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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Call for Election of State Civil Service Commissioner

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Byron P. Decoteau, Jr., Director of the Department of State Civil Service, has issued a call for the election to fill the office of the employee member of the State Civil Service Commission. The effective date of the call is January 2, 2017.

The present elected member's term will expire April 30, 2017.

The seven-member State Civil Service Commission is comprised of six commissioners who are appointed by the Governor based on nominations from private colleges and universities around the state. One classified state employee is elected by the permanent classified workforce every six years as the seventh member of the Commission. The employee member of the Commission must be a full-time, permanent employee in the classified state service for at least one year prior to the date on which he or she qualifies as a candidate.

Candidates must submit a nomination petition with signatures from at least 100 permanent classified employees. Nomination petitions of candidates must be filed during the period January 3 through 11, 2017. Nomination petitions may be mailed or delivered by hand:

Mailing address: Department of State Civil Service, P.O. Box 94111, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9111

Physical Address: Department of State Civil Service, Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 3-280, Baton Rouge, LA

By February 6, 2017, ballots will be mailed to all classified state employees who held permanent status on or before December 3, 2016. Voting may be done by telephone, internet or paper mail-in ballot. All voting must be completed by February 23, 2017.

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The State Civil Service website, [www.civilservice.la.gov](http://www.civilservice.la.gov), contains downloadable candidate petition forms, information for those interested in becoming a candidate, and voting information for state employees. The website will be regularly updated.

A runoff election will be held if no candidate receives at least 35 percent of the votes cast in the election.

For more information about the election, please contact Makayla Weber-Harris at (225) 219-9449 or [Election.Coordinator@la.gov](mailto:Election.Coordinator@la.gov).

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