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## **STATE SEN. NORBY CHABERT CHANGES PARTY AFFILIATION**

District 20 State Senator Norby Chabert announced today that he changed his party affiliation to Republican. Sen. Chabert, who is serving his first term in the Louisiana State Senate, said the decision comes after much thought and deliberation.

"It is increasingly clear that the national Democratic party is completely out of line with the values and priorities of the people of Senate District 20 and all of Louisiana," Sen. Chabert said. "Time after time President Obama, his administration and the national Democratic party have proven that they have no understanding of the needs of Louisiana business, industry and every day people.

My decision today was one of the toughest I have ever had to make politically. But as I look back over the past months, I see an administration and a national party clearly out of touch. The woefully inadequate if not derelict response to the BP Deepwater Horizon spill, the clearly arbitrary and capricious moratorium on deepwater drilling in the Gulf, and the most recent failure to include funding for the Morganza to the Gulf project in the administration's budget plan have clearly shown me that enough is enough! I can no longer in good conscious affiliate myself with such actions or philosophies.

I look forward to continuing my work for the people of Senate District 20 in the Louisiana State Senate and will not give up on my on-going efforts to improve the quality of life for all of our citizens."

Sen. Chabert made the party change on the Internet using the citizen-friendly Secretary of State's on-line voter registration program which can be found at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/OnlineVoterRegistrationOVR/tabid/955/Default.aspx>.

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