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## **Senate President Steve Morris Announces Change in Chief of Staff Position *Joshua Lewis Will Succeed Michael White as Chief of Staff on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>***

Topeka – Kansas Senate President Steve Morris announced today that Joshua K. Lewis, a native Kansan and current leadership staffer, will become Morris' Chief of Staff on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>.

"I am very pleased Joshua Lewis has agreed to take on this very significant staff roll in what is a critical time for the Kansas Senate," said Morris. "With Joshua's extensive background in policy and politics, I am confident he will be a great asset to me and to the rest of the Republican caucus. I look forward to working with him as the Senate addresses major issues including redistricting, ongoing budget and economic concerns, KPERS and the 2012 elections."

Lewis, who has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Kansas State University and a Masters in Public Administration from The George Washington University in Washington DC, is a current and past member of the Kansas Senate Leadership Staff. Following the 2011 Session during which he served as Chief of Staff for Senator Carolyn McGinn (Senate Ways and Means Chair), Lewis joined Morris' staff to assist the leadership's redistricting plan. In 2006-2007, Lewis served then-Majority Leader Derek Schmidt as Legislative Director.

In addition to his staff service in the state capitol, Lewis worked on the campaigns and then in the Washington D.C. office of Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins. Lewis also spent two years on staff with U.S. Senator Pat Roberts.

Current Chief of Staff Michael L. White leaves to become Manager of State Governmental Affairs for ITC Great Plains in Topeka. White will be responsible for corporate advocacy and legislative lobbying in Kansas and Oklahoma. ITC Great Plains holds transmission-only utility status in Kansas and Oklahoma with the authority to construct, own, operate, and maintain a regulated, high-voltage transmission system. Its primary goal is to provide the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) region with access to reliable, non-discriminatory, competitive and low-cost energy.

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