

Hohman files, to rely on bush votes

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Senator George Hohman (D-Bethel) formally announced his candidacy for the Lieutenant Governor's seat in a speech delivered at the Kuskokwim Community College graduation.

Hohman currently chairs three legislative committees, including a new Senate panel on the permanent fund. He is one of three Democrats who abandoned their caucuses last year to support a Republican coalition leadership in the Senate.

The senator said that he expects that there will be at least 14 other candidates for the lieutenant governor's post. He stressed that he is the only candidate from a rural background and said that he believes that a block of strong rural support would be enough to swing the

election for him.

Hohman added that he feels that he could work well with any one of the Democratic candidates who have announced for the governor's office. He said that he has worked successfully with Chancy Croft, Ed Merdes, and Jalmar Kerttula in the Legislature.