Mississippi Association of Supervisors

Weekly Legislative Update

2016 Regular Legislative Session January 15, 2016

2016 Legislative Session Business Delayed Due to Election Challenges

The 2016 Regular Legislative Session has been in limbo due to election challenges that were filed for contesting two months after the statewide general elections ended. Since the business of the regular session has been halted, committee assignments have not been named and bills are not introduced nor assigned to any committees. A special 5-member committee in both the House and Senate chambers are pushing to complete the hearings and decide outcomes by Monday, January 18.

MAS Weekly Grassroots Initiative

The second of ten PDD County Capitol visits convenes next week with the Southwest PDD on Wednesday, January 20. Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol by 9:00 a.m. to receive handouts/talking points.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Once you receive your handouts, identify committee meetings you would like to attend. If there are issues discussed that will impact your county, find your legislator after the meeting and inform them of your concern.
- After speaking with your legislative delegation, please invite them back to the MAS office for lunch. At that time, MAS will provide a legislative briefing.
- Remember to go into the gallery to be recognized by either the Senate or House Chamber, or both.

Legislative Viewing Tools

To view House and Senate floor debates online during the Regular Session, go to www.legislature.ms.gov/Pages/Web-Cast.aspx. Once you are sent to the "Live Web Casts" page, click either House WebCast or Senate WebCast to view.

House and Senate reconvene Monday, January 18 at 4:00 p.m.



WEEK IN REVIEW

With the gubernatorial inaugural events coming to a close, Week Two of the 2016 Regular Session has ended. The deadline for requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted is February 18, 2016.

Stay in the Know

Check MAS' website at <u>www.mssupervisors.org</u> for news and information important to counties.

SAVE THE DATE

2016 NACo Legislative Conference

When: February 20-24, 2016

Where: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Washington, DC

Register online at www.naco.org

Upcoming Events

Mississippi Association of Supervisors

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) is a 501(c)(6) nonprofit support association for Mississippi's 82 counties. Since its inception in 1908, MAS has been committed to the improvement of county government across our State. MAS members have been instrumental in implementing efficient and effective grassroots government that serves the general welfare not only of the counties themselves, but of the entire State. www.mssupervisors.org

PDD Capitol Visits

Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at 9:00 a.m. to receive the day's schedule and talking points. Supervisors are encouraged to invite their legislators to a luncheon at the MAS office at 12:00 noon to continue discussion of bills important to counties.

Southwest PDD	. Wednesday, January 20
East Central PDD	. Tuesday, January 26
Three Rivers PDD	. Tuesday, February 2
Southern PDD	. Wednesday, February 3

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