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**Tom DuBois elected by Joint Republican Caucus to serve on
State Election Commission**

(April 7, 2009, NASHVILLE) – Tom DuBois, a resident of Columbia, was recently elected by the Joint Republican Caucus in the state legislature to fill a vacancy on the State Election Commission. The vacancy was created when State Election Commissioner Mark Goins resigned to serve as the Coordinator of Elections for the State of Tennessee.

"Tom DuBois is an excellent addition to the state election commission. He is intelligent, hard-working, and will work to ensure we have fair and impartial elections." said Secretary of State Tre Hargett.

The State Election Commission is composed of five members. These individuals are elected for a term of four years. The State Election Commission is responsible for appointing five county election commissioners for every county in the state, and then monitoring the activities and performance of the county election commissions.

Candidates for statewide offices qualify by filing their candidate petitions with the commission, who must pass on the correctness and propriety of such petitions. The commission works very closely with the Coordinator of Elections toward the common goal of maintaining uniformity in elections as well as preserving the purity of the ballot.

"It's an honor to be chosen to serve on the State Election Commission, and I want to thank the Senate and House Republicans in the General Assembly for placing their trust in me," said DuBois. "I am committed to ensuring fair and impartial elections statewide."

Tom DuBois resides in Columbia where he is a practicing attorney with DuBois, DuBois, & Bates, P.C. He served as State Representative for the 64th District in the Tennessee House of Representatives from 2002-2008. Mr. DuBois is married to the former Anita Farmer, they have three children, Whitney, Sam and Ryan.

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