

STATE of MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE



DEPARTMENT

TIM PAWLENTY
GOVERNOR

WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION

**WRIT OF SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACANCIES
IN THE OFFICE OF STATE SENATOR OF SENATE
DISTRICT 15 IN BENTON, SHERBURNE AND STEARNS
COUNTIES AND HOUSE DISTRICT 15B IN BENTON,
SHERBURNE AND STEARNS COUNTIES,
STATE OF MINNESOTA, AND OF A SPECIAL
PRIMARY TO NOMINATE THE CANDIDATES
FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTIONS.**



To the People of the State of Minnesota, and particularly of Senate District 15 and House District 15B in Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns Counties; to the Secretary of State of Minnesota; to the auditors of Benton, Sherburne, and Stearns Counties; to all election officials in Senate District 15 and House District 15B; and to all others who may be concerned:

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the office of State Senator for Senate District 15 of the State of Minnesota, caused by the resignation of Senator Dave Kleis; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the office of State Representative for the House of Representatives for House District 15B of the State of Minnesota, caused by the resignation of Representative Joe Opatz; and

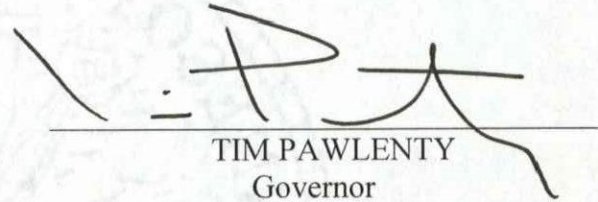
WHEREAS, a special election to fill said vacancies is necessary to assure representation for the citizens of Senate District 15 and House District 15B.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Pawlenty, as Governor of the State of Minnesota, acting under the authority and direction vested in me by the Minnesota Constitution, Article IV, Section 4, and Minnesota Statutes Sections 204D.17 through 204D.27, 351.01, 351.02, 351.055, and other relevant statutes, do hereby direct that:

1. A special election to fill said vacancies will be held in Senate District 15 and House District 15B on Tuesday, December 27, 2005.
2. A special primary, if necessary, for the nomination of candidates for the offices be held in Senate District 15 and House District 15B on Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

3. Affidavits and petitions of candidacy for Senate District 15 and House District 15B must be filed with the Secretary of State from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2005, until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2005.
4. Affidavits of withdrawal for Senate District 15 and House District 15B may be filed with the Secretary of State until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, 2005.
5. Notices of this special election and special primary must be given, the nomination and election of candidates must be conducted, and all things pertaining thereto must be done as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 204D.17 through 204D.27, and other applicable provisions of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand at the Capitol, in the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, on November 21, 2005.



TIM PAWLENTY
Governor

Filed in Accordance with Law:



MARY KIEFFMEYER
Secretary of State