Acting Md. Chief Judge Named

Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening has named Judge John C. Eldridge to serve as acting chief judge of the Court of Appeals while he contemplates a permanent replacement for retiring Judge Robert C. Murphy.

Eldridge, the senior member of Maryland's highest court, has served on the court since 1974. Murphy has reached the mandatory retirement age of 70, but Glendening said he was still reviewing the possible replacements.