

# WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Mississippi Association of Supervisors

### Week in Review

Week Eight of the 2016 Session has passed. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house is Thursday, March 3, 2016.

## STATE REVENUE \$21 MILLION BELOW ESTIMATE

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, State Economist Darrin Webb told lawmakers that the State's revised revenue estimate is down \$21 Million. Mr. Webb said he is confident that the State will make up the deficit and noted that last fiscal year, the State missed revenue estimates by \$30 Million, and for the current fiscal year, the estimate was reduced by \$65 Million. Mr. Webb believes that the estimate

made back in November was a good estimate. Currently the State is down by less than one percent (\$21 Million). Mr. Webb stated that it could be made up in one month.

## SENATE PASSES SUPERVISORS EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Senate passed Senate Bill 2170 by a vote of 49-1. This legislative measure establishes the Supervisors Education Certification Program with a merit pay supplement.



**NOTE:** Please contact your House members and support the House version of this bill, HB 1492. HB 1492 currently resides on the House floor calendar.

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**House and Senate reconvene at 4:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29.**

## MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

PDD Capitol visits continue next week with the South Delta PDD on Tuesday, March 1. 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.

## MARCH 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 South Delta PDD	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 North Delta PDD	9	10	11	12
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