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POWELL RESIGNS; SALTER TO CALL ELECTION

State Rep. Mike Powell, R-Shreveport, announced today that he will resign from the House of Representatives effective December 31.

Powell said that by resigning now, a new representative for District 6 can be elected before the 2008 Regular Session.

Powell will submit a letter to Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and House Speaker

Joe Salter stating that he will not accept the office for which he was recently re-elected.

That term begins January 14. This will enable Salter to call a special election to fill the vacancy.

Salter said he plans to call the election to coincide with the presidential preference primary. More information regarding the special election, including dates for qualifying, will be forthcoming.

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