

Threlkeld Plans to Run for County Treasurer

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State Rep. Kevin Threlkeld confirmed Monday that he will run for Franklin County treasurer in the August primary election.

The Washington Republican is completing his third two-year term as representative of the 109th Missouri House District which includes parts of Franklin and St. Charles counties.

Late last year, Threlkeld said he would not be seeking a fourth and final term as the 109th District representative and instead would run for a countywide office. At that time, Threlkeld did not indicate which county office he would seek.

Threlkeld said he recently converted his state campaign committee into a county campaign committee.

"I've had an interest in the treasurer position for some time and prefer not to wait until it's on the ballot again in 2012," Threlkeld said in a prepared statement. "If the voters agree, I'm looking forward to coming home from Jefferson City and serving the people of Franklin County locally."

Threlkeld cited his experience in state government, especially as a member of the Local Government Committee, would be invaluable as a county official. "I've had a hand in shaping the laws that guide county functions," he noted. "In addition to maximizing the investment returns of our county funds, I would anticipate utilizing that experience to work with the county commission on any special projects that would benefit the citizens of Franklin County. It will be a robust office," Threlkeld said.

He said he would make communication a key component of the treasurer's office, noting that he currently participates in a monthly radio program as state representative and speaks to various groups around the county on different issues. He said he would hope to continue that as treasurer.

"It would be my plan to have a continuous public dialogue with Franklin countians regarding their taxpayer dollars. If elected, I'll make sure our citizens know the financial status of the county."

Threlkeld currently serves on the Local Government and Ways and Means committees and on a Special Committee on Energy and the Environment.

Threlkeld defeated Democrat Gene Scott, former Franklin County presiding commissioner, in 2002 to win his first House term.

In August 2004, Threlkeld won a primary race against Marc Perez and ran unopposed in the November election that year. He was unopposed in 2006.

Under Missouri's term limit laws, Threlkeld was eligible to serve one more two-year term in the House.