

# MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## The 2023 Regular Legislative Session

The Third week of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session is now complete. The Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house is Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>.

### House County Affairs Committee Take Action on Measures Impacting County Government (House Bill 626 & House Bill 858)

On January 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, the House County Affairs Committee passed out measures impacting counties. The following were passed out:

**House Bill 626:** This measure provides for an exception on the prohibition of expending certain funds in the last months of office to meet the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending deadline. *This measure will now head to the House Floor Calendar for consideration.*

**House Bill 858:** This measure creates the Mississippi Regional Pre-need Disaster Clean Up Act which authorizes county boards of supervisors to enter into joint bid agreement for disaster clean-up. *This measure will now head to the House Floor Calendar for consideration.*

### House and Senate Measures Introduced to provide funding for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF) (House Bill 662 & Senate Bill 2480)

**House Bill 662:** This measure makes an appropriation to the ERBRF Fund out of the State General Fund in the amount of \$350 million. *NOTE: No action is taken on this measure.*

**Senate Bill 2480:** This measure makes an appropriation from the State Capital Expense Fund to the ERBRF Fund in the amount of \$250 million. *NOTE: No action is taken on this measure.*

## Measure Introduced to Provide Flexibility with Public Notices for Counties and Municipalities (Senate Bill 2515)

On January 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, Senate Bill 2515 was introduced and referred to the Senate Municipalities and County Affairs Committee. This measure provides counties and municipalities with the option to post public notices online after a one time circulation of the notice being published through a print newspaper publication. *NOTE: No action is taken on this measure.*

## Measure Introduced to Make Mandated Construction Permitting Optional (House Bill 676)

On January 16<sup>th</sup> 2023, House Bill 676 was introduced and single referred to the House County Affairs Committee. This measure authorizes counties to choose not to be subject to the requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. *NOTE: No action is taken on this measure.*

**HOUSE & SENATE will reconvene on Monday at 4pm.**

**Join us next Friday, January 27 at 10:30 a.m.  
for our weekly legislative Zoom call.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3852299667>**

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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