



WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mississippi Association of Supervisors

Week in Review

Week 12 of the 2016 session has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house has passed. Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house is Wednesday, March 30, 2016 .

EDUCATIONAL/PAY SUPPLEMENT LEGISLATION DIES IN GENERAL BILL/REVENUE COMMITTEE

March 22nd was the final opportunity to pass the Supervisor's Educational Pay Supplement Program (Senate Bill 2170) out of its respective House committees for an opportunity for a House floor vote. After passing out of House County Affairs, Representative Mark Formby chose not to bring the bill up in his General Bill/Revenue committee for a committee vote, and

this non-action killed the bill.

MAS would like to extend a special thanks to the membership for your dedication and hard work for this new legislation. This was the first time in the history of the Association that we attempted to introduce a state law establishing an education certification program coupled with a pay supplement for county supervisors. Your staff will continue to work with the Legislature during the off season to strengthen support for the 2017 Regular Legislative Session

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT CUT!!

Due the slow state tax revenue collections, the Senate chamber cut all of its appropriation bills. Please begin making calls to your local legislative delegation about protecting the final homestead exemption reimbursement from the cut, and to provide the "full" homestead exemption reimbursement.

Homestead Exemption Reimbursement by the Numbers

Full Reimbursement: **\$87,500,000**

FY 2016 Funding Level: **\$84,454,641**

*FY 2017 Cut Level: **\$78,945,242***

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SAVE THE LOCAL SYSTEMS BRIDGE PROGRAM

Support House Bill 878 and Senate Bill 2469

The LSBP Program expires this **June 2016**. MAS has been informed by the Office of State Aid that one of the two bills (**SB2469 & HB878**) will be used as a vehicle to extend the life of the LSBP Program. Please contact your local legislative delegation and request that they extend the life of the Local Systems Bridge Program and fund it at \$40 million.

House and Senate reconvene Monday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.