

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2019 Regular Legislative Session

January 11, 2019

THE 2019 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2019 Regular Legislative Session gaveled in at 12 noon on January 8, 2019. This session is scheduled to last 90 days.

The Deadline for making requests for general and constitutional amendments to be filed is Wednesday, January 16, 2019.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m.

THE FIRST WEEK OF THE 2019 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS WITH APPOINTING NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES

On Wednesday, January 9, 2018, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Representative, Philip Gunn appointed Representative Angela Cockerham as chairlady of the House Judiciary B Committee. Representative Cockerham was formerly the chairlady of the House Energy Committee. Speaker Gunn also appointed Representative Gary Staples as the new chairman of the House Energy Committee. He was formerly the vice-chairman of that committee. The changing of the chairs is due to the transition of former legislator Andy Gipson's move to State's Agriculture Commissioner.

In addition, the Senate Pro Tempore, Senator Terry Burton has resigned as Senate Pro Tempore. The Senate has elected Senator Gray Tollison as new Pro Tempore.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT COLLECTION

Senate Bill 2058: This measure authorizes counties and municipalities to collect certain debts by setoff against the debtor's state income tax refund.

NOTE: This measure is assigned to the Senate Finance Committee and has only been introduced. No action is taken on it. The deadline to pass this bill out of committee is February 5th.

MAS 2019 MID-WINTER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Next week begins the annual Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) Mid-Winter Legislative Conference. For more information on the conference please visit the MAS website at: www.mssupervisors.org or click [here](#) to view the conference agenda.

MAS REGIONAL CAPITOL VISITS

Our first regional capitol visit is set to begin with Central PDD on Tuesday, January 29. During these visits, we meet on the first floor of the Capitol by 9 a.m. Steve Gray, Director of Government Affairs will then give an update on what bills we are monitoring and what is happening throughout the legislative process. These meetings are very important and effective in our legislative grassroots efforts. It gives counties the opportunity to meet with their delegation and speak to them about what is going on in their county and what we could do together to make local government stronger.

2019 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Reception will be held during MAS 2019 Mid-Winter Conference hosted at the Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS. It is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Westbrook Ballroom in the Hilton.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

SAVE THE DATE

The 2019 NACo Legislative Conference will be at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. March 2nd – 6th.

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