

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2021 Regular Legislative Session

March 26 2021

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Twelfth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for concurrence/non-concurrence for general bills and constitutional amendments has passed. The deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriations and revenue bills and for general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed is Monday, March 29th.

CONFERENCE WEEKEND

The MAS lobbying team has been informed that the 2021 Regular Legislative Session will continue throughout this weekend. Legislators will work into the late hours to conference/negotiate on various measure to reach a final decision.

CONFEREES NAMED TO IMPORTANT MAS BILLS

WEIGHT LIMIT MEASURE (SENATE BILL 2825)

NOTE: The current status of this measure will increase the weight limit of the harvest permit from 84k pounds to 88k pounds.

Senate Conferees: *Branning/Hopson/Thompson*

House Conferees: *Busby/Massengill/Crudup*

USE TAX TO PAY BOND DEBT (HOUSE BILL 520)

House Bill 520 allows both counties and municipalities to utilize the "Use Tax" diversion that they receive to pledge to pay all or a portion of debt service on debt issued by a county or municipality for purposes of repair, maintenance, and/or reconstruction of roads, streets, and bridges.

Senate Conferees: *Harkins/Sparks/Simmons (12th)*

House Conferees: *Lamar/Steverson/Massengill*

RURAL FIRE TRUCK (SENATE BILL 2602)

Senate Bill 2602 diverts a portion of the Non-admitted policy fee for a \$5 million transfer to Rural Fire Truck Funding.

Senate Conferees: *Michel/Hopson/McLendon*

House Conferees: *Zuber/Ford (54th)/Busby*

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT (SENATE BILL 2923)

Section 8 of this measure 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 the conferees on Senate Bill 2923 and ask for full reimbursement.

Senate Conferees: *Hopson/Michel/McCaughn*

House Conferees: *Read/Bounds/Beckett*

BEAVER CONTROL ASSISTANCE (SENATE BILL 2942)

Senate Bill 2942 appropriates \$1.1 million to the Beaver Control Assistance Program.

Senate Conferees: *Hopson/Jackson (32nd)/Simmons (13th)*

House Conferees: *Read/Pigott/Mangold*

BOND ISSUANCE; IHL (SENATE BILL 2971)

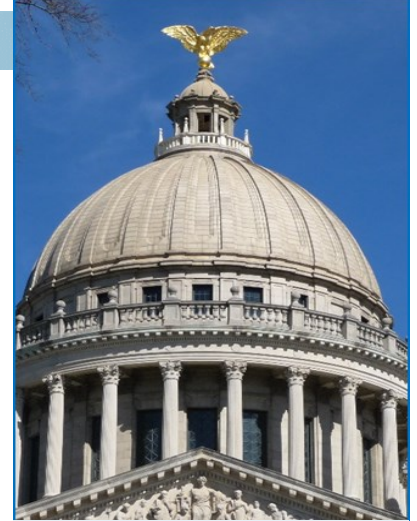
If there is going to be an omnibus bond bill pass, Senate Bill 2971 will most likely be the legislative vehicle. Currently, this bill issue bonds for IHL, and it contains the language that phases out the state income tax.

Senate Conferees: *Harkins/Johnson/Kirby*

House Conferees: *Lamar/Steverson/Massengill*

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all that participated in our first ever MAS Regional Collaborative Educational and Legislative Meetings for the 2021 Regular Legislative Session.



The House and Senate will reconvene Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m.

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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