

The 2022 Regular Legislative Session

The Sixth week of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in own house is **Wednesday, February 23rd**.

County Supervisor's Salary Measures Heads to the Governor (Senate Bill 2719)

On Thursday, February 10th, the Mississippi House of Representatives passed **Senate Bill 2719** by a vote of **105 to 8**. Senate Bill 2719 was **not** amended in any way by the House chamber. Therefore, Senate Bill 2719 will now head to the Governor for consideration.

Mandate to Electronically File Campaign Finance Statements Passes Out of House Chamber (House Bill 33)

On Wednesday, February 9th, the House Chamber passed out **House Bill 33** by a vote of **116 to 4**. This measure mandates that all campaign finance statements, reports of contributions and expenditures and other reports be filed and posted online through the MS Secretary of State.

Note: This measure will now head to the Senate for consideration.

Measure to Increase Fire Protection Funds Pass House Chamber (House Bill 819)

On Wednesday, February 9th, the House Chamber passed out **House Bill 819** by a vote of **119 to 2**. House Bill 819 increases the fire protection funds for counties and municipalities, raising it from \$4,850,000.00 to \$7,500,000.00. This measure also establishes a \$30k minimum distribution to "ALL" counties as a based and then the rest of the distribution shall be based on population. In addition, this measure adds to what the fire rebate funds can be spent on such as emergency medical service training, emergency medical service equipment, and emergency medical service.

NOTE: House Bill 819 was amended on the House Chamber Floor before it passed. The amending language creates the Mississippi First Responders Health and Safety Trust Fund. This fund will be credited \$500k by the Department of Revenue from the State insurance premium tax. This fund will also be administered by the Commissioner of Insurance to assist the state, municipalities, and counties and fire protection districts with providing benefits that are mandated by the MS First Responders Health and Safety Act of 2019.

NOTE: This measure will now head to the Senate for consideration.

Measure to Revise Time for Filing Campaign Finance Report Through Fax or Electronic Means Passes House Chamber ([House Bill 1476](#))

On Monday February 7th, the House Chamber passed [House Bill 1476](#) by a vote of **121 to 0**. House Bill 1476 gives an individual until 11:59 pm of set deadline day to file their campaign finance report through either fax or by an electronic means. This measure states that the appropriate office must be in actual receipt of the report no later than 11:59pm on the day that it is due. NOTE: This measure will now head to the Senate for consideration.

Measure to Increase Purchasing Threshold Gets Assigned to the House Workforce Development Committee ([Senate Bill 2371](#))

On Thursday, February 10th, the House Chamber assigned [Senate Bill 2371](#) to the House Workforce Development Committee. Please click this blue [link](#) to view members of this committee. If any of these members represent your area, please request that they support Senate Bill 2371. As a reminder, Senate Bill 2371 increases from 50k to 75k for purchases from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided that at least two competitive bids have been obtained.

State Revenue Collections Continue to Perform Over Estimate

On last Friday, February 4th, the State Legislative Budget Office released their revenue report for the month of January to the members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. The report showed that revenue collections are continuing to outpace estimates. For the month of January, the state is **\$121.8 million above estimate**, and \$667 million year to date.

Join us next Friday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m. for our weekly legislative Zoom call.

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