

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

(ALERT CALLS NEEDED)

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT (SENATE BILL 2923)

On Tuesday, February 24th, the Senate Chamber passed [Senate Bill 2923](#) the appropriation for the Homestead Exemption Reimbursement by a vote of 52 to 0. Section 8 of this measure makes an appropriation of \$77,038,135.00. This line-item appropriation represents a \$1.9 million cut from last year's appropriation of \$79,013,472.00. Counties need an appropriation of \$88.7 million to be fully reimbursed. Please contact your local legislative delegation and ask that the homestead exemption be fully funded at \$88.7 million. (**NOTE:** This measure is now sent to the House Chamber for consideration).

FUEL TAX INFRASTRUCTURE MEASURE DIES DEADLINE DAY

(HOUSE BILL 1364)

On Wednesday, February 24th, [House bill 1364](#) was brought before the House floor body and recommitted back to the committee where the bill was originated. Because it was deadline day that day to pass all revenue and appropriation bills out of its originating chamber, and because House Bill 1364 was a revenue bill, the recommitment caused the bill to die.

MS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOND MEASURE PASSES SENATE CHAMBER

(SENATE BILL 2972)

On Wednesday, February 24th, the Senate Chamber passed [Senate Bill 2972](#), the MS Development Authority Bond measure by a vote of 52 to 0. We are informed that this measure will be amended to become the annual omnibus bond bill for various state and local projects, along with programs that benefit counties. (**NOTE: This measure will now head to the House Ways and Means Committee for consideration.**)

FIRST RESPONDER HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT EXTENSION MEASURE

ASSIGNED TO HOUSE COMMITTEE (SENATE BILL 2336)

On Wednesday, February 24th, the House Chamber assigned [Senate Bill 2336](#) to the [House Insurance Committee](#). This measure delays the mandated implementation of the First Responder Health and Safety Act until year 2023. Without the delay, or state funding, counties and cities will be soon faced with an expensive unfunded mandate. Please contact your [House delegation](#) and request passage of [Senate Bill 2336](#) to delay this unfunded mandate until state funding is available to fund or assist in funding the act.

(**NOTE: [Senate Bill 2336](#) must be passed out of the House Insurance Committee by Tuesday, March 2nd**)

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING BILL ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE

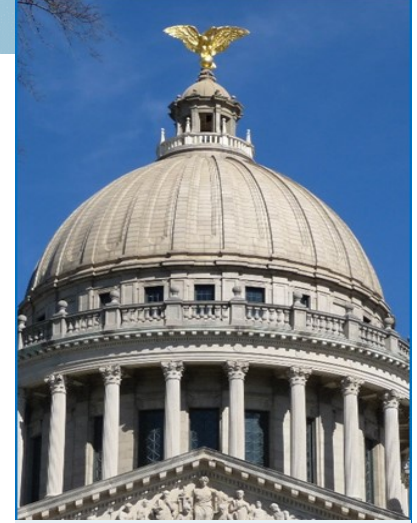
(SENATE BILL 2602)

[Senate Bill 2602](#) will provide \$5 million for rural fire truck funding. This measure must pass out of the [House Insurance and Appropriation Committee](#) by Tuesday, March 2nd. Please contact your [House delegation](#) and request passage of [Senate Bill 2602](#). It must be passed out of both committees by Tuesday, March 2nd.

THE SECOND OF FIVE COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE & EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

NCPDD & NDPDD MARCH 3, 2021.

On March 3, 2021 the [North Central and North Delta 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 or click [HERE](#) to view tentative agenda.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m.

The Eighth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in own house has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house Tuesday, March 2nd.

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2021 Annual Convention

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