

The deadline for committees to pass bills is Tuesday, February 4th. This is an important deadline to keep our good bills alive.

**Senate Bill 2189** reduces the cost of public records to be at the pay scale of the lowest level employee. This is a good bill about keeping the costs reasonable. It has been referred to the Senate Judiciary B committee. **Please call members of the committee and ask them to support this bill.**

**Senate Bill 2605** also calls for the costs of records to be at the pay scale of the lowest level employee. This is a good bill but it does not include the civil penalty language that Senate Bill 2189 includes. However, we want to support both Senate Bill 2189 and 2605. Senate Bill 2605 has been referred to the Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committee. **Please call committee members and ask them to support this bill.**

**Senate Bill 2287** and **Senate Bill 2416** gives the Ethics Commission the authority to enforce the public records act. This is a good bill that will solve many problems that have come up about the costs of public records. These bills have been double referred to Senate Judiciary B committee, Senate Ethics Committee and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committee. **Please call the committee members and ask them to support these bills.**

**Senate Bill 2404** will remove public hospitals from being exempt from the Open Meetings Act. The House's version of this bill will have a harder time getting out of committee, so it is important to get support around this bill. This bill is in the Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committee. **Please call the committee members and ask them to support this bill.**

Below is a list of the committees and their members. Go to [http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/members/s\\_roster.pdf](http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/members/s_roster.pdf) for the Senate Roster which includes the names, districts and contact information of the Senators

**Senate Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency Committee**

*Nancy Adams Collins, Chairman; J. P. Wilemon, Jr., Vice-Chairman*

Members: David Blount; Terry W. Brown; Eugene S. Clarke; Joey Fillingane; Steve Hale; W. Briggs Hopson III; John A. Polk

**Senate Ethics Committee**

*Phillip A. Gandy, Chairman; Gary Jackson, Vice-Chairman*

Members: David Blount; Albert Butler; Lydia Graves Chassaniol; Russell Jolly; Perry Lee; Will Longwitz; Angela Turner

**Senate Judiciary, Division B Committee**

*Hob Bryan, Chairman; Chris McDaniel, Vice-Chairman*

Members: David Blount; Sally Doty; Angela Burks Hill; W. Briggs Hopson III; Sampson Jackson II; Perry Lee; Derrick T. Simmons; Sean J. Tindell; Gray Tollison; Giles Ward; Michael Watson; Brice Wiggins; J. P. Wilemon, Jr.

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