

Minutes State Election Commission Meeting July 21, 2009

The State Election Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Wallace at 11:15 a.m. with Commissioners Blackburn, DuBois, Head, and Younce 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 June 16, 2009 and July 2, 2009 (telephonic meeting) meetings.

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 time July 21, 2009. **(See attached New Appointment Status Report for appointments made.)**

Coordinator Goins - Update:

- ⇒ Coordinator Goins advised that the Obion County Commission and the Obion County Election Commission plan to file suit regarding voting machines. Reason for the suit is that under the TN Voter Confidence Act the state must purchase machines that meet the applicable Voluntary Voting Systems Guideline (VVSG). The EAC does not have any VVSG machines certified to the 2005 standards. Machines that have been certified have been certified to the 2002 Voter Systems Standards guidelines. Currently the State Election Commission has a policy that voting machines must be reviewed at a regular monthly meeting. Following the presentation of the machine at least two (2) State Election Commissioners (of opposite parties) and the Coordinator of Elections (or designee) view the machine in another state before giving approval.

The State Election Commissioners discussed the process and gave additional suggestions when certifying voting machines.

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the current certification procedures that are in place and to have staff prepare the procedures for commission review. Included in the motion was to define the term substantial size (more than one contested office preferably county

wide) and add a minimum population of at least 25,000 for certification of voting machines.

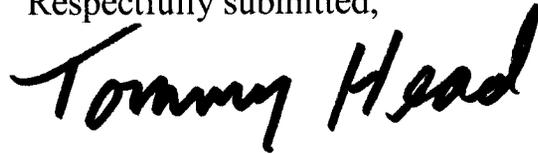
⇒ Coordinator Goins addressed some concerns regarding the qualifications of County Election Commissioners.

Dick Williams of Common Cause spoke about how his group lobbied for the higher 2005 machine standards mandated in the Tennessee Voter Confidence Act (TVCA). Mr. Williams also spoke about the overall intent in the TVCA was for optical scan machines to be used in future elections.

The next meeting will be held on August 18, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Head". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tommy Head, Acting - Secretary
State Election Commission

Vacant Status

21-Jul-09

Benton

D Greg Duckett
R Jimmy Wallace

D

Chester

D Greg Duckett
R Jimmy Wallace

D

Johnson

D Tom Wheeler
R Judy Blackburn

R

Total Vacancies: 3

