

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2021 Regular Legislative Session

March 19, 2021

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

IMPORTANT MAS BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

(The following bills were signed by the Governor)

Senate Bill 2189: This measure allows counties & cities the discretion to offer their Medicare eligible employees the option to transition from the county health benefits over to Medicare.

Senate Bill 2336: This measure delays the mandated implementation of the First Responder Health and Safety Act until year 2023. Without the delay, or state funding, counties and cities will be soon faced with an expensive unfunded mandate.

House Bill 74: This measure extends the repealer for the Emergency 911 Operation Code Section.

WEIGHT LIMIT BILL HEADS TO CONFERENCE, SENATE CHAMBER NAME CONFEREES (SENATE BILL 2825)

On Tuesday, March 16th, Senate Bill 2825 was declined concurrence and invited for conferencing. NOTE: The current status of this measure will increase the weight limit of the harvest permit from 84k pounds to 88k pounds with NO additional revenue. Please contact your House and Senate delegation and request that they oppose any weight limit increase without continuous long-term revenue attached to it.

(The following are the Senate Conferees: Senate Jennifer Branning; Senator Briggs Hopson; & Senator Mike Thompson)

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING MEASURE IS IN CONFERENCE, SENATE CHAMBER NAME CONFEREES (SENATE BILL 2602)

On Tuesday, March 16th, Senate Bill 2602 was declined concurrence and invited for conferencing. This measure provides \$5 million for rural fire truck funding.

(The following are the Senate Conferees: Senator Walter Michel; Senator Briggs Hopson; Senator Michael McClendon)

CALLS STILL NEEDED

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT (SENATE BILL 2923)

Section 8 of this measure, Senate Bill 2923, makes an appropriation of \$77,038,135.00. This line-item appropriation represents a \$1.9 million cut from last year's appropriation of \$79,013,472.00. Counties need an appropriation of \$88.7 million to be fully reimbursed. Please contact your local HOUSE delegation and ask that the homestead exemption be fully funded at \$88.7 million. (NOTE: This measure is now headed to conference.)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021

We would like to thank everyone who joined us this morning for our weekly legislative update zoom meeting. Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith joined us this morning to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and to take questions from our membership. If you have any questions, please email Senator Hyde-Smith's staff members Tim Wolverton at

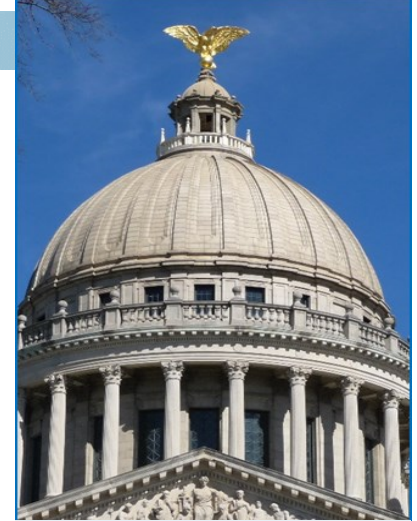
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THE FIFTH AND FINAL COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE & EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

On Tuesday, March 23, 2021 the Southwest, Central MS, and South Delta Planning and Development District counties are scheduled to meet at the Hilton Hotel for the MAS Legislative and Educational Regional Meeting. Please visit the MAS website www.mssupervisors.org to view the tentative agenda for that day or click HERE to view agenda.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m.

The Eleventh week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in other house has passed. The deadline for concurrence/non-concurrence for general bills and constitutional amendments is Thursday, March 25th.

SAVE THE DATE

2021 Annual Convention The 2021 Annual Convention will be at the MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center June 14—17, 2021.

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