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**Colyer Picked As Brownback Running Mate**  
Conservative state Sen. Jeff Colyer is the

running mate for Kansas Republican gubernatorial candidate Sam Brownback.

Brownback announced his choice of Colyer for lieutenant governor on his Twitter site Tuesday morning.

Colyer, a surgeon from Overland Park, has become a leading spokesman in the Legislature for conservative Republicans on health care issues.

Brownback was kicking off a two-day, eight-city tour of the state Tuesday to introduce Colyer to potential voters. The pair is expected to file for office with the secretary of state's office in Topeka later Tuesday.

In the Aug. 3 primary, Brownback faces Derby resident Joan Heffington, a former home builder. The leading Democratic candidate is state Sen. Tom Holland, of Baldwin City.

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