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Rep. London Lamar Appointed to Senate

Following the recent expulsion of Senator Katrina Robinson, the Shelby County Commission voted last night to appoint State Representative London Lamar as interim state senator for District 33. She will hold the position until the November 8, 2022 election. Upon the announcement, Lamar released the following statement:

It has been my life's joy to serve as State Representative for Tn House District 91. Tonight, the Shelby County Commission voted to appointment me to the TN Senate. With that, I officially resign from my seat in the House of Representatives. I look forward to continuing the work.

Sen. Brian Kelsey not Seeking Re-Election

This afternoon, State Senator Brian Kelsey announced that he will not be running for re-election for his District 31 senate seat. In a series of tweets, Senator Kelsey said the following:

I will not be running for reelection due to a recent, exciting change to my personal life, and I look forward to spending more time with my family. It has been a true honor to serve you for 18 years and to work with you to pass more constitutional amendments than any other Tennessee legislator in history—including one to forever ban the income tax. But now my service to you is best spent fighting for American values in the court system and stopping the Biden Administration's failed policies like the attempted OSHA vaccine mandate. I'm happy to return any recent campaign contributions, and Lord willing, I hope that you will give me the opportunity to run for elected office in Tennessee again in the coming years.

Legislative Updates

Committees and subcommittees are in their second week of hearing final calendars, but it will likely take another few weeks to complete the committees' business. Budget appropriation amendments are now being accepted, and the state's budget will take the forefront of most conversations as the legislature works to adjourn mid-April. To view the legislature's schedule next week and committee agendas, visit [Capitol.TN.Gov](https://capitol.tn.gov).