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## **Senator Gleason Commends J. Dallas Winegarden, Jr. on Appointment to Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates**

*Well-regarded Flint Attorney Brings Needed Experience to Cost-Analysis Commission*

FLINT—Senator John Gleason (D-Flushing) commended J. Dallas Winegarden, Jr. today for his recent appointment to the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates. Winegarden was recommended for the position by Sen. Gleason, and he was officially appointed by Senate Minority Leader Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek). His post is effective immediately and will run for three years.

“Mr. Winegarden’s experience will bring an informed tone and analysis to these commission hearings,” said Gleason. “The people of Flint and of Michigan will be well-served by J.D.’s steady hand. During these tough economic times, we can’t afford to be taking risks at any level of government, and this commission ensures that what we do in Lansing does not adversely affect the local municipalities that are depending on us back home.”

The Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates determines the cost state laws will have upon local governments, such as city and county commissions. This is done so that the state legislature can make informed decisions when passing laws, allowing them to assess the cost effectiveness of standing statutes and making the commission essential to ensuring government efficiency.

“I am truly honored by this appointment and excited for it to finally take effect,” said Mr. Winegarden. “I am grateful Senator Gleason brought me to the attention of House and Senate leadership, and am proud to see that my knowledge of the law and my leadership abilities are respected across party lines. I will do everything possible to serve with high distinction, and live up to the trust of the people of the State of Michigan while I’m on this important commission.”

J. Dallas Winegarden, Jr. graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in political science in 1966. He went on to attend Michigan State’s Detroit College of Law, graduating in 1969. A Flint native, Winegarden followed in his father’s footsteps by practicing law in his hometown. He is internationally known as an advocate for gun and school safety, currently sits as an adjunct professor at Michigan State’s Detroit College of Law, and practices law in Flint.

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