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DATE: January 31, 2017

TO: Heads of State Agencies and Human Resources Directors

SUBJECT: Ballot Delivery for the State Civil Service Commissioner Election

NOTE: PLEASE POST THIS GENERAL CIRCULAR IN A LOCATION GENERALLY ACCESSIBLE BY ALL EMPLOYEES.

This general circular serves as notification that ballots for the upcoming election of the employee representative for the State Civil Service Commission (SCSC) will be mailed on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. The mailing of ballots on this date is to ensure that the delivery of the ballots to voting eligible employees is in accordance with the La. R.S. 42:1354(C).

To be eligible to vote, classified employees must have attained permanent status no later than December 3, 2016. For more information on voting, please see the link <u>Voting</u> <u>Information for State Employees</u> on the State Civil Service (SCS) website.

Voting employees will be able to cast a vote using one of three available methods:

- By paper ballot, which includes a postage paid return envelope;
- By telephone voting using a toll free number; or
- By internet ballot by logging on using the link provided on the written ballot.

The company responsible for collecting and tallying employee votes, Election Services Corporation (ESC), will open Internet and telephone voting on Tuesday, January 31, 2017. SCS has included a link to the ESC voting website on the <u>SCS Election webpage</u> for convenience. In order to vote, however, employees must be in possession of the paper ballot, as the paper ballot will contain identification information which the employee will need in order to cast a vote.

Voting eligible employees should expect to receive a ballot by mail no later than February 10, 2017. Employees who have not received a ballot by Friday, February 10, 2017, are encouraged to contact the Election Coordinator to ensure that a ballot is resent to the correct address.

For questions regarding this general circular, please contact the Election Coordinator via email at <u>Election.Coordinator@la.gov</u> or via telephone at 225-219-9449, and follow us on Twitter at <u>@LA_SCS</u>.

Sincerely,

<u>s/Byron P. Decoteau, Jr.</u> Director