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Judge Goudy announces plans to retire Aug. 1

*He has spent
18 years on bench*

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Anne Arundel Circuit Judge H. Chester Goudy Jr. has announced that he will resign effective Aug. 1.

Judge Goudy, 60, of Severna Park said yesterday that he had notified Gov. Parris N. Glendening in a letter he mailed Friday.

Judge Goudy said he has no specific plans for retirement but that after 18 years, he feels it is the right time to leave the bench.

"It's been a great experience, but what I really need is a six-month sabbatical, and there's no way to get

one in this job," he said.

He said he intends to remain active professionally, possibly by opening a private law practice.

"I'm not going to be out fishing every day," he said. "I think of it as resigning, not retiring."

Gov. Blair Lee appointed Judge Goudy to the \$91,700-a-year post in 1977.

Judge Goudy ran unopposed in 1978 and 1994.

He was a deputy state's attorney for Anne Arundel County from 1965 to 1970 and practiced law, with an office in Glen Burnie, from 1970 to 1977.

Born in Baltimore, he attended Towson High School for two years before graduating from the Severn

School. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland and the University of Maryland Law School.

A former lacrosse player at the University of Maryland, he is a private pilot and has three children and 12 grandchildren.

He fishes from a boat he keeps near his home on the Magothy River.

Mr. Glendening is expected to name a replacement from a list of finalists selected by the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission, a 13-member group appointed by the governor and the Anne Arundel County Bar Association.