

MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The 2022 Regular Legislative Session

The Second week of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted has passed. The deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments is Monday, January 17th.

County Supervisors Salary Alignment Measure Introduced in the House Chamber ([House Bill 527](#))

[House Bill 527](#) provides authorization for Mississippi county boards of supervisors to vote to accept an initial salary increase due to a salary schedule realignment in year 2022. In addition to the salary schedule realignment, in year 2024, a county board of supervisors will have the option to authorize themselves a \$2,000.00 salary increase, and in year 2028, a county board of supervisors will have the option to authorize themselves an additional \$2,000.00 pay increase. This measure is double referred to the House County Affairs Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

NOTE: No action is currently taken on this measure.

MS House of Representatives Passes the Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022 ([House Bill 531](#))

On Wednesday, January 12th, The Mississippi House of Representatives passed the Mississippi Tax Freedom Act of 2022 by a [vote of 97 to 12](#). This measure is designed to phase out the state income tax.

NOTE: Section 13 of this measure allows for a credit against the Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem taxes. This is in addition to the ad valorem tax credit authorized in MS Code 27-51-103. The initial available increased credit was 35% of the amount of ad valorem taxes due on the motor vehicle, but on Thursday, January 13th, the MS House brought [House Bill 531](#) back before the House floor and [voted](#) to increase the credit from 35% to 50%. Section 13 of this measure also creates a fund (*Motor Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Credit Reimbursement Fund*) that will cover the cost of the ad valorem tax credit. This fund will be funded by a portion (0.5%) of the 1.5% proposed sales tax / use tax increase by way of a diversion. This tax diversion can be found in Section 10 of this measure.

NOTE: House Bill 531 will now head to the Senate for consideration.

MS Senate Passes the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act ([Senate Bill 2095](#))

On Thursday, January 13th, the Mississippi State Senate passed the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act by a [vote of 46 to 5](#). Section 19 of this measure discloses the “local ordinances” that local governments may enact. In addition, Section 30 of this measure provides detailed instructions local governments must follow in order to opt out of regarding individuals cultivating, processing, selling, and distributing medical cannabis and cannabis products. **NOTE:** This measure will now head to the House chamber for consideration.

MAS 2022 Mid-Winter Legislative Conference

Special Thanks to everyone that participated in this year’s MAS 2022 Mid-Winter Legislative Conference. Thank you for making each conference an impactful learning and fellowshiping experience.

HOUSE & SENATE will convene on Monday, January 17 at 4:00 p.m.