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NCSLA SPECIAL ELECTION FOR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 13, 2023 – The National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated (NCSLA) announced the results of a special election to fill the recent vacancy on the Executive Committee for the position of President. Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control Commissioner, Ernest P. Legier, Jr., was unanimously elected by the Executive Committee to the position of President. “NCSLA is celebrating 90 years of uniting alcohol regulators and industry professionals who are committed to educating themselves on related issues and building relationships which support a healthy and safe market. I am extremely excited and humbled to take over leadership as we work to secure the future of our organization while we face some unique challenges.” The officer vacancy was a result of Travis Hill’s resignation as NCSLA President due to the end of his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Virginia ABC Authority. Ernest Legier has served as Commissioner for Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control since June 2020. He previously served as the agency’s Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel. He holds a BA and MBA from the University of New Orleans and a JD from Loyola University School of Law.

Additional Executive Committee changes occurred with Mr. Hill’s resignation as President. In accordance with NCSLA Bylaws, the following officers accepted ascension to the vacant office for the remainder of this term (June 30, 2024): Ernest Legier (Louisiana) as President, Rebecca Smith (Washington) as 1st Vice President, Debbi Beavers (Kansas) as 2nd Vice President and Rodrigo Diaz (Pennsylvania) as 3rd Vice President. With Mr. Diaz’s acceptance of the office of 3rd Vice President, an additional change resulted in the position of Northern Region Chair. NCSLA is also pleased to announce and congratulate Thomas Akras, Director, Legal and Legislative Division of the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission on his new position of Northern Region Chairperson. “Travis Hill has been an active member of the NCSLA leadership group for many years. He has played an incredibly active role in several key efforts including governance and investment. Our new Board will miss his efforts, but will rise to the challenge of this opportunity,” said Ernest Legier, NCSLA 1st Vice President.

Executive Committee officers hold positions for the term of July 1 through June 30 each year. The next election of officers and regional chairpersons for fiscal year 2024-25 is scheduled for the annual membership meeting on June 19, 2024, held during the NCSLA Annual Conference June 16-19, 2024 in Washington, DC.

About National Conference of State Liquor Administrators, Incorporated:

A national, non-profit corporation founded in 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, NCSLA is composed of state regulators as active members, and associate members consisting of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, law firms, associations, and other service-related organizations in the alcoholic beverages sector. Currently, regulatory agencies from 43 of 50 states and the District of Columbia are active NCSLA members. The primary focus of NCSLA is education on historical and current issues related to the regulation of alcoholic beverages. Visit www.ncsla.org for more information.