

2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in the other house is Tuesday, June 9th.

IMPORTANT MAS LEGISLATIVE MEASURES PASS OUT OF OPPOSITE CHAMBER COMMITTEES

On Tuesday of next week, a large volume of legislative bills will not advance further throughout the legislative process. MAS was very fortunate this week to see key MAS legislative measures advance to survive next week's Tuesday deadline. Below is a list of those key bills.

House Bill 379: This bill was amended to provide an additional use tax diversion of the "total" use tax collected at \$1 million a month into the LSBP Program beginning August 15th 2020 until July 15th 2021 to avoid a funding GAP as the 5% LSBP use tax diversion builds up. This bill currently resides in the Senate Finance Committee.

House Bill 741: This bill will allow counties to pledge up to 75% of their anticipated use tax revenue for structuring bond debt, whereas the debt will not exceed over ten years. This will give counties the ability to flexibility when structure major infrastructure bond projects. This bill currently resides in the Senate Finance Committee

House Bill 685 & Senate Bill 2279: Both bills extends the repealer of mandating that counties shall not pay more than the Medicaid Reimbursement Rate regarding the medical costs pertaining to pre-trial detainees and convicted inmates.

Senate Bill 2215: This bill exempts "Term Contracts" and "E-Rate Contracts" from the reverse auction mandate. This bill currently resides in the House Municipality Committee and the House County Affairs Committee.

House Bill 721: This bill authorizes another round of funding for the Rural Fire Truck Program.

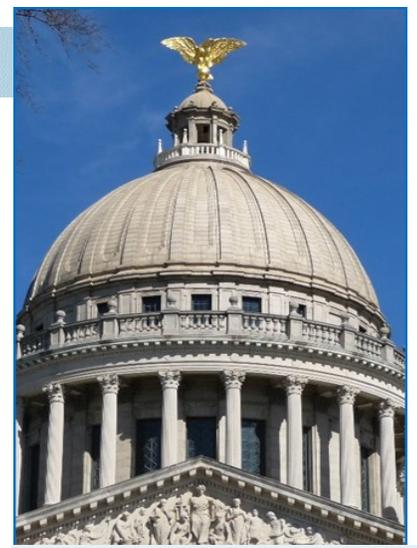
HOUSE & SENATE CHAMBER PASS MEASURES AS PLACEHOLDERS TO UTILIZE FEDERAL COVID-19 FUNDS FOR DISBURSEMENTS TO COUNTIES AND CITIES

This week the House ([HB-1750](#)) and Senate ([SB-3012](#)) passed bills making an appropriation from the Budget Contingency Fund to the Department of Finance and Administration to discharge eligible COVID-19 expenses to cities and counties for years 2020 and 2021. This was created for reimbursing counties and cities for cost incurred in connection with COVID-19. **NOTE: Both bills have passed their originating chamber and will now head to its opposite chamber for consideration.**

BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE CHAMBER PASSES OMNIBUS BOND PACKAGES

This week the House ([HB-1730](#)) and the Senate ([SB-2774](#)) both passed major bond bills. This is a strong sign that the state leadership will consider major financing for capital improvement, economic, and other various projects.

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The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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2020 Annual Convention

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