

New judge to be named by July 4

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The governor's office hopes to have former Oakland County Circuit Judge Alice Gilbert's gavel in new hands by July 4, according to Lucille Taylor, legal counsel to the governor.

Gilbert resigned from the Court earlier this month to vie for retiring U.S. Rep. William Broomfield's 11th District seat.

The State Bar Association is accepting applications for Gilbert's position until June 1, will conduct

interviews June 26 and hopes to announce Gilbert's replacement by Independence Day, Taylor said. The week between the interviews and the announcement will be devoted to reviewing candidates' history and court records.

Taylor said the haste to appoint the new judge reflects the heavy demand placed upon the court system.

"I've had some conversations with the court and with Judge Gilbert, and we're interested in filling this position as soon as possible,"

considering the needs of the court," Taylor said.

Gilbert was required to stop hearing cases when she announced her candidacy.

Her docket has been placed on hold during the search, according to Oakland County Circuit Court officials.

Officials said they hope to have a visiting judge to handle Judge Gilbert's cases until Governor Engler makes his appointment.

The court has only two minimum requirements for applicants: that

the candidate have been certified to practice law for five years and be an Oakland district.

It's up to those who seek the job to make their desire known to the state bar and that's fine with the governor.

"The governor feels that a self-nomination process is appropriate to the trial court system," Taylor said.

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