

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2021 Regular Legislative Session

February 5, 2021

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Fifth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house has passed. The deadline for original Floor Action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house is Thursday, February 11th.

MEASURE PASSES OUT OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO MOVE LOTTERY PROCEEDS TO THE EMERGENCY ROAD & BRIDGE REPAIR FUND

(SENATE BILL 2877)

On Tuesday February 2nd, the Senate Finance Committee Passed out [Senate Bill 2877](#). With this measure, beginning in year 2024, it will be mandated that the net proceeds from the lottery be deposited into the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund. In addition, these funds will be exclusively for just county and municipal government only.

(NOTE: This measure currently resides on the Senate Floor Calendar)

MAJOR WEIGHT LIMIT MEASURE PASSES SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (SENATE BILL 2825)

The weight increase in [Senate Bill 2825](#) concerns MAS and counties. On Tuesday, February 2nd, the Senate Transportation Committee passed the Mississippi Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2021, [Senate Bill 2825](#). This bill increases the weight load capacity for the Harvest Permit from 84k pounds to 88k pounds. The language that moves the lottery proceeds from MDOT to the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair fund is also in this bill. The new weight limit increases would not go into effect until year 2023. Please talk with your local Senate delegation as to how increasing the hauling weight load capacity will impact your county.

(NOTE: This measure currently resides on the Senate Floor Calendar)

REVERSE AUCTION (HOUSE BILL 842)

On Tuesday, February 2nd, [House Bill 842](#) was passed out of the House Municipalities and County Affairs committee. This measure revises methods of receiving bids as it pertains to governing authorities and state agencies. This measure will provide governing authorities the discretion to either choose to use reverse auction or not. The current mandate will be removed under this measure.

(NOTE: This measure currently resides on the House Floor Calendar)

UTILIZATION OF USE TAX TO PAY BOND DEBT (HOUSE BILL 520)

[House Bill 520](#) allows both counties and municipalities 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: This measure has passed the house chamber by a vote of 110 - 0. It will now head to the Senate Chamber for consideration.)

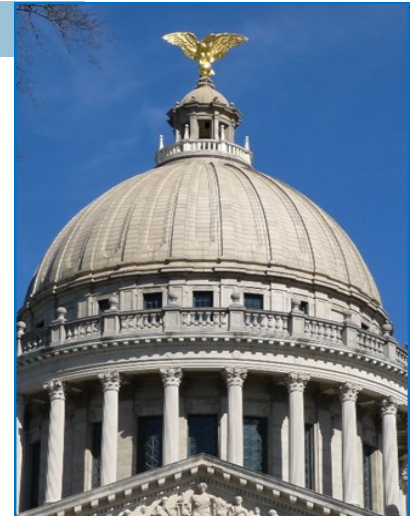
COUNTY SAVINGS MEASURE PASSES SENATE CHAMBER (MEDICARE IN-LIEU) (SENATE BILL 2189)

On Thursday, February 4th, the Senate chamber passed [Senate Bill 2189](#) by a vote of 49 to 0. This measure allows counties & cities the discretion to offer their Medicare eligible employees the option to transition from the county health benefits over to Medicare.

(NOTE: This measure will now head to the House chamber for consideration)

THE FIRST OF FIVE COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE & EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS BEGINS FEBRUARY 24TH, 2021.

On February 24th, the **Northeast and Three Rivers Planning and Development District counties** are scheduled to meet at the Hilton Hotel for the MAS legislative and educational regional meeting. Please visit the MAS website www.mssupervisors.org to view the tentative agenda for that day. Click [HERE](#) to view tentative agenda.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, February 8 at 4:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

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

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