



Navigating The Legislative Process

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- Actual Timetable for Processing Legislation 2025
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Mindset & Relationships

- Regardless of how urgent my issues are, I must remain mindful of the legislators' personal agenda.
- Never take relationships for granted. Legislators always want to know that they are appreciated regardless if your legislative agenda was executed or not.
- Your ability to be trusted at the Mississippi Capitol is worth its weight in gold!

Key Leadership Structure for Counties

SENATE CHAMBER

Lt. Governor: *Gov. Delbert Hosemann*
Sen. Pro Temp: *Sen. Dean Kirby*

Executive

Office of the Governor
Gov. Tate Reeves

HOUSE CHAMBER

Speaker of the House: *Rep. Jason White*
Speaker Pro Temp: *Rep. Manly Barton*

Finance Chair

Sen. Josh Harkins

Corrections Chair

Sen. Juan Barnett

Appropriations Chair

Sen. Briggs Hopson

Gov't Structure Chair

Sen. Chris Johnson

County Affairs Chair

Sen. Derrick Simmons

Transportation Chair

Sen. Jenifer Branning

Accountability Efficiency & Transparency Chair

Sen. David Parker

Judiciary A & B Chairs

Sen. Brice Wiggins & Sen. Joey Filligane

Chief Of Staff

*Anne Hall
 Brashier*

Ways & Means Chair

Rep. Trey Lamar

Appropriations Chair

Rep. John Read

County Affairs Chair

Rep. Larry Byrd

Transportation Chair

Rep. Steve Massengill

Accountability Efficiency & Transparency Chair

Rep. Kevin Ford

Judiciary A & B Chairs

Rep. Joey Hood & Rep. Kevin Horan

Corrections Chair

Rep. Becky Currie

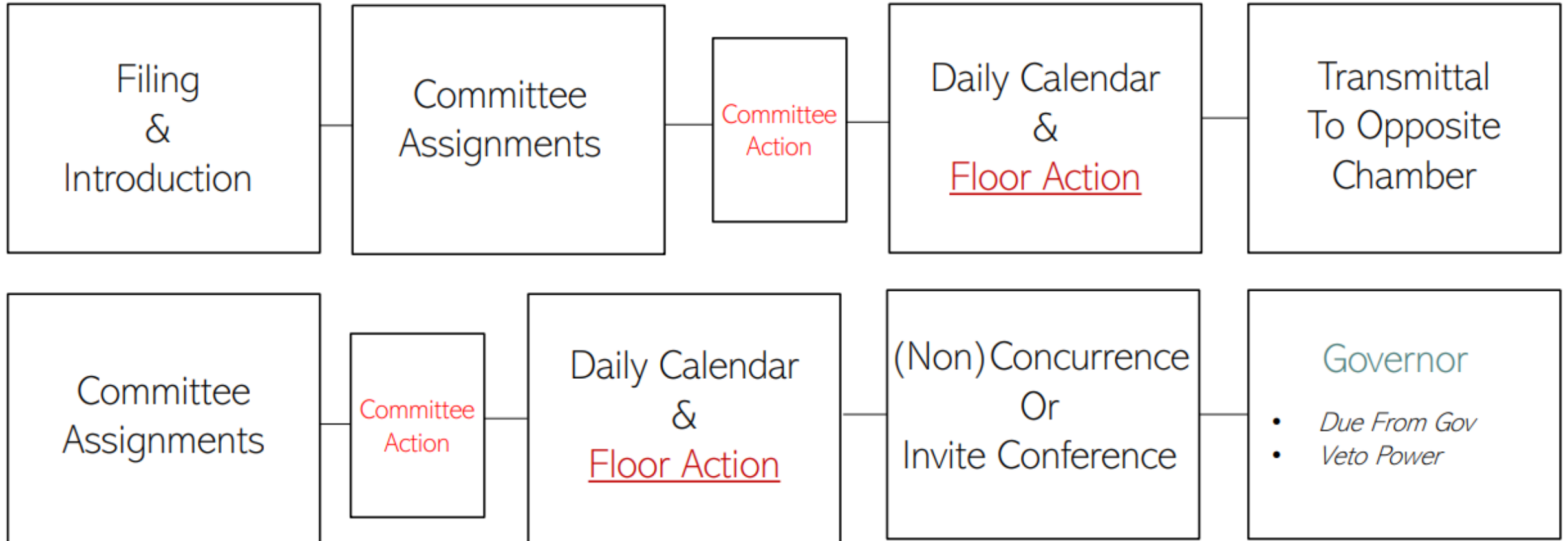
Gov't Structure Chair

Rep. Hank Zuber

MISSISSIPPI'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

(GENERAL OVERVIEW)

Mississippi's Legislative Lifecycle is Structured by an Array of Deadlines



Identifying House & Senate Floor Action Calendar

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
92nd LEGISLATIVE DAY
124th CALENDAR DAY

REGULAR SESSION 2024
MAY 4, 2024

HOUSE CALENDAR

IN CONFERENCE - APPROPRIATIONS

1. [H. B. No. 1793:](#) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.
HOUSE CONFEREES: Dewese, Read, Currie
SENATE CONFEREES: Hopson, Turner-Ford, Barnett
(Suspended from deadlines by H.C.R.No.64)
2. [H. B. No. 1916:](#) Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program.
