

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2018 Regular Legislative Session

March 23, 2018

CONFERENCE WEEKEND

The Mississippi Legislature will gavel in this Saturday to work through legislative measures that are in conference and to finalize the legislative budget. It is very important for supervisors to contact their local legislative delegation over the weekend to discuss bills that are still alive that will impact county government. MAS has a variety of things in conference that are being monitored, but the following are four major items in conference that can have a significant impact on county government:

HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT EXEMPTION SENATE BILL 2963 NOW IN CONFERENCE

[Senate Bill 2963](#) is the appropriation for the Department of Revenue. In section 8 of this bill, the reimbursement for the homestead exemption is funded at **\$79,424,665.00**. Last year the homestead exemption reimbursement was funded at **\$80,625,992.00**. **Senate Bill 2963 currently presents a (\$1,201,327.00) reduction from last years appropriation.**

Please contact your local legislative delegation and request not to cut the homestead exemption reimbursement and increase to full funding level of **\$87.5 million**.

Conferees for Senate Bill 2963 are as follows:

SENATE: Eugene "Buck" Clarke, John Horhn, Gray Tollison

HOUSE: John Read, Greg Snowden, & Jim Beckett

NOTE: If any of the members listed are a part of your local legislative delegation, please contact them, and request not to cut the homestead exemption reimbursement.

B.R.I.D.G.E. ACT SENATE BILL 3046 NOW IN CONFERENCE

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) sees this as a positive step toward the actual passage of an impactful infrastructure plan. Although both chambers wanted to approach infrastructure funding from different perspectives, there were some items both chambers agreed upon. Since the second day of the legislative session, infrastructure funding has been one of the hottest topics in the state capitol. We would like to thank the MAS membership for their continued dialogue with their local legislative delegation as it relates to the need for adequate infrastructure funding during the course of the session. Now is the time to dialogue even more and request that the bulk of the revenue generated from the final proposal go towards infrastructure that's maintained by county government. Mississippi counties have to maintain more public infrastructure than MDOT or municipalities.

NOTE: Conferees for Senate Bill 3046 have not been named. MAS will update the membership of those names when they are listed.

MEDICAID REAUTHORIZATION SENATE BILL 2836 NOW IN CONFERENCE

[Senate Bill 2836](#), also known as the Medicaid Reauthorization bill is now in conference. This measure was initially introduced in the Senate chamber with language that would help cover county hospital costs for inmates. The House chamber stripped the inmate coverage language. MAS sees this legislative vehicle as an opportunity to help counties save money as it relates to inmate hospital costs.

Please contact your local legislative delegation and request that [Senate Bill 2836](#) retain language that help cover county hospital costs.

NOTE: Conferees for Senate Bill 2836 have not been named. MAS will update the membership of those names when they are listed.

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING SENATE BILL 2467 NOW IN CONFERENCE

[Senate Bill 2467](#) originally started out as a bill for the MS Windstorm Underwriting Association, but this measure was amended to include funding for the Rural Fire Truck Program.

NOTE: Conferees for Senate Bill 2467 have not been named. MAS will update the membership of those names when they are listed.



The House and Senate will reconvene Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Twelfth week of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session has ended. The deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other House to General Bills and Constitutional Amendments has passed. The deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriations and revenue bills and for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed is Monday March 26, 2018

MAS 89TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, JUNE 11-14, 2018, BILOXI, HARRISON COUNTY

Registration is now open for the MAS 89th Annual Convention!

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Questions?

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