

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2018 Regular Legislative Session

March 9, 2018



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

Next week we will have the 9th Capitol visit with **North Central PDD on Tuesday, March 13.**

Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at 9:00a.m. to receive handouts (talking points).

REGIONAL ELECTIONS FOR MAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES

During MAS Regional Capitol Visits, Supervisors will be electing representatives to the MAS Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Legislative Committee. These elections will be held promptly at **11:30 a.m.** Lunch will follow beginning at **11:45 a.m.**

Supervisors unable to attend the Capitol Visit may still participate in the election process by conference call. Conference call information is listed below and will be posted on the MAS website.

Dial In Number:
(877) 699-4804
Passcode: 601 353 2100 #

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Tenth week of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session has ended. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in other house is Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

MS HOUSE AMENDS THE B.R.I.D.G.E. ACT SENATE BILL 3046

On Wednesday March 7, the House Ways and Means Committee took action on [Senate Bill 3046](#) with a “Strike All” amendment. The “Strike All” amendment made a number of changes, but as it pertains to counties statewide, the House reinstated its original language ([HB-722](#)) with a slight modification. The reinstated language consists of diverting 35% of the Use Tax and giving 15% for Counties and 15% for Municipalities. Now, instead of the other 5% going to MDA, it will now go towards the Local Systems Bridge Program. It is anticipated that this would generate between \$17 million to \$20 million a year. This will be in addition to the 15% Use Tax diversion. The 15% Use Tax diversion is expected to generate \$46 million annually. Both the 15% and the 5% will be residual revenue to Mississippi counties that would not need the approval of the Mississippi Legislature.

NOTE: The House Chamber has passed Senate Bill 3046 with the “Strike All” language. SB-3046 will now head to the Senate Chamber for Concurrence or Nonconcurrence.

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AXLE WEIGHT TOLERANCE MEASURE PASSES HOUSE

On Tuesday March 6, 2018, The Mississippi House of Representatives passed [Senate Bill 2418](#) by a vote of 76 to 34. This vote margin makes a clear statement that the leadership is highly in favor of passing an axle tolerance increase this year. MAS will continue to work against this measure and educate on the possible negative impact this can have back at the county level from a public safety and cost standpoint.

NOTE: This measure will now head to the Senate Chamber for Concurrence or Nonconcurrence.

MEDICAID REAUTHORIZATION SENATE BILL 2836

[Senate Bill 2836](#) is the legislative vehicle to reauthorize the Division of Medicaid. With the introduction of this bill, MAS has worked with the leadership to have language included that would allow Medicaid to help cover inmate hospital costs. The Senate Chamber supports this effort, but the House Chamber removed this language. Now, [Senate Bill 2836](#) will head to conference for further conferencing.

Please contact your local legislative delegation, and request that they support language in the Medicaid Reauthorization Bill that would allow Medicaid to help cover inmate hospital costs.

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STATE REVENUE COLLECTIONS UPDATE

On Monday March 5, 2018, the MS Legislative Budget Office released information regarding state revenue collections. The total revenue collections for the month of February FY 2018 are \$11,309,741 or 3.65% above the sine die revenue estimate. Fiscal Year-To-Date revenue collections through February are \$34,441,369 or 1.05% above the sine die estimate.