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SENATE SECRETARY KOEPP RETIRES

AGREES TO REMAIN AS SECRETARY AT REDUCED SALARY FOR SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS TO STATE

Senate Secretary Glenn Koepp is retiring. Koepp has served as senate secretary since March 2004. He previously served as assistant secretary of the Senate for 23 years. He is a nationally recognized expert in redistricting and has led redistricting efforts in the Senate since 1981. He began his work in the Louisiana State Legislature as a student worker in the House of Representatives in 1972 while still in law school and went to work full time in the House after graduation.

Secretary Koepp has been eligible for maximum retirement benefits for over five years. He made a personal decision to retire now after consultation with retirement system officials about what was in his and his family's best interest.

At the urging of Senate President John Alario, Koepp will remain as senate secretary at a reduced salary. State employees have the option of retiring and being rehired as long as their salary does not exceed 50% of their retirement benefit. The reduced salary and the related reduction in required payments to the retirement systems will save taxpayers about \$200,000 a year.

"I am pleased that Glenn has agreed to stay on as secretary. He has tremendous experience and institutional knowledge that is invaluable to the operations of the Senate and its work for Louisiana citizens," Senate President Alario said. "This is a win, win for the Senate and the taxpayers."

Secretary Koepp's retirement was effective Friday, September 12, 2014.

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