HOUSE CONFEREES: Mims, Read, Oliver
SENATE CONFEREES: Hopson, Blackwell, Polk
(Suspended from deadlines by H.C.R.No.64)
3. [H. B. No. 1950:](#) Appropriation; Finance and Admin, Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects.
HOUSE CONFEREES: Read, Oliver, Cockerham
SENATE CONFEREES: Hopson, Polk, Butler
(Suspended from deadlines by H.C.R.No.64)
4. [S. B. No. 3023:](#) Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.
HOUSE CONFEREES: Bounds, Read, Clark
SENATE CONFEREES: Hopson, Branning, Williams
(Suspended from deadlines by H.C.R.No.64)

IN CONFERENCE - WAYS AND MEANS

1. [H. B. No. 1710:](#) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.
(3/5) (R)
HOUSE CONFEREES: Lamar, Steverson, Bell (21st)
SENATE CONFEREES: Harkins, England, Polk
(Suspended from deadlines by H.C.R.No.64)
2. [H. B. No. 1942:](#) Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.
(3/5) (R)
HOUSE CONFEREES: Lamar, Steverson, Bell (21st)

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2024
SENATE CALENDAR

124th CALENDAR DAY

MAY 4, 2024

NUMBER 71

LOCAL AND PRIVATE

1. [H. B. No. 4125:](#) Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements.
(3/5)
(Local and Private) (Finance)
2. [H. B. No. 4126:](#) Union County; authorize assessments on civil cases filed and convictions obtained in justice court to maintain law enforcement center.
(3/5)
(Local and Private) (Finance)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

3. [S. B. No. 2015:](#) Suffrage; restore suffrage to Vedo Kyles.
(2/3)
-FAILED TO PASS
(Fillingane, Thomas) (Judiciary, Division B)

FOR CONCURRENCE OR NONCONCURRENCE

4. [S. B. No. 3228:](#) Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes.
(2/3)
(Judiciary, Division B)

IN CONFERENCE - APPROPRIATIONS

5. [H. B. No. 1793:](#) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.
SENATE CONFEREES: Hopson, Turner-Ford, Barnett

2025 Timetable for Processing Legislation



The 2025 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature convenes at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION

2025

2025 Regular Session

9th day
Wed., Jan. 15
Deadline for making **REQUESTS** for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.***

14th day
Mon., Jan. 20
Deadline for **INTRODUCTION** of general bills and constitutional amendments.*

