

Malkus to leave Senate

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Maryland Sen. Frederick C. Malkus Jr. is stepping down after 48 years in the legislature.

Mr. Malkus, 79, said that he will not run for re-election in 1994 and is quitting his law practice in Cambridge to write a book about politics.

"It will be about the changes I've seen," Mr. Malkus, who has been Senate President Pro Tem since 1975, told *The (Easton) Star Democrat* last week.

"You don't run for as many years as I have if you don't enjoy it. But I'll be 81, and I've got a respiratory problem," said Mr. Malkus. "God's been good to me to let me stay here so long."

Mr. Malkus became a member of the House of Delegates in 1947. He won a seat in the Senate in 1950 and has never lost a re-election campaign.

Mr. Malkus became chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee in 1955. He lost the chairmanship in 1967, shortly after the state formed districts for senators based on population, instead of allowing each county to have its own senator.

When the Supreme Court mandated equal representation for each citizen, the one-man-one-vote system curtailed the power of Eastern Shore senators.

"We used to have nine senators from the Eastern Shore," said Mr. Malkus, recalling the days when senators from the Eastern Shore, and Western and Southern Maryland banded together to form a political coalition.

Mr. Malkus said his book also will show how the State House has changed over the years.