

# MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## The 2023 Regular Legislative Session

The Second week of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session is now complete. The Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments is Monday January 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Measure Introduced to Remove Mandated Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Community College/Universities Foundations (Senate Bill 2017)**

On January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, ***Senate Bill 2017*** (filed by Senator Joey Fillingane) was introduced and single referred to the Senate Finance Committee. This measure removes ad valorem tax exemption for university or community college foundation or federally qualified health center property.

NOTE: This measure actually strikes all the new language that created this mandated exemption that was added to Mississippi Code 27-31-1 during the 2022 Regular Legislative Session in Senate Bill 2769. Please contact your local legislative delegation and ask for support of this bill and other bills that reflect the same actions of this measure. Currently, no committee action has been taken on Senate Bill 2017.

### **Potential Major Unfunded Mandate for Mississippi Counties (Senate Bill 2081)**

On January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, ***Senate Bill 2081*** (filed by Senator Brice Wiggins) was introduced and doubled referred to Judiciary A and Appropriations. This measure establishes the creation of a statewide county court system. Section 3 of this measure (lines 460 – 493) introduces an unfunded mandate to Mississippi counties by requiring counties to transfer funds out of the county general fund treasury to the Administrative Office of Courts to fund the compensation of the judges as determined by the State Auditor. Please contact your local legislative delegation to discuss how this measure could impact your county.

NOTE: Currently, not action is taken on Senate Bill 2081.

### **Rural Fire Truck Measure Introduced (Senate Bill 2041)**

On January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023, ***Senate Bill 2041*** (filed by Senator Angela Hill) was introduced and single referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee. This measure provides for an additional round of the Rural Fire Truck Fund, under the Acquisition Assistance Program.

NOTE: Currently, no action is taken on Senate Bill 2041.

**House and Senate will reconvene on Monday, January 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

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Join us next Friday, January 20 at 10:30 a.m. for  
our weekly legislative Zoom call.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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**Or Call in at:** 888.788.0099

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## *Save the Dates*

MAS 2023 MAS Mid-Winter Conference  
Sheraton Refuge Hotel & Conference Center  
Flowood, MS  
January 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

National Association of Counties (NACo) 2023 Legislative Conference  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Washington DC