

Top vote-getter Robert Bell says he's no politician

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Supreme Bench Judge Robert M. Bell, who streaked to victory atop the final five-person judicial slate, says that he is glad the politicking required to retain his position is over, but believes that it all was worth it.

"I'm not a politician as politicians go, but the only way I know

how to do anything is work at it," he said. My initial reaction is to say that I'm not one who's cut out for it, (politics)."

Bell amassed over 100,000 votes, but says the basic reason for his strong showing was his ability to communicate with people, not to be a good politician.

"I like people. My politics have always been based on my respect for people. They're what I like, what I am about, and they also respond to a qualified person," he commented.

When asked if he plans to cut down on his hectic schedule of personal appearances in the community, Bell said that such activity has always been one of his priorities. **AFRO-AMERICAN**

"I have always been involved in community activities," said Bell. "All people have to do to get me to come anywhere is just ask. Although I had to step it up, (during the campaign), it's not anything I didn't do before."

In the wake of his stunning victory, some observers feel that Bell's votegetting ability could be translated into a shot for a citywide office in 1983, but Bell scuttled any such talk.

"I ran for this position because I am a judge," he pointed out.

"I am a judge, and it's my thought that I would like to remain a judge.

I'm not thinking about any other position but this one."

"The one thing I am most concerned with," said Bell as the interview concluded, "is letting everybody know that I am really very thankful for their support. I just hope that I am able to perform my duties in a manner that will bring pride to and reflect credit on them. **NOV 15 1980**