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On May 19, 2009, Jimmy Wallace of Beech Bluff, Tennessee was elected to chair the Tennessee State Election Commission. The term of office will be from June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. Mr. Wallace has been a member of the State Election Commission since May 1995.

The State Election Commission is composed of five members. These individuals are elected for a term of four years. This is the only commission in Tennessee state government which is elected wholly by the General Assembly.

To be eligible to serve on the State Election Commission, one must be at least 25 years old, a resident of this state for at least seven years and a resident of the grand division of the state from which he seeks election for at least four years preceding his election. No more than two members may be from the same grand division of the state.

The State Election Commission is responsible for appointing five county election commissioners for every county in the state. This is done on the first Monday in April in every odd-numbered year. After making those appointments, the state commissioners then monitor the activities and performance of the county election commissioners and shall remove county election commissioners who violate their oath of office or are no longer qualified to serve.

The commission works very closely with the coordinator of elections toward the common goal of maintaining uniformity in elections as well as preserving the purity of the ballot.