

# MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## The 2023 Regular Legislative Session

The 2023 Regular Legislative Session gavelled in at 12 noon on Tuesday January 3, 2023. This session is scheduled to last 90 days. The Deadline for making requests for general and constitutional amendments to be drafted is Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

### Joint Legislative Budget Committee Finalized Budget Recommendation for FY 2024

On December 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) approved a budget recommendation for \$7 billion plus dollars for the 2024 fiscal year that will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023. The approval of this budget recommendation also leaves \$3 billion in unencumbered revenue. This budget that was approved by the 14 member Budget Committee, which includes both Speaker Gunn, and Lt. Gov. Hosemann is viewed as a starting point for the 174 members of the Legislature to use in developing a budget for the next fiscal year. Of the total recommendations, the JLBC highlighted four key priority areas of increased spending. The homestead exemption reimbursement represents one of the four key priority areas. This reimbursement is a major core legislative item for the Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS).

Please view the following 4 key priority areas:

- State Employee Health Insurance: \$32 million
- Child Protection Services, Foster Care and Adoption: \$12.3 million
- Department of Public Safety, Salary Increases and Forensics Lab: \$3 million
- Department of Revenue, Full Funding of the Homestead Exemption Reimbursement: \$1.4 million. This would be an increase from \$90.6 million to \$92 million.

### Bills Introduced Impacting County Government

**House Bill 1:** Campaign finance reports; require candidates for county, county districts and municipal offices to file with the Secretary of State. Referred to the House Elections Committee

**House Bill 2:** Campaign finance reports; shall be available on county and municipal websites. Referred to the House Elections Committee.

**House Bill 217:** Taxes levied by commissioners of master water management districts; remove requirement that boards of supervisors must implement.

**House and Senate will reconvene on Monday, January 9 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Join us next Friday, January 13 at 10:30 a.m. for our weekly legislative Zoom call.**

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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

**Or Call in at:** 888.788.0099

**Then Enter** Meeting Id Number: 385 229 9667

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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