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## Sen. Wright-Jones Appointed to Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee

JEFFERSON CITY – Sen. Robin Wright-Jones, D-St. Louis, was recently appointed to the Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee, which is in charge of approving the nomination of constituents for appointment to state boards and commissions.

"Boards and commissions give our citizens a voice in their government and provide a way for appointed members to shape the quality of life for Missouri's residents," said Wright-Jones. "Approval from this committee is a critical step citizens take in becoming an active voice in our state government, and I look forward to working alongside my Senate colleagues and participating first-hand in this significant process."

The governor appoints members of many state agencies, commission, and boards. Appointees then work with their state senator, who acts as a sponsor in the process of confirmation, which begins before this committee and concludes with a consenting vote by the full Senate.

The Senate Gubernatorial Appointments Committee is made up of nine members. A list of committee members and a committee schedule can be found the <u>Missouri Senate website</u> by clicking on *committees*, then on *standing committees* (<a href="http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/com-info.htm">http://www.senate.mo.gov/09info/com-info.htm</a>).

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