

Weekly Legislative Update

2017 Regular Legislative Session

February 24, 2017



WEEK IN REVIEW

The deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other House is Tuesday, Feb. 28.

The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, February 27 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.

Dial In Number:

(877) 699-4804

Passcode: 601 353 2100 #

Governor Bryant Makes Another Round of Budget Cuts

On Tuesday, Governor Bryant announced emergency midyear cuts to the State's budget. Governor Bryant is ordering \$43 Million in cuts, and pulling \$7 Million from the rainy day fund.

House Passes \$50 Million in Bonds for Local Bridge Repair

On Tuesday, the Mississippi House of Representatives passed [House Bill 1732](#) by a vote of 112-6. This measure issues \$50 Million in bonds for bridge repairs for counties and cities. This bill will now head to the Senate for consideration.

NOTE: Please ask your Senators to support House Bill 1732

NOTICE: Potential Mandated Changes to the Bid Law (Mandated Electronic Bidding)

[Senate Bill 2635](#) and [House Bill 1106](#) would mandate both cities and counties to utilize an electronic bid process for all purchases requiring competitive bidding. **NOTE: There is no exemption for counties with population of 50,000 or less or for cities with population of 25,000 or less.**

NOTE: PLEASE TALK TO YOUR HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS ABOUT THESE BILLS. We have concerns about the potential cost of implementing this electronic bidding software, maintenance and possible upgrades.

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors Weekly Grassroots Initiative

The Seventh and Eighth Regional Capitol visits begin next week with the [Northeast Region on Tuesday, February 28](#) and [Golden Triangle Region on Wednesday, March 1](#). Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at **9:00am** to receive handouts (talking points).

NOTE: See blue sidebar for important election meeting information following the luncheon.

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