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## Getty hired for Ehrlich campaign

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Although he is not running for a third term in the House of Delegates, Joseph M. Getty has plenty to keep himself busy this political season.

The Manchester Republican has taken the job of statewide political director for Robert L. Ehrlich Jr.'s gubernatorial campaign.

"I will be dealing with the nuts and bolts of campaign management," said Getty, 50, an attorney who maintains an office in Hampstead.

Each county campaign director will report to Getty, who said he "will provide support and implement campaign techniques."

Sen. Larry E. Haines, leader of Carroll's legislative delegation, said Ehrlich made a good decision when he offered Getty a job.

"Joe is a real strategist and he knows how to plan," said Haines. "He will be a real asset to the campaign."

The work will vary from one county to the next, depending on the gubernatorial hopeful's strengths and weaknesses in a particular area, Getty said. He will encourage county directors to organize phone banks, post political signs, go door to door and organize get-out-the-vote activities.

Getty said he expects an exacting campaign. He will travel with Ehrlich to many events, represent the candidate at others and speak to groups on his behalf, Getty said.

"Bob Ehrlich is positioned very strongly for this race," the delegate said. "The polls are tracking to his advantage."

Ehrlich is opposed by perennial candidate Dr. Ross Z. Pierpont in the primary election Sept. 10. If Ehrlich defeats his likely Democratic opponent in the general election Nov. 5, Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Getty said he probably would be in line for a job in the new administration.

"The opportunity would be there, but I would have to decide based on time commitment and travel," said Getty, a husband and father of six.

Getty also intends to run for a seat on the Carroll County Republican Central Committee, where he was a member from 1985 through 1992. The filing deadline for local candidates is Monday.

"I have looked at who is filing and I think the central committee is still short," he said. "I will probably run. I have always liked working on the organizational side of politics."

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