

Electing the Commission

More than a few races for Shelby County's legislative body are contested.

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All races on the May 4th primary ballot are restricted to a single party, with the exception of District 5.

DISTRICT 5: Other than 9th District congressman Steve Cohen, there is no political figure on the local scene who resounds as well with avowed progressives as Democrat **Steve Mulroy**, a bona fide leader not only with the aforesaid equal rights initiative but on behalf of such other causes as Living Wage and Prevailing Wage ordinances.

A swing vote on many partisan issues, he is also an accomplished debater whose vocation as law professor at the University of Memphis has helped arm him with many a defining legal argument in he course of rhetorical battle.

Mulroy is opposed in the Democratic primary by **Jennings Bernard**, a local broadcaster whose political luster has been considerably dimmed by the frequency of his many election efforts over the years.

A Republican candidate, physician **Rolando Toyos**, also has filed for the District 5 seat, in tacit acknowledgement of the swing status of a district which was previously held by Republican **Bruce Thompson**.