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Hilyer running for Supreme Court

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Former King County Superior Court Judge Bruce Hilyer is running for the state Supreme Court seat being vacated by Justice James M. Johnson's retirement at the end of the month.

Johnson announced [his retirement](#) last month, citing health concerns. Considered the court's most conservative member, Johnson was not due up for reelection until 2016.

Gov. Jay Inslee is expected to appoint a replacement for Johnson until the November election to fill out the remainder of Johnson's term.

Hilyer said in an interview Thursday he is seeking the gubernatorial appointment as well as making plans to run in November. He filed campaign-committee paper work this week with the state Public Disclosure Commission.

"I have the qualifications and experience to serve the public with distinction," he said.

Hilyer was appointed to the King County Superior Court by Governor Gary Locke in 2000 and served until 2013.

In 2012, Hilyer ran for the state Supreme Court position vacated by the retirement of Justice Tom Chambers, who [died](#) last year. Hilyer placed third in the primary and [Sheryl Gordon McCloud](#) was elected to the seat by defeating former Justice Richard Sanders in the general election.