#### MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update 2021 Regular Legislative Session January 8, 2021

# THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 2021 Regular Legislative Session gaveled in at 12 noon on January 5, 2021. This session is scheduled to last 90 days. The Deadline for making requests for general and constitutional amendments to be drafted is Wednesday January 13, 2021.

# **MEASURES INTRODUCED THAT IMPACTS COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

<u>Senate Bill 2062:</u> Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. [Assigned to Senate Appropriations Committee] (Note: *No action taken at this point*)

<u>Senate Bill 2024:</u> Depositories; revise bid process for selection by counties and municipalities. [Assigned to Senate County Affairs Committee] (*Note: No action taken at this point.*)

<u>House Bill 11:</u> County annual budget; Require to be published on county's official website. [Assigned to House Accountability, Efficiency, and Transparency Committee] (*Note: No action taken at this point*)

### THE TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION AND MANAGING COVID-19

Prior to gaveling into the 2021 Regular Legislative Session, legislative leaders at the Mississippi State Capitol had not reached a general consensus on how to proceed with the timetable to process legislation, due to the impact COVID-19 had on the process last year. It was no secret that some wanted to delay a while, and some wanted to move forward with the regular scheduled timetable. The latter was taken, and leaders are now moving through the legislative process in accordance to its regular schedule.

NOTE: This could change at any given time. MAS will immediately inform the membership if any changes occur.

#### THE MAS 2021 REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE AND EDUCATION MEETINGS

- Northeast PDD and Three Rivers PDD (February 24th)
- North Central and North Delta PDD (March 3rd)
- Southern PDD (March 9th)
- Golden Triangle PDD and East Central PDD (March 17th)
- Southwest PDD, Central PDD, and South Delta PDD (March 23rd)

NOTE: Please visit the MAS website (<u>www.mssupervisors.org</u>) for more detail information on the upcoming regional meetings.

## **SENATE LEADERSHIP CHANGE**

The Senate Transportation Committee Chairmanship has transitioned from Senator Joey Fillingane to now Senator Jennifer Branning. Senator Joey Fillingane now chairs the Senate Judiciary B Committee.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, January 11 at 4:00 p.m.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### 2021 Annual Convention

The 2020 Annual Convention will be at the MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center June 14—17, 2021.

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