

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2018 Regular Legislative Session

March 2, 2018

CALL-TO-ACTION

WEIGHT LIMIT BILL NOW RESIDES ON THE HOUSE FLOOR

SENATE BILL 2418

On Tuesday February 27, the House Agriculture Committee passed out [Senate Bill 2418](#). This bill increases the weight limit tolerance on vehicle axles from a 5% tolerance to a 10% for harvest permit vehicles and vehicles loading and unloading at state ports.

NOTE: MDOT has just informed the MAS office that if [Senate Bill 2418](#) becomes law, counties will have to go through another round of bridge “re-inspections” to analyze an accurate weight that will accommodate the new load weight. This could cost as much as \$28.5 million and take as long as two years.

This bill is currently on the House Floor calendar.

Please urge your House Members to vote “NO” on Senate Bill 2418

[CLICK HERE FOR HOUSE ROSTER](#)

EDUCATION REFORM: SCHOOL FUNDING REWRITE DIES ON SENATE FLOOR

On Thursday March 1st, the Mississippi Senate debated House Bill 957 (*Mississippi Uniform Per Student Funding Formula Act of 2018*) on the Senate Floor. After a lengthy debate, they voted to recommit the bill, which ultimately killed it.

DEBT SETOFF LEGISLATION: HOUSE BILL 1029 SURVIVES DEADLINE

[House Bill 1029](#) authorizes county and municipal government to collect debts by a setoff against a debtor’s income tax refund. This bill will be another effective tool to help collect debts owed to county government. This bill has passed the Senate Finance Committee and currently resides on the Senate Floor Calendar.

NOTE: This bill has until March 7th to pass off the Senate Floor Chamber. Please contact your local Senate delegation and request that they vote “YEA” on House Bill 1029.

[CLICK HERE FOR SENATE ROSTER](#)

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING SURVIVES DEADLINE

SENATE BILL 2467

Both original rural fire truck funding bills House Bill 948 and House Bill 49 died in the Senate on Tuesday’s deadline day. Yet, the House amended [Senate Bill 2467](#) with the same rural fire truck funding language from the HB-948 and HB-49. [Senate Bill 2467](#) has passed the House Chamber and will now head to the Senate for Concurrence or Non-Concurrence.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 5, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

Next week we will have [East Central PDD on Tuesday, March 6th and Golden Triangle PDD on Wednesday, March 7.](#)

Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at 9:00a.m. to receive handouts (talking points).

REGIONAL ELECTIONS FOR MAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES

During MAS Regional Capitol Visits, Supervisors will be electing representatives to the MAS Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Legislative Committee. These elections will be held promptly at **11:30 a.m.** Lunch will follow beginning at **11:45 a.m.**

Supervisors unable to attend the Capitol Visit may still participate in the election process by conference call. Conference call information is listed below and will be posted on the MAS website.

Dial In Number:
(877) 699-4804
Passcode: 601 353 2100 #

SAVE THE DATE

The 2018 NACo Legislative Conference will be held on **March 3rd—7th** at Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Please join MAS staff and fellow County Elected officials for a Mississippi Caucus Reception will be **Sunday, March 4th , 5:00—6:00 p.m.** at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Room “Kalorama”.