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SEN. CHABERT TAKES ON NEW LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN LOUISIANA STATE SENATE

NAMED TO KEY COMMITTEES OVERSEEING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, INSURANCE, COASTAL RESTORATION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES

District 20 State Senator Norby Chabert (D-Houma) is taking on new leadership responsibilities in the Louisiana Senate. Sen. Chabert, who came to the Senate last month after winning a special election for the District 20 seat, will chair the Senate Select Committee on Vocational & Technical Education. He will also serve as a member of the Senate Insurance, Natural Resources and Judiciary B committees, and as an interim member of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. Senate President Joel Chaisson recently appointed Sen. Chabert to the Senate committees which deal with important education, workforce, insurance, coastal restoration, criminal justice and governmental affairs issues.

"I am honored that the Senate leadership has trusted me with these distinguished committee responsibilities," Sen. Chabert said. "I am proud to be chosen to chair the Select Committee on Vocational and Technical Education. The Fletcher Technical Community College in Senate District 20 is one of the fastest growing community colleges in the state. Fletcher and other community and technical colleges around the state, which are vital to workforce training and future economic development, face many challenges in the coming months. I pledge to lead the charge to make sure these institutions excel and meet the needs of our citizens and our business."

As a member of the Senate Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Select Committee on Coastal Restoration and Flood Control, Sen. Chabert will have a major voice in the way the state proceeds with coastal restoration and hurricane protection efforts as well as in policy decisions relating to mineral resources and wildlife and fisheries. He will also participate in reapportionment discussions over the coming months as an interim member of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

The Senate Insurance Committee deals with matters relating to property, casualty, health, life and surplus lines insurance. The Senate Judiciary B Committee traditionally considers certain

criminal justice and gaming matters.

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