



House Republicans Select Leadership for 150th General Assembly

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The 15 members of the Delaware House of Representatives' Republican Caucus met at Legislative Hall today to select their leaders for the 150th General Assembly.

State Rep. Danny Short, R-Seaford, (in photo) was selected as House Minority Leader. The most tenured member of the House Republican Caucus, Rep. Short was first elected in 2006 and has served as House Minority Leader since 2012.

"It's an honor to be elected as leader of this caucus," Rep. Short said. "I look forward to working with this fine group in the historic 150th General Assembly."

State Rep. Tim Dukes, R-Laurel, was chosen to serve as House Minority Whip. This is the first caucus leadership position for Rep. Dukes, who was elected to his first term in office in 2012 as a member of the 147th General Assembly.

Rep. Dukes said House Republicans will not let their minority status deter them from proposing public policy initiatives. "We have an obligation to introduce legislation regarding the issues that we believe are important to our constituents and the state as a whole," he said. "Our challenge is to convince our colleagues on the other side of the aisle of the importance of each proposal, its merit, and viability."

Although state lawmakers are not scheduled to meet as a body until the second Tuesday in January, the legislators that ran in yesterday's elections began their terms of

office as soon as the ballots were tallied. The electoral device prevents Delaware from having “lame duck” legislators and eliminates the possibility such lawmakers might potentially create mischief on their way out of office.

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