

## Senator Apodaca's Resignation Opens Door For Return As Lobbyist

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Senate Rules Chairman Tom Apodaca resigned his Senate seat Friday, a few months before his term officially ends. The resignation opens the door for Apodaca, a Hendersonville Republican, to return to the General Assembly in January as a lobbyist.

A six-month “cooling off period” is required for lawmakers who become lobbyists.

Apodaca is one of the state’s most powerful lawmakers, and he announced last year he wouldn’t seek another term.