 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 14.**

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