

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

Weekly Legislative Update

2018 Regular Legislative Session

March 16, 2018

B.R.I.D.G.E. ACT SENATE BILL 3046

NOW IN CONFERENCE

On Wednesday March 14, the Senate chamber declined concurrence on [Senate Bill 3046](#) and invited conference. The Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) sees this as a positive step toward the actual passage of an impactful infrastructure plan. Although both chambers wanted to approach infrastructure funding from different perspectives, there were some items both chambers agreed upon. Since the second day of the legislative session, infrastructure funding has been one of the hottest topics in the state capitol. We would like to thank the MAS membership for their continued dialogue with their local legislative delegation as it relates to the need for adequate infrastructure funding during the course of the session.

Now is the time to dialogue even more and request that the bulk of the revenue generated from the final proposal go towards infrastructure that is maintained by county government. Mississippi counties have to maintain more public infrastructure than MDOT or municipalities.

NOTE: Conferees for [Senate Bill 3046](#) have not been named. MAS will update the membership of those names when they are listed.

MEDICAID REAUTHORIZATION SENATE BILL 2836

NOW IN CONFERENCE

[Senate Bill 2836](#), also known as the Medicaid Reauthorization bill, is now in conference. This measure was initially introduced in the Senate chamber with language that would help cover county hospital costs for inmates but the House chamber stripped the inmate coverage language. MAS sees this legislative vehicle as an opportunity to help counties save money as it relates to inmate hospital costs.

Please contact your local legislative delegation and request that [Senate Bill 2836](#) retain language that helps cover county hospital costs.

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HOMESTEAD REIMBURSEMENT EXEMPTION

SENATE BILL 2963

NOW IN CONFERENCE

[Senate Bill 2963](#) is the appropriation for the Department of Revenue. In section 8 of this bill, the reimbursement for the homestead exemption is funded at \$79,424,665.00. Last year the homestead exemption reimbursement was funded at \$80,625,992.00.

[Senate Bill 2963 currently presents a \(\\$1,201,327.00\) reduction from last years appropriation.](#)

Please contact your local legislative delegation and request not to cut the homestead exemption reimbursement and increase to full funding level of **[\\$87.5 million.](#)**

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The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

MAS WEEKLY GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE

Next week we will have the 10th and final Capitol visit with **[South Delta PDD on Wednesday, March 21.](#)**

Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at 9:00a.m. to receive handouts (talking points).

REGIONAL ELECTIONS FOR MAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES

During MAS Regional Capitol Visits, Supervisors will be electing representatives to the MAS Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Legislative Committee. These elections will be held promptly at **11:30 a.m.** Lunch will follow beginning at **11:45 a.m.**

Supervisors unable to attend the Capitol Visit may still participate in the election process by conference call. Conference call information is listed below and will be posted on the MAS website.

Dial In Number:
(877) 699-4804
Passcode: 601 353 2100 #

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Eleventh week of the 2018 Regular Legislative Session has ended. The deadline for original floor action on appropriations and revenue bills originating in other house has passed. The deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other House to General Bills and Constitutional Amendments.