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Pack Resigns To Campaign

NASHVILLE, April 30. — State Atty. Gen. David Pack resigned Tuesday to run for the Democratic nomination for governor saying he is counting on East Tennessee Republican votes in November because of defections within the GOP ranks.

Pack, 52, said he has submitted his resignation as attorney general effective May 10 and will open his campaign in Gallatin the next day.

The Sevierville native said he will disclose all campaign contributions.

"I do not see how any candidate can have objections to disclosing campaign contributions.

I will do so, regardless of whether others do or wheth-

er they indicate they are willing to do so."

Pack was asked if he thought Republican dissatisfaction in Upper East Tennessee over Gov. Winfield Dunn's stand for the Morristown regional prison and against the proposed Johnson City medical school would result in traditional Republicans voting Democrat in November.

"I'm not only viewing that possibility," he replied, "I have been advised of great defection among the Republican ranks."

On other issues, Pack said he:

- Would push for release of impounded highway, mental health and water pollution funds.

- Would pursue vigorously the plan to complete Interstate 40 through Overton Park in Memphis.

- Did not foresee the need to raise taxes during the next two years because of what he termed "the considerable surplus that will be generated this year."

- Did not believe the General Assembly had the authority to rescind the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. He acknowledged the reservations some had about the legal implications of the ERA, but added he did not share them.

Pack cited his experience in state government under the late Democratic Govs. Frank Clement and Buford Ellington, as well as his 4½ years as attorney general, in



David Pack

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outlining his qualifications for the governorship.

"It appears that as government becomes more complex and its responsibilities more manifold we must turn for leadership to those who have experience in the operation of the largest and most important business in the state," he said.

Pack is a University of Tennessee law graduate who was named Chancery Court judge at Sevierville in 1959.

Six years later, he became Ellington's highway commissioner and Clement named him commissioner of insurance and banking in 1963, a post he held under Ellington's second term.

He left that post in 1964 when the Supreme Court named him attorney general to succeed George McCannless of Morristown, whom Ellington appointed to the Supreme Court.

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