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**GEORGIA'S FIRST REPUBLICAN ELECTED TO A STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE TO QUALIFY FOR A SECOND TERM TUESDAY**

ATLANTA -- Bobby Baker, Georgia's first Republican elected to a statewide constitutional office, will qualify for a second term on the Georgia Public Service Commission Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m., room 314 of the State Capitol.

Elected to the PSC in 1992, Baker is looking forward to qualifying after surviving legislation last session that would have prevented him from seeking another term. Though the legislation ultimately passed, the implementation date of the bill was delayed to allow Baker to qualify in 1998.

Beginning with the 2000 election, candidates for the state's Public Service Commission (PSC) will continue to be elected statewide but must qualify from one of five newly drawn districts. In the bill's original form, candidates for the PSC seat up in 1998 would have to reside in a district comprised of Fulton, DeKalb and Clayton counties. Since the legislation contained a one-year residency requirement, Baker, who resides in Gwinnett, would have been prevented from seeking a second term. Baker is the only Public Service Commissioner up for re-election in 1998.

An attorney formerly with the Southeastern Legal Foundation and in private practice, Baker is a past Vice-Chairman of the Gwinnett County Planning Commission, a graduate of Leadership Gwinnett and a member of the Peachtree-Atlanta Kiwanis Club. One of Georgia Trend's 100 most influential people in the state in 1994-95, Baker received his law degree from the University of Georgia in 1983 and his B.A. with honors in History and Political Science from Oglethorpe University in 1979. He is the current chairman of the Energy Committee of the PSC.

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