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Maryland Secretary of State Lorraine Sheehan, who was not asked to stay on by Gov. William Donald Schaefer when her term expired last week, has resigned from her position. No replacement has been named.

The \$ 55,000-a-year secretary of state's job, a political and largely ceremonial plum, has been sought by a number of involuntarily retired public officials in recent weeks, including former Prince George's County executive Winfield M. Kelly Jr.

Sheehan, who supported Schaefer's Democratic gubernatorial opponent Stephen H. Sachs, has been taking compensatory time off in recent weeks and did not expect to be reappointed.

Kelly, who has expressed interest in the job, and former Baltimore state senator Harry McGuirk, who said last week that he had not been offered the position, have been the names mentioned most recently by State House observers as being in line to succeed Sheehan.