

2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house is Tuesday, June 23.

LOCAL SYSTEMS BRIDGE GAP FUNDING MEASURE HEADS TO GOVERNOR (MAS PROPOSAL ITEM)

A funding mechanism to keep the Local Systems Bridge Program (LSBP) whole as its use tax diversion continues to be phased in officially heads to the Governor. The conference report for [House Bill 379](#) was voted on by both the House and Senate chamber on Friday. This bill was originally 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 2022 to avoid a funding GAP as the 5% LSBP use tax diversion builds up. This measure is set to take effect and be in forced from and after July 1, 2020, upon approval from the Governor.

COUNTY PURCHASING MEASURE HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR. (MAS PROPOSAL ITEM)

On Friday, June 19th, [House Bill 494](#) was officially transferred to the Governor’s Office for consideration. [House Bill 494](#) raises the purchasing threshold from \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 for purchases made that shall not require a requisition to purchase, purchase order, or receiving report. This measure is set to take effect and be in forced from and after July 1, 2020, upon approval from the Governor.

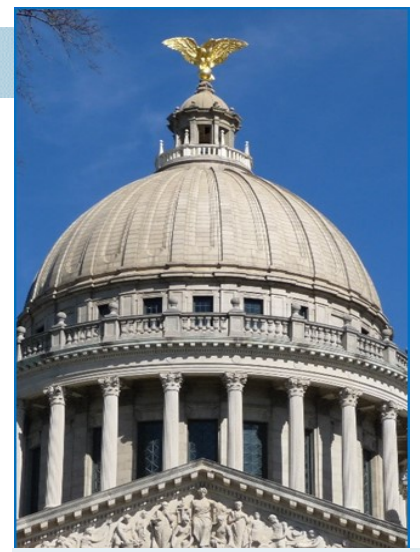
CONFERENCE CONFEREES NAMED FOR HOUSE BILL 982

[House Bill 982](#) revisits the code section that establishes the First Responders Health and Safety Act of 2019. This act was a mandate that passed last year which required counties and cities to provide a defined benefit cancer policy for firefighters and law enforcement officers, due to their occupational hazards. [House Bill 982](#) established a revenue stream to help counties and cities pay for the policies, yet due to the negative financial impact COVID-19 is having on state funding streams and to the revenue streams of local government, the Senate chamber amended [House Bill 982](#) to delay the mandated implementation of the First Responders Health and Safety Act until the year 2022 to give more time to find a funding source to assist counties and cities in funding the mandated cancer policies.

NOTE: [House Bill 982](#) is currently residing in conference. Below are the named conferees. If any of the listed conferees represent your region, please contact them and request that they **file and adopt** a conference report that further delays the implementation of the cancer policy mandate to counties and cities until 2022.

(House Conferees: *Rep. Kevin Ford; Rep. Gene Newman; Rep. Henry Zuber III)*

Senate Conferees: *Sen. Walter Michel; Sen. Dean Kirby; Sen. John Polk)*



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, June 22 at 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE

2020 Annual Convention

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