

MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The 2022 Regular Legislative Session

The Seventh week of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider for general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in own house is Wednesday, February 23rd.

Governor Signs County Supervisor's Salary Legislation **(Senate Bill 2719)**

On Thursday, February 17th, Governor Tate Reeves signed the county boards of supervisors' salary measure into law. As a reminder, this new law 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.

NOTE: THIS LAW DOES NOT TAKE EFFECT UNTIL JULY 1, 2022.

Fully Funded Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Measure **Introduced (Senate Bill 3024)**

On Thursday, February 17th, the Senate Chamber voted and passed out **Senate Bill 3024** by a vote of **49 to 2**. This appropriates from the State general fund to the MS Department of Revenue for the purpose of reimbursing counties, for tax losses incurred by reason of the exemption of homes from certain ad valorem taxes. Section 7 of this measure provides for an appropriation of \$90,600,000.00. **Note:** This measure will now head to the House Chamber for consideration.

Omnibus Bond Bill Passes Out of House Ways and Means **Committee (House Bill 1663)**

On Wednesday, February 16th, the House Ways and Means Committee passed out **House Bill 1663**. This measure contains numerous projects and state

agency needs to be financed through a state bond issuance. NOTE: This measure currently resides on the House Floor Calendar.

Beaver Control Assistance Program (BCAP) Funding Passes Senate Chamber (Senate Bill 3015)

On Thursday, February 17th, the Senate Chamber voted and passed out **Senate Bill 3015** by a vote of **48 to 3**. This measure contains the appropriation funding for the Mississippi Department of Agriculture. Section 4 of this measure provides funding for the Beaver Control Assistance Program at approximately \$1,100,000.00. **NOTE:** This measure will now head to the House Chamber for consideration.

Reminder: The MS Medical Cannabis Act is in Effect Time Clock to Opt Out has Begun

On Wednesday, February 2nd, Governor Tate Reeves signed **Senate Bill 2095** (The MS Medical Cannabis Act) into law. This law was effective immediately upon passage. With that being stated, the time table to opt out (*90 days from the signing of the bill*) gives counties until Tuesday May 31st to opt out. In addition to MAS providing further content regarding this new law, we strongly encourage each county board of supervisors to meet with their board attorney to further read and analyze Senate Bill 2095 Section 30 of this measure contains the opt out provision.

House and Senate will reconvene on Monday, February 21 at 4:00 p.m.

Join us next Friday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m. for our weekly legislative Zoom call.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3852299667>

Or Call in at: 888.788.0099

Meeting Id Number: 385 229 9667

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