

Minutes
State Election Commission Meeting
March 14, 2011

The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman DuBois at NOON Central Daylight Time, March 14, 2011. The following members and staff were present: Chairman DuBois; Commissioners Blackburn, Wallace, Wheeler and Younce; Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins; and Kathy Summers, Elections Specialist.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting held on February 15, 2011.

Pursuant to T.C.A. § § 2-12-101 and 2-12-106, 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 Daylight Time Monday, March 14, 2011. **(No appointments were made.)**

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Coordinator Update

- Coordinator Goins advised State Election Commission members the State Election Commission – **Sunset** has passed both the House and the Senate and is on its way over to the Governor for his signature. The State Election Commission is extended through June 30, 2016.
- The State Election Commission will decrease to five (5) members May 1, 2011, unless the legislature passes pending legislation to continue with seven (7) members. There are questions regarding reversion expenses being divided amongst State Election Commission members.

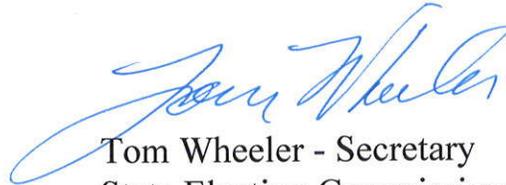
Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to request the legislature, specifically the bill's sponsor, to remove reversionary expenses from the pay for members if the State Election Commission is allowed to remain with seven (7) members.

- Several pieces of legislation have been filed to amend the early voting period.
- Coordinator Goins discussed Representative Dunn's bill which will delay the Voter Confidence Act unless all expenses for ballots are funded and paid for by the State.
- Representative Casada has a bill to do away with the Voter Confidence Act. Currently, the Coordinator's office is preparing to implement new machines in all counties by August 2012.
- Legislation has been filed to change the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) to the first Tuesday in March.
- Coordinator Goins discussed redistricting.
- Coordinator Goins reviewed County Election Commission appointment process.

The next meeting will be held on April 4, 2011, at Noon Central Daylight Time, in the Robertson Room, 3rd Floor of the William R. Snodgrass – TN 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 Wheeler - Secretary
State Election Commission