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**SPEAKER STRAUS APPOINTS SELECT COMMITTEE ON ELECTION CONTEST**

**AUSTIN**--Speaker Joe Straus (R-San Antonio) today released a proclamation creating the House Select Committee on Election Contest, and appointed Representative Todd Hunter (R-Corpus Christi) as chair.

"Because of the legal nature of the issue, we need to be cautious and judicious about making any comments," said Representative Hunter. "The committee will keep everyone up to date as to scheduling matters and procedures."

*Text of the proclamation:*

As Speaker of the House, pursuant to Rule 1, Section 16, House Rules, and Section 241.011, Election Code, I hereby create the House Select Committee on Election Contest and refer the contest initiated by Dan Neil for the election of state representative, District 48, to the committee.

The committee shall conduct its investigation of the issues raised by the contest in accordance with Chapters 221 and 241, Election Code, and report to the House of Representatives in accordance with that law. For purposes of the contest, proceedings before the committee shall be considered proceedings before a tribunal under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and those rules shall govern the conduct of parties and their counsel before the committee.

The committee consists of nine members.

The following members are hereby appointed to the House Select Committee on Election Contest:

The Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair  
The Honorable Craig Eiland, Vice Chair  
The Honorable Dennis Bonnen  
The Honorable Helen Giddings  
The Honorable Ryan Guillen  
The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst  
The Honorable Tryon Lewis  
The Honorable Jerry Madden  
The Honorable Wayne Smith

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Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

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