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Jindal picks as Angelle lieutenant governor

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Louisiana Department of Natural resources Secretary Scott Angelle, right, speaks with reporters Monday morning after Gov. Bobby Jindal, left, announced Angelle as his pick to serve as Lieutenant Governor.

Gov. Bobby Jindal on Monday morning nominated state Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle to the soon-to-be-vacant lieutenant governor's job.

Angelle must be confirmed by a majority of the Louisiana House and Senate.

Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu steps down in May when he becomes mayor of New Orleans.

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Jindal said Angelle will not run for the job.

Angelle is a Democrat while Jindal is Republican.

Angelle will step down from the DNR secretary's job but continue to serve as a legislative liaison for the governor "in an unpaid, part-time capacity," Jindal said.

DNR undersecretary Robert Harper will step into the secretary's job while Angelle serves as lieutenant governor, Jindal said.

Jindal said Angelle will bring "a wealth of knowledge" to the position. He said House and Senate leadership are "very supportive and very positive" about Angelle's nomination.

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