

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Tenth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendment originating in other house has passed. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in other house is Tuesday, March 16th.

WEIGHT LIMIT INCREASE BILL SURVIVES TUESDAY'S DEADLINE! HOUSE FLOOR CHAMBER VOTE TO SEND WEIGHT LIMIT BILL TO CONFERENCE (*SENATE BILL 2825*)

On Tuesday, March 9th, the House Floor chamber voted to send Senate Bill 2825 to conference by a vote of 95 to 19.

NOTE: The current status of this measure will increase the weight limit of the harvest permit from 84k pounds to 88k pounds with NO additional revenue. Please contact your House and Senate delegation and request that they oppose any weight limit increase without continuous long-term revenue attached to it.

IMPORTANT MAS ITEMS THAT HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS

Senate Bill 2189: This measure allows counties & cities the discretion to offer their Medicare eligible employees the option to transition from the county health benefits over to Medicare.

Senate Bill 2336: This measure delays the mandated implementation of the First Responder Health and Safety Act until year 2023. Without the delay, or state funding, counties and cities would have faced an expensive unfunded mandate.

House Bill 74: This measure extends the repealer for the Emergency 911 Operation Code Section.

CALLS STILL NEEDED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT (*SENATE BILL 2923*)

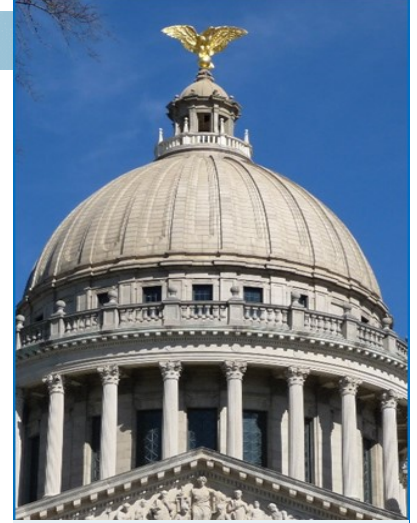
The homestead exemption reimbursement section of this law passed the House Appropriations Committee with "NO" changes from the Senate's initial language. Section 8 of this measure makes an appropriation of \$77,038,135.00. This line-item appropriation represents a \$1.9 million cut from last year's appropriation of \$79,013,472.00. Counties need an appropriation of \$88.7 million to be fully reimbursed.

Please contact your local HOUSE delegation and ask that the homestead exemption be fully funded at \$88.7 million.

(NOTE: ***Senate Bill 2923*** is currently returned for concurrence or non-concurrence.)

THE FOURTH OF FIVE COLLABORATIVE REGIONAL LEGISLATIVE & EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 2021.

On Wednesday, March 17, 2021 the **Golden Triangle and East Central Planning and Development District counties** are scheduled to meet at the Hilton Hotel for the MAS legislative and educational regional meeting. Please visit the MAS website www.mssupervisors.org to view the tentative agenda for that day or click [HERE](#) to view tentative agenda.



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 15 at 4:00 p.m.

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2021 Annual Convention
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