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## **SPEAKER TAYLOR BARRAS ELECTED CHAIR ELECT OF THE SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

**Baton Rouge, La** – On today, Louisiana Speaker Taylor Barras (R-New Iberia) was unanimously elected to serve as chair elect of the Southern Legislative Conference (SLC) by delegates of the group during its 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi. As chair elect, Speaker Barras will assist Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard chair, in guiding the group during the coming year. In addition, he is anticipated to serve as chair of the SLC during their July 2019 meeting, to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Earlier this year Speaker Barras and Senate President John A. Alario Jr. (R-Westwego), on behalf of the Louisiana Legislature, invited the SLC to host their 2019 meeting in New Orleans. “Senate President Alario and I look forward to welcoming the SLC back to New Orleans and to sharing Louisiana’s culture and customs with guests from across the South,” said Barras. “As lawmakers, we appreciate that this meeting provides the opportunity to share practices of good government across state lines.” Louisiana last hosted this annual meeting in 2002.

Established in 1947, the SLC is a non-partisan and nonprofit member-driven organization comprising presiding officers and key legislators from 15 Southern states, and is the largest of the four regional conferences of The Council of State Governments. The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting brought together more than 1,300 state legislators, legislative staff and guests from across its 15 member states.

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