

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 177

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Norma Lester to the Registry of Election Finance.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203, provides for the creation of the Registry of Election Finance; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203(c)(1), provides that the governor shall appoint two members to the Registry of Election Finance, one member who shall represent the majority party and one member who shall represent the minority party; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Norma Lester of Memphis to the Registry of Election Finance representing the minority party; she will serve on the Registry of Election Finance during a term that will expire on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Norma Lester enjoyed a professional career in long term care that expanded over a period of fifty years; she started as a nursing assistant in Ohio, furthered her education by first becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse, and then proceeded to obtain an Associate's degree in Nursing and an Associate's degree in Personnel Management from Shelby State Community College, a Bachelor's degree in Professional Studies from Memphis State University, a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Union University, a Master's degree in Health Care Administration from Memphis State University, and a Master's degree in Nursing from the University of Tennessee at Memphis; and

WHEREAS while serving as Nursing Director for the State of Tennessee, she developed policies and a quality initiative system that helped bring the state into the quality tier of compliance with federal court monitors; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lester recently completed a term on the State Board of Nursing Home Examiners, which she served as Secretary; she is certified as a Legal Nurse Consultant,

Developmental Disability Nurse Specialist, and Family Nurse Practitioner and has served in a wide variety of health care positions, from LPN to Administrator; and

WHEREAS, in the realm of public service, Ms. Lester was formerly a long-time officer of the Shelby County Democratic Party Executive Committee and chaired its Rules and By-Laws Committee; and

WHEREAS, although she is now retired, Ms. Lester serves on the Shelby County Election Commission and holds the title of Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Norma Lester is a person of integrity and an active citizen whose benevolence, acumen, and strong commitment to public service have helped to enhance the well being of this state and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-203(a)(2), provides that gubernatorial appointees shall be subject to confirmation by joint resolution of the general assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body hereby confirms the appointment of Norma Lester to the Registry of Election Finance for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.