

Brownback Names New State Treasurer

**TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - Kansas Governor Sam Brownback has appointed a legislator as the next state treasurer to replace Republican Ron Estes after Estes won a special congressional election.**

**Brownback announced Tuesday that GOP state Senator Jake LaTurner of Pittsburg will serve the rest of Estes' four-year term as treasurer. LaTurner is expected to seek a full term in 2018.**

**The 29-year-old LaTurner has been active in Republican politics in southeast Kansas for at least a decade. He previously served on congresswoman Lynn Jenkins' staff, was elected to the Senate in 2012 and re-elected last year.**

**The 60-year-old Estes was elected last week to replace former congressman Mike Pompeo in the 4th District of south-central Kansas following Pompeo's appointment as CIA director.**

**Estes plans to step down next week when he is sworn in as the new congressman.**

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