

THE STOUFFER REPORT

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Gubernatorial Appointments – How You Can Serve on a State Board or Commission

Each year, citizens from all over the state of Missouri are appointed to more than 400 state boards, commissions, councils, and taskforces. These individuals have an interest in working with the governor on a certain issue that will move this state forward. Members of our state boards and commissions are vital participants in policy making, regulation, advisory, and advocacy efforts for a wide variety of issues affecting all of Missourians.

Recently, I nominated and sponsored a recent appointee — Mrs. Becky L. Plattner of Grand Pass. She was appointed to the Missouri Conservation Commission on August 7. The conservation commission consists of 4 members (two Republican and two Democrat), who serve six-year terms and are knowledgeable and have an interest in wildlife conservation.

Mrs. Plattner, a Democrat, has served as a consultant to the Grand Pass Special Road District, Grand Pass Pump Levy District, and Saline County Domestic Lighthouse Shelter. She is the presiding commissioner in Saline County and also serves as financial manager for Plattner Brothers L.L.C. Custom Farming.

The Missouri Conservation Commission controls, manages, restores, and regulates the bird, fish, game, forestry, as well as all wildlife resources of the state, including hatcheries, sanctuaries, refuges, and reservations. The commission also provides opportunities for all citizens to use, enjoy, and learn about Missouri's wildlife resources.

You can see a complete list of boards and commissions by visiting the governor's Web site, www.gov.mo.gov. This site provides a description of each board or commission, its members, governing statute, and Web site.

Also included on the site is an application form to serve on our state's boards and commissions. I urge you to look at this list and see if any particular board interests you. If you wish to apply, simply complete the <u>appointment application</u> and return it to our office.

For more information on Missouri's boards and commissions or if you have questions or comments about any other issue, please call my office toll free (866) 768-3987 or send me an e-mail at bstouffer@senate.mo.gov.



Senator Bill Stouffer stands before the Gubernatorial Appointments Committee on August 29, and sponsors Mrs. Becky L. Plattner for the Missouri Conservation Commission.

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