MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2021 Regular Legislative Session April 1, 2021

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Thirteenth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriations and revenue bills and for general bills and constitutional amendments to filed has passed. The 2021 Regular Legislative Session SINE DIE, today, April 1,2021.

LEGISLATURE PASSES REVERSE AUCTION RELIEF (SENATE BILL 2024)

During this past conference weekend, Senate and House conferees worked to provide counties with reverse auction relief in <u>Senate Bill 2024</u>. Senate Bill 2024 original intent was to expand upon the time interval to notify financial institutions in the county when bids will be received for their services as the county depository. Yet, when the conferees conferenced on this measure, they inserted the purchasing law code section within this measure and exempted "Term Bids" from the reverse auction mandate.

(NOTE: Both chambers have adopted this conference report and it will now go to the governor)

CONFERENCE REPORTS HEAD TO THE GOVERNOR

WEIGHT LIMIT MEASURE (SENATE BILL 2825)

The measure increases the weight limit of the harvest permit from 84k pounds to 88k pounds, with \$89 million added to the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. (NOTE: Both chambers have adopted this conference report and it will now go to the governor)

USE TAX TO PAY BOND DEBT (HOUSE BILL 520)

This measure 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. (NOTE: Both chambers have adopted this conference report and it will now go to the governor)

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING (HOUSE BILL 1379)

Section 13 of this measure makes an appropriation of \$2 million to be used for the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (NOTE: Both chambers have adopted this conference report and it will now go to the governor)

HOMESTEAD EXE. REIM. (SENATE BILL 2923)

Section 8 of this measure makes an appropriation of \$79,013,472.00. This line-item appropriation represents level funding from last year's appropriation funding. (NOTE: Both chambers have adopted this conference report and it will now go to the governor)

BEAVER CONTROL ASSIST. (SENATE BILL 2942)

Appropriates \$1.1 million to the Beaver Control Assistance Program. (NOTE: Both chambers have adopted this conference report and it will now go to the governor)

OMNIBUS BOND MEASURE (SENATE BILL 2971)

This measure contains funding for numerous projects for state agencies and state program as well as local government entities and programs.



The House and Senate Sine DIE on April 1,2021

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