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SECRETARY OF STATE JAY DARDENNE HIRES FIRST ASSISTANT

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is pleased to announce the hiring of Sen. Tom Schedler as first assistant secretary of state effective Monday, Dec. 10. As well as representing Secretary Dardenne throughout the state at events where the Secretary cannot be present, Sen. Schedler will spearhead the agency's legislative package. In the office, he will oversee the elections and security operations.

"I'm excited to have someone of Tom's caliber join our staff. He and I have been close allies for a number of years and his integrity, experience and demeanor will be a perfect complement to our current staff," Secretary Dardenne said.

Sen. Schedler, 57, served three terms in the Louisiana Senate. He is a bank director and real estate broker, and previously served as director of the Slidell Memorial Hospital Foundation and on the Slidell City Council. A New Orleans native, Sen. Schedler has lived in St. Tammany Parish for 32 years and is married to the former Stephanie Gelé. The couple has three children and two grandchildren.

"I'm looking forward to a new career in state government with the Secretary of State's Office. Jay and I have been friends since working together in the Legislature and I'm ready to work with him and the staff toward future endeavors," Sen. Schedler said.

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