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TRAHAN RESIGNS

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE CALLED FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 31 VACANCY

State Representative Don Trahan today submitted a letter of resignation effective midnight tonight. Trahan has accepted a position in external affairs with the Dept. of Education and begins work tomorrow.

House Speaker Jim Tucker said, "it is a sad day for the House of Representatives, the people of District 31 and the state to lose such a talented legislator as Don Trahan. The only good news is that he is going to the Department of Education where his talents can be widely put to use."

Tucker said he will issue a proclamation tomorrow calling for a special election to fill the impending vacancy in House District 31.

"I plan to call the election to coincide with the November 4 and December 6 elections. For that reason, qualifying will be held next Monday, October 6 through 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 8. If the election is not scheduled for November and December, the earliest it could be held is next March and April. It is important to fill the vacancy quickly as I anticipate a special session early next year and I believe six or possibly seven months is too long for the district to go without representation."

Trahan was first elected to the House in 2003. He currently serves as chairman of the House Education Committee. He also serves on the House Executive Committee and is a member of the Louisiana Republican Delegation, Acadiana Delegation, and Legislative Rural Caucus.

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