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M. Blake Heath Appointed to Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners

(Kansas City, MO) --- Governor Jeremiah "Jay" Nixon recently appointed M. Blake Heath to the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners. Mr. Heath was sworn in August 3 and will serve a term ending January 10, 2013.

Mr. Heath, a Republican, fills the vacancy left by Cynthia Thompson, whose term expired July 29, 2010.

A May 2009 graduate of the University Of Missouri Kansas City School of Law, Heath graduated cum laude and was a member of the Law Review. He received the Bachelor of Science in philosophy and political science in 2004 from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri.

Since October 2008, Mr. Heath has been an associate at the Stephen R. Bough Law Firm. Previously he served as a law clerk at Sanders Conkright and Warren, LLP, and as a legal intern for the Honorable Duane Benton of the 8th Circuit US Court of Appeals.

A native of East Prairie, Missouri, Mr. Heath resides on the Plaza.