

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2019 Regular Legislative Session

February 1, 2019

THE 2019 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own House is Tuesday February 5, 2019.

EMERGENCY ROAD & BRIDGE REPAIR FUNDS (ERBRF) RECEIVES FLEXIBLE SPENDING AND MATCHING CAPABILITIES WITH HOUSE BILL 779

On Wednesday January 30th, the Mississippi House Transportation Committee passed out **House Bill 779**. This measure allows all potential sources of funding including state and federal to be combined with ERBR Funds for projects covered by the ERBRF Program. In addition, this bill also exempts projects that receive monies from the ERBR Fund from the last year of the last term prohibitions. (Meaning counties awarded ERBR Funds can continue to work on these projects throughout the last year of term).

NOTE: House Bill 779 now resides on the House Floor Calendar.

DEBT SETOFF BILL PASSES OUT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE HOUSE BILL 991

On Thursday January 31st, the Mississippi House Ways and Means Committee passed out **House Bill 991**. This measure authorizes counties and municipalities to collect certain debts by a setoff against a debtor's state income tax refund.

NOTE: House Bill 991 now resides on the House Floor Calendar.

SENATE INSURANCE COMMITTEE PASSES ITS VERSION OF RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING: SENATE BILL 2801

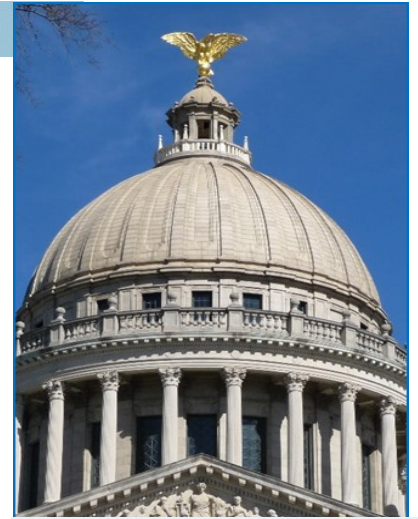
On Thursday January 31st, the Mississippi Senate Insurance Committee passed its version of Rural Fire Truck Funding. The funding mechanism is identical to the House version of this bill. In section 3 of this measure, \$3 million of the nonadmitted policy fee shall be diverted and deposited in the Rural Fire Truck Fund.

NOTE: Senate Bill 2801 is double referred, and it will now head to the Accountability, Efficiency, and Transparency for consideration.

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY PASSES HOUSE FLOOR CHAMBER: HOUSE BILL 344

On Thursday January 31st, the Mississippi House of Representatives passed **House Bill 344** by a vote of 115 to 2. **House Bill 344** gives the president of the county boards of supervisors the authority to declare a local emergency.

NOTE: House Bill 344 will now head to the Senate chamber for consideration.



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

REGIONAL CAPITOL VISITS

Golden Triangle PDD will have its Capitol visit on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the **first floor of the Capitol at 9:00am** to receive talking points.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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