THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The seventh week of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session has passed. The deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house is Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

DOUBLE REFERRED REVERSE AUCTION BILL PASSES OUT OF FIRST COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, February 18th, the House Municipality Committee passed out House Bill 407. This measure allows governing authorities the discretion to decide if reverse auction is in their best interest or not. 

NOTE: This measure is double referred and will now head to the House County Affairs Committee for consideration.

INMATE MEDICAL COST (REPEALER BILL) PASSES OUT OF FIRST COMMITTEE (SENATE BILL 2379) - MAS AGENDA ITEM

On Thursday, February 20th, the Senate County Affairs Committee passed out Senate Bill 2379. This measure extends the repealer from year 2020 to year 2024 regarding MS Code Sections 47-5-901 through 47-5-909. This is important because these code sections give counties the ability to mitigate inmate medical bills down to the Medicaid rate.

NOTE: This measure is double referred and will now head to the Senate Corrections Committee.

SENATE COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PASSES COUNTY PURCHASING LAW (HOUSE BILL 494) - MAS PROPOSAL ITEM

On Thursday, February 20th, the Senate County Affairs Committee passed out House Bill 494. This measure increases from one thousand five hundred dollars to two thousand dollars regarding the maximum amount that an item or service purchased by a county that shall not require a requisition to purchase, purchase order, or a receiving report.

NOTE: This measure will now head to the Senate Floor Calendar for a Senate Floor vote.

COUNTY AUTHORITY STRENGTHEN WITH CLEAN PROPERTY BILL (SENATE BILL 2536)

On Thursday, February 20th, the Senate County Affairs Committee passed out Senate Bill 2536. This measure provides that the cost and any penalty as a result of the Board of Supervisors cleaning a property may become a civil debt against the property owner. This measure also gives counties the authority to institute a suit on open account against the property owner for the cost and any penalty, recovery of court costs, attorney's fees, and interest from the date that the property was cleaned.

NOTE: This measure is double referred and will now head to the Senate Judiciary A Committee for consideration.