

THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The fourth week of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session is complete. The Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments has passed. The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house is Tuesday, February 2, 2021

HOUSE COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PASSES COUNTY SUPERVISORS SALARY REVISION BILL (*HOUSE BILL 1155*)

On Tuesday, January 26th, [House Bill 1155](#) passed out of the House County Affairs Committee. This is a double referred measure, and it now resides in the House Appropriations Committee for consideration. This measure will fail if it is not passed out of the House Appropriations Committee by Tuesday, February 2nd. Key points about the bill: This is an authorization bill for county supervisor's salary increase. It is not a mandate from the state. County supervisors will have to vote on the raise if they choose to accept it. If passed as it is introduced, supervisors will have the opportunity to vote themselves a raise in 2021, 2022, and from 2023 and beyond they will be able to vote themselves a raise based on federal inflation through the Social Security Administration.

HEALTH CARE SAVINGS MEASURE PASSES BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES (MEDICARE IN-LIEU)- *SENATE BILL 2189 & HOUSE BILL 493*

This week both the House and Senate committees passed out a cost savings measures as it pertains to county health care. Both [Senate Bill 2189](#) and [House Bill 493](#) allows counties and cities the discretion to offer their Medicare eligible employees the option to transition from the county health benefits plan over to Medicare. Both measures are currently on the Floor Calendar of their respective chambers.

FIRST RESPONDERS HEALTH & SAFETY ACT (*SENATE BILL 2336*)

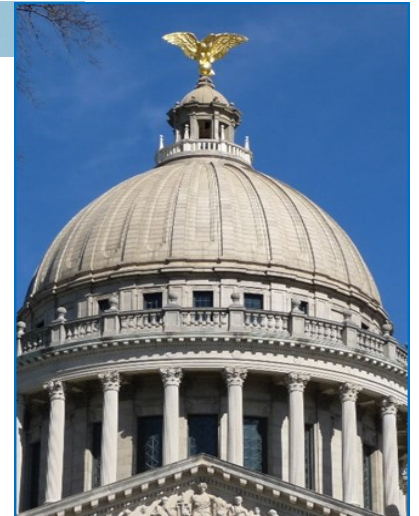
On Thursday, January 28th, the Senate Insurance Committee passed out [Senate Bill 2336](#). This measure addresses the First Responder Health and Safety Act of 2019. This bill extends the mandatory implementation of the Act to year 2023. This is a necessary bill because if no funding stream can be established to fund the Act, then both counties and cities will have to pay a defined benefits occupational hazard cancer policy for firefighters and law enforcement officers. This measure now currently resides on the Senate Floor calendar.

RURAL FIRE TRUCK FUNDING (*SENATE BILL 2602*)

On Thursday, January 28th, the Senate Insurance Committee passed [Senate Bill 2602](#). With this bill, starting July 1st, 2021 and ending June 30th, 2022, five million (\$5,000,000.00) shall be diverted and deposited into the Rural Fire Truck Fund or Supplementary Rural Fire Truck Fund to be used only for the purchase of fire trucks that are less than five years old. (**NOTE:** This measure is double referred, and it now resides in the Senate Appropriations Committee.)

RURAL FIRE ACQUISITION AUTHORIZATION (*SENATE BILL 2062*)

On Thursday, January 28th, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed [Senate Bill 2062](#). This measure gives authorization for another round of rural fire truck acquisitions. (**NOTE:** This measure now resides on the Senate Floor Calendar)



The House and Senate will reconvene Monday, February 1 at 4:00 p.m.

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2021 Annual Convention
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