

Minutes State Election Commission Meeting April 20, 2009

The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Head at 2:15 p.m. with Commissioners DuBois and Duckett present. Election staff members present were Mark Goins - Coordinator of Elections, and Kathy Summers - Elections Specialist.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes from April 6, 2009.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 2-12-101 and 2-12-104, motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the nominations for county election commission appointments as submitted and to leave the nomination process open until 4:30 p.m. central time April 21, 2009. **(See attached New Appointment Status Report for appointments made.)**

Coordinator Goins - Update:

- ⇒ Coordinator Goins addressed the motion made at the March 17th, 2009 meeting that requested him to draft a letter to the General Assembly. The letter requests that both county election commissioners and AEO be added to the list of individuals required to file ethics reports with the TEC under TCA§ 8-50-501(a). Coordinator Goins advised Commissioners that there is legislation that would eliminate the Ethics Commission and combine their duties with the Registry of Election Finance.
- ⇒ An update was given on the legislation that is sponsored by Senator Norris that would add two (2) additional members to the State Election Commission. The two (2) new members would be republican. If passed the makeup of the commission would be four (4) republicans and (3) democrats. The State Election Commission is up for Sunset Review prior to July 1, 2009.
- ⇒ Coordinator Goins updated Commissioners on the Voter Confidence Act. There are two pieces of legislation that would either repeal the Act or delay the Act until 2012. The Elections Division is currently supporting a delay as there are no machines certified to the 2005 EAC standards as is currently required under the current Act. Local county officials have determined that the legislation would cost \$11.7 million dollars in 2010.

- ⇒ State Election Commission minutes will be placed on the Elections Division website.
- ⇒ The Tennessee Association of County Election Officials (TACEO) will hold their annual meeting and seminar June 28 through July 1, 2009 in Memphis.

The next meeting will be held on May 19, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the Robertson Room of the William R. Snodgrass-Tennessee Tower.

Motion was made to adjourn, and there being no further business to come before the commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom DuBois, Acting Secretary
State Election Commission