

March 4, 2016

# WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2016 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION



Mississippi Association of Supervisors

## Week in Review

Week Nine of the 2016 Session has passed. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house has passed. Deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in own house is March 16.

## CALLS AND COMMITMENTS NEEDED FOR SB 2170

On Tuesday, March 1, the House voted to recommit House Bill 1492, its version of the Supervisors Educational Pay Supplement Certification Program. By recommitting this bill, it automatically “killed” the bill.

The Senate companion bill, SB 2170, is still alive. We **URGENTLY** need county supervisors calling their House members to get commitments in supporting and fighting for passage of SB 2170. This bill



passed the Senate on a 48-1 vote!

## REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

With Thursday’s deadline passing, we are now halfway through the legislative process. Next week, legislators will begin to shift their focus more towards Revenue and Appropriation bills. Now is the time to talk with your legislative delegation about the need for more infrastructure funding and the need to fully fund the homestead exemption reimbursement at \$87 million.

## HOUSE & SENATE PASS BILLS TO EXTEND LIFE OF LOCAL SYSTEMS BRIDGE PROGRAM

Both House Bill 878 and Senate Bill 2469 have passed out of their original chambers. They now head to opposite chambers for consideration. Both bills bring the Local Systems Bridge Program (LSBP) code sections forward to consideration. The LSBP Program expires this June 2016. MAS has been informed by the Office of State Aid that one of the two bills will be used as a vehicle to extend the life of the LSBP Program.

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**House and Senate reconvene at 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 7.**

## MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

PDD Capitol visits continue next week with the North Delta PDD on Tuesday, March 8. 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:

- 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.
- Invite your legislative delegation to the MAS office for lunch. MAS will provide a legislative briefing during lunch.
- Remember to go into the gallery to be recognized by either the Senate or House Chamber, or both.

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