



# Eddy, Rose reveal plans for election

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**MATTOON** - State Rep. Roger Eddy has announced he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for state representative in the newly drawn district that includes Coles County.

Eddy, a school superintendent in Hutsonville in Crawford County, is a five-term incumbent whose current district includes Cumberland, Clark and parts of Edgar and Shelby counties but not Coles.

State Rep. Chapin Rose, who currently is the state representative for the district that includes Coles County, has announced he's running for Senate in the newly drawn districts north and west of Coles County. The Senate district Rose plans to run in includes Moultrie and Douglas counties, but not Coles.

Rose and Eddy announced this week they are endorsing each other's candidacy.

"I am endorsing Roger in this race because I believe his experience and leadership will prove to be as valuable for his new district as it has been for his current one," Rose said of Eddy. "He is an expert in education issues in the House and has worked hard on rural problems like the meth epidemic we faced several years ago."

Of Rose, Eddy said in part: "As a former prosecutor he was a great help in working with me and Sen. Righter in helping on meth issues and he is one of our House Republican budget experts - having made a name for himself championing welfare reform."

The new House District 110, in which Eddy plans to run, includes part of Lawrence County including the city of Lawrenceville, all of Crawford, Clark, Cumberland and Coles counties and a small portion of southwestern Edgar County.

The new Senate District 51, in which Rose intends to run, encompasses all or part of 10 counties including DeWitt, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, McLean, Piatt, Champaign, Vermilion, Shelby and Edgar.

Eddy said his campaign message features fiscal responsibility, a commitment to the

Second Amendment, a high quality affordable education and traditional pro-life family values.

Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon, also has endorsed Eddy.

The newly configured Senate district in which Righter plans to run includes the House district in which Eddy will be a candidate.

The change in district boundaries occurs every 10 years based on new U.S. Census data.