

Thorup named judge by governor; Krieger will run for judgeship

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State Sen. Stanley Thorup, DFL-Coon Rapids, was named a judge of the Anoka County Court Wednesday by Gov. Wendell Anderson.

Thorup, 45, a senator since 1970, will resign his Senate seat Friday to accept the appointment. The judgeship became available when a fifth seat on the county court bench was created by the Anoka County Board.

Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Harold Krieger, R-Rochester, announced that he will file to run for judge in Olmsted County, the incumbent judge, Thomas Scanlan, plans to retire at the end of his current term.

Krieger, 48, has been a senator since 1962 and leader of the Republican



Stanley Thorup

minority since 1972. He is former chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

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in Thorup's Senate term will be filled in a special election during this year's statewide elections. The primary will be Sept. 10 and the general election Nov. 5.

Thorup was a municipal judge in Blaine from 1962 to 1968 and is a past president of the Minnesota Municipal Judges Association.

As a senator, Thorup was an outspoken critic of the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion decision. He sponsored a bill passed this year that appears to restrict abortions more severely than permitted by the U.S. Supreme Court. The law now is being challenged in the courts.

Krieger unsuccessfully sought the Republican endorsement for lieutenant governor in 1970.

Since becoming Senate minority leader, Krieger has been criticized by fellow Republicans for devoting too much time to his law practice in Rochester. His election to a judgeship would clear the way for the selection of a new caucus leader.

Judges of county court receive \$27,500 to \$29,000 a year, depending on the size of the county. Legislators earn \$8,400 a year, plus \$3,000 to \$5,000 in expense pay.

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