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**Schoeller Petitions Court
to Postpone April Election to June 2**

Shane Schoeller announced today that the Greene County Clerk's Office has petitioned the Southern Appellate Court to postpone the date of the general municipal election from April 7, 2020 to June 2, 2020. Twenty-five County Clerks throughout the Southern Appellate Court district have joined Schoeller's petition by filing an Entry of Appearance and Consent.

In addition to moving the date of the election, the petition also asks the court to extend the deadline for absentee voting to Monday, June 1, 2020, and to clarify that the original voter registration and eligibility requirements for the April 7th election will remain intact.

Schoeller's decision to petition the court was taken in partnership with a unified decision by the Missouri Clerk's Association executive board to encourage all of its members to take similar steps in their appellate court regions. In the last thirty-six hours Schoeller has played a key role in coordinating the executive board's response and in facilitating discussions between the Secretary of State and County Clerks from across the state about the decision to postpone the election date.

"I am very pleased that the Governor has issued an executive order to change the date of the election to June 2, and am deeply grateful to Secretary of State Ashcroft for his leadership on this issue. That being said, our legal counsel has advised us to go ahead and petition the court under the procedure set forth by Missouri Revised Statute 115.024." Schoeller said. "We are taking this step in support of the Governor's stated aim to move the date of the election, and out of an abundance of caution in the unlikely event that the governor's executive order runs into problems in terms of legal scrutiny."

Schoeller will continue to communicate with state and local officials, voters and with media to keep the community informed as circumstances with the petition continue to evolve.

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Shane Schoeller has had the privilege of serving the Citizens of Greene County as their Clerk and Chief Election Official since 2014. He and his wife Mendie, together with their children, are long-time residents of Willard.

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