

Tennessean leads RNC redistricting panel

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Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele on Friday named Tennessee National Committeeman John Ryder, of Memphis, as chairman of the party's redistricting committee.

"John has been a tireless advocate of Republican principles both in the state of Tennessee and across the country, and I look forward to working with him to prepare state parties for redistricting efforts following the 2010 national census," Mr. Steele said in a statement.

Mr. Ryder has been representing the GOP in redistricting cases since 1976, according to a news release