

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2019 Regular Legislative Session

March 22, 2019

**BILLS IMPACTING COUNTIES SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR**

**Debt Setoff Legislation:**

**House Bill 991:** This measure authorizes counties and municipalities to collect debts by setoff against a debtor's income tax refund.

**Proclamation Authority:**

**Senate Bill 2243:** This measure will allow the president of a county board of supervisors to declare a local emergency by proclamation.

**Understanding Conference Committee**

We have now entered the part of the legislative process where the Senate chamber and the House chamber will assign a total of 6 members (*3 from the House and 3 from the Senate*) to further conference and deliberate on various legislative measures. If an agreement is met, then they will sign and file a conference report. The conference report must be voted on and adopted by both chambers in order for the conference report to reach the governor.

**BELOW ARE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**Emergency Road & Bridge Repair Fund:**

**House Bill 779:** This measure revises how the Emergency Road & Bridge Repair Fund monies may be spent, while also allowing the boards of supervisors to expend ERBR Funds during the last term of office. **(NOTE: Awaiting Conferencing)**

**Rural Fire Truck Funding:**

**House Bill 444:** Provides funding for the Rural Fire Truck Program at \$3.5 million dollars in section three of this bill. This measure also authorizes another round for rural fire truck acquisition. **(NOTE: Conference Report Has Been Adopted)**

**Omnibus County Official Salary Increase:**

**Senate Bill 2827:** Provides a salary increase for various county officials. **(NOTE: Awaiting Conferencing)**

**Please contact your local legislative delegation and request that the conference report of County Officials Pay Raise Bill (SB2827) be adopted and sent to the Governor.**

**First Responders Defined Benefits Plan:**

**Senate Bill 2835:** This measure creates a mandate that will require counties and municipalities to provide health benefits coverage for volunteer firefighters, professional firefighters, and law enforcement officers as it relates to diagnosis attributed to their occupational hazards. **(NOTE: Awaiting Conferencing)**

**Tax Lien Properties:**

**House Bill 1307:** This measure addresses land sold for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes. **(NOTE: Awaiting Conferencing)**

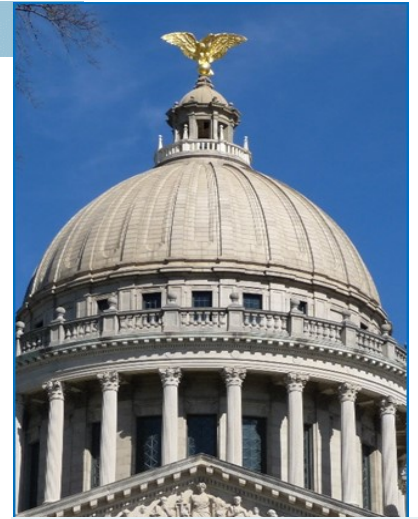
**Homestead Exemption Reimbursement:**

**Senate Bill 3024:** This measure makes an appropriation for the purpose of reimbursing the counties, county districts and municipal separate school districts for tax losses incurred by reason of the exemption of the homes from certain ad valorem taxes.

**NOTE: The funding level for the homestead exemption reimbursement is in section 8 of this bill and it is funded at \$80,625,992.00. This funding level represents level funding from the previous fiscal year. To fully fund the homestead exemption reimbursement, it will take an appropriation of \$87.5 million. Please contact your local legislative delegation and request full funding of the homestead exemption reimbursement. (NOTE: Awaiting Conferencing)**

**Omnibus Special Projects Bond:**

**House Bill 1674 and Senate Bill 3065:** This measure authorizes the issuance of bonds for various projects. **(NOTE: Awaiting Conferencing)**



**The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 25, at 4:00 p.m.**

**THE 2019 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

The deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills and for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed is **Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

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