

# **STATE BOARD ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**

**ALBANY, NY--(5/1/99)--**Neil W. Kelleher of Troy became chairman of the New York State Board of Elections today. Mr. Kelleher, a Republican, was appointed to the bi-partisan board by Governor George Pataki on December 1, 1997 and had been serving as vice-chair of the board.

Mr. Kelleher, a former Troy city councilman and mayor, was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1966 and served there for 26 years. Mr. Kelleher served as chairman of the Troy Housing Authority immediately prior to being appointed to the board.

Mr. Kelleher, a well known political figure in the capitol district, served in several leadership posts for the republican conference in the Assembly until his retirement in 1992 and has been a member of many service and charitable organizations. Mr. Kelleher is a United States Navy combat veteran, having served in the South Pacific during WWII.