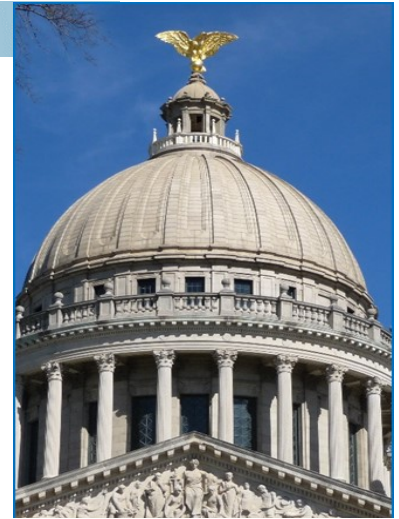


Weekly Legislative Update

2017 Regular Legislative Session

March 3, 2017



Internet Sales Tax Bill DIES

Lt. Governor Tate Reeves decided to let **House Bill 480** die in committee on Tuesday's deadline day. He called the bill unconstitutional, saying it would violate a Supreme Court ruling from about two decades ago. HB 480 would have required online companies that do not have a presence in Mississippi to begin collecting and remitting sales back to the state. The bill also earmarked the new revenue collected for infrastructure (70% for MDOT; 15% for Cities; 15% for Counties).

(Calls Needed) \$50 Million for Local Bridge Repair!

Please continue to talk to your local legislative delegation about supporting House Bill 1732. This measure issues \$50 million in bonds for bridge repair for counties and cities. This measure has been transmitted to the Senate.

NOTE: Please ask your Senators to support House Bill 1732

MAS Proposal Item Moves Through the Process: Efficiency in Purchasing

On Tuesday, **Senate Bill 2836** passed the House County Affairs Committee. This measure raises the purchasing threshold from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for purchases that would **not** require a purchase requisition form.

NOTE: This bill will now head to the House Floor for consideration. Please contact your House members and request that they support the passage of **Senate Bill 2836**

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors Weekly Grassroots Initiative

The Ninth and Tenth County Capitol visits begins next week with the **North Central Region on Tuesday March 7th**, and **Southern Region on Wednesday March 8th**. Supervisors will meet MAS staff on the first floor of the Capitol at **9:00am** to receive handouts (talking points).

NOTE: See blue sidebar for important election meeting information.

WEEK IN REVIEW

The deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other House has passed. The deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendment originating in other House is Wednesday March 8, 2017.

The House and Senate reconvene Monday, February 27 . House at 3:00 p.m. and Senate at 4:00 p.m.

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 following the luncheon at **1:00 p.m.** at MAS office.

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:

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