29th day
Tues., Feb. 04
Deadline for **COMMITTEES TO REPORT** general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OWN HOUSE**.*+

38th day
Thurs., Feb. 13
Deadline for **ORIGINAL FLOOR ACTION** on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OWN HOUSE**.*

39th day
Fri., Feb. 14
Deadline for **RECONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE** of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OWN HOUSE**.*

42nd day
Mon., Feb. 17
Deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OWN HOUSE**.*

49th day
Mon., Feb. 24
Deadline for making **REQUESTS** for appropriation and revenue bills to be drafted.#

51st day
Wed., Feb. 26
Deadline for **ORIGINAL FLOOR ACTION** on appropriation and revenue bills originating in **OWN HOUSE**.

52nd day
Thurs., Feb. 27
Deadline for **RECONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE** of appropriation and revenue bills originating in **OWN HOUSE**.

53rd day
Fri., Feb. 28
Deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** appropriation and revenue bills originating in **OWN HOUSE**.

57th day
Tue., Mar. 4
Deadline for **COMMITTEES TO REPORT** general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OTHER HOUSE**.*+

65th day
Wed., Mar. 12
Deadline for **ORIGINAL FLOOR ACTION** on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OTHER HOUSE**.*

66th day
Thur., Mar. 13
Deadline for **RECONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE** of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OTHER HOUSE**.*

67th day
Fri., Mar. 14
Deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** general bills and constitutional amendments originating in **OTHER HOUSE**.*

71st day
Tue., Mar. 18
Deadline for **ORIGINAL FLOOR ACTION** on appropriation and revenue bills originating in **OTHER HOUSE**.

72nd day
Wed., Mar. 19
Deadline for **RECONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE** of appropriation and revenue bills originating in **OTHER HOUSE**.

73rd day
Thur., Mar. 20
Deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** appropriation and revenue bills originating in **OTHER HOUSE**.

74th day
Fri., Mar. 21
Deadline to **CONCUR OR NOT CONCUR** in amendments from **OTHER HOUSE** to appropriation and revenue bills; and deadline for **INTRODUCTION** of local and private bills that are revenue bills.

77th day
Mon., Mar. 24
Deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** concurrence or nonoccurrence in appropriation and revenue bills.

80th day
Thur., Mar. 27
Deadline to **CONCUR OR NOT CONCUR** in amendments from **OTHER HOUSE** to general bills and constitutional amendments.

81st day
Fri., Mar. 28
Deadline for **INTRODUCTION** of local and private bills that are not revenue bills.

82nd day
Sat., Mar. 29
Deadline for **CONFERENCE REPORTS** on appropriation and revenue bills to be filed; and deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** concurrence or nonconcurrence on general bills and constitutional amendments.**+

84th day
Mon., Mar. 31
Deadline for **FINAL ADOPTION** of conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills; and deadline for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be **FILED**.**+

85th day
Tue., Apr. 1
Deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills.

86th day
Wed., Apr. 2
Deadline for **FIRST CONSIDERATION** of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.

87th day
Thur., Apr. 3
Deadline for **FILING** conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments that had been **RECOMMENDED** for further conference.+

88th day
Fri., Apr. 4
Deadline for **ADOPTION** of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments after **RECOMMITTAL**.

89th day
Sat., Apr. 5
Deadline to **DISPOSE OF MOTIONS TO RECONSIDER** conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.

90th day
Sun., Apr. 6
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Strategic Communications

- MAS Friday ZOOM Calls (Vital for the most current weekly update with the opportunity to engage in dialogue.)
- MAS Weekly Newsletter
- MAS Audio Newsletter Playback (Podcast)
- MAS Blast Texting System (Also vital for legislative emergency situations)
- Visits to the State Capitol
- Loop Contract Lobbyist in the Advocacy Effort (*Recommend Requiring Lobbyist to disclose if there is a conflict*)

QUESTIONS???

