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## Southern Appellate Court Grants Schoeller's Petition to Move April Election

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

The deadline for absentee voting has been extended to Monday, June 1, 2020. The original voter registration and eligibility requirements for the April 7<sup>th</sup> election remain intact. The ballots and other supplies prepared for the April 7<sup>th</sup> Election will be used on June 2<sup>nd</sup> per the petition.

Schoeller wants to thank the Southern Appellate Court for granting the petition with speed. "This petition has allowed the County Clerk's Office to have a clear plan of action for moving the April 7<sup>th</sup> Election in conjunction with the Governor's recent executive order. I appreciate their quick diligence in these unprecedented times to ensure every vote and voter is protected as we work together."

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 districts. In the last week, 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.

In Greene County, the June 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot includes a wide variety of candidates in 7 cities, 5 school districts and 1 fire protection district.

Schoeller will continue to communicate with state and local officials, voters and with media to keep the community informed about the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Election.

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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