

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS  
Weekly Legislative Update

2017 Regular Legislative Session

February 3, 2017

**Public School Funding Reform: Bills Without Many Details Passed Out of Committee**

On Tuesday, lawmakers from both chambers passed bills out of their respective committees to address the MAEP school funding formula. **House Bill 1294** and **Senate Bill 2607** are “place holder” bills only. These bills brought forward certain code sections, but did not address the current school funding formula. Both bills also include a provision that would change the way the state’s school districts report their financial disclosures for the purpose of financial accountability. It is anticipated at some point during the legislative session, legislators will insert the actual language determining how public schools will be funded into the bills.

**CALL TO ACTION**

*Please contact your local legislative delegation and request they oppose the passage of any new MAEP funding formula that would force counties to raise local property taxes. In addition, please contact your local media to discuss your concerns.*

**New Infrastructure Revenue in Trouble!**

**House Bill 480:** This bill would allow the state to begin collecting online sales tax from online retailers that do not have a physical presence in the State. The state would distribute 70 percent of this new revenue to MDOT, 15 percent to counties, and 15 percent to municipalities.

**NOTE:** This measure passed the House Floor by a vote of 77— 40 but the bill was held on a motion to reconsider. When the time came to “table” the motion to reconsider, the vote failed, and the “motion to table” failed. This measure must be tabled to be transmitted to the Senate. Please contact your House members and request that they vote in support of “tabling the motion” for **House Bill 480**.

**The Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS)  
Weekly Grassroots Initiative**

The Fourth Regional Capitol Visit will be next week with the **North Delta Region on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

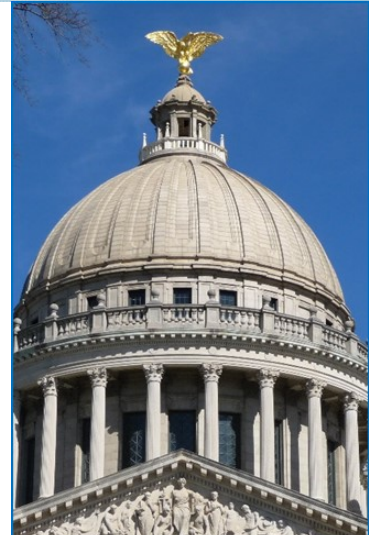
Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at **9 a.m.** to receive handouts (talking points).

Once you receive your handouts, identify committee meetings you would like to sit in to listen. If there are issues discussed that will impact your county, find your legislator(s) after the meeting and inform them of your concerns.

Remember to go into the gallery to be recognized by either the Senate or House chamber.

After speaking with your legislative delegation, please invite them back to the MAS office for lunch beginning at **11:30 a.m.** At that time MAS will provide a legislative briefing.

**NOTE:** See blue sidebar for important election meeting to follow luncheon.



**WEEK IN REVIEW**

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 9, 2017.**

**House and Senate will reconvene Monday at 4:00 p.m.**

**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 following the luncheon at **1:00 p.m.** at MAS office.

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.

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