

**Senator Houck appointed to Health Reform Commission**  
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SPOTSYLVANIA- Senator R. Edward "Edd" Houck has been appointed to the Governor's Commission on Health Reform.

In a memorandum from Governor Tim Kaine, the "Commission will convene leading voices from all facets of both the public and private sectors to recommend effective ways to reform and strengthen healthcare in Virginia." Senator Houck is one of nine state legislators to serve on this commission. The Commission's first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> in Richmond.

"I am honored to be selected to serve on this special health care commission. During my 23 years in the State Senate, health care has been the issue of importance to me. I look forward to working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle as well as private citizens to present sound reforms to aid our health care system," Houck said upon the announcement.

In addition to his role on this commission, Senator Houck is a member of the Health and Human Resources Subcommittee within the Senate Finance Committee and the Joint Commission on Health Care. He serves as Vice-Chair of the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee. Senator Houck's work in this field has been honored with awards from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Mental Health Association, and the American Pediatric Society.

Senator Houck is currently in his 23<sup>rd</sup> year representing the 17<sup>th</sup> District in the State Senate. The 17<sup>th</sup> District is comprised of Culpeper, Louisa, Madison and Orange counties as well as parts of Spotsylvania County and the City of Fredericksburg.