

Ralph Perdue Withdraws from Race for Political Office

Surprising everyone who knows him well, Ralph Perdue withdrew from the race for political office last Monday.

"When I came in from Nome Saturday night, Ralph told me he wanted to see me about something," said Secretary of State Hugh J. Wade. "This morning (Monday), he gave me his letter of resignation."

Perdue had filed for office for House of Representatives from District 16 and had been given better than an even chance for election.

In his letter of withdrawal dated July 10, Perdue wrote:

"As of this date I request that my name be withdrawn from the ballot as a candidate for the office of State Representative from Election District 16 on the Republican ticket.

"I find the pressures of business will not allow me to run at this particular time.

"I want to thank you for all the courtesies extended me and hope that I might throw my hat in the next time."