

Lawmaker's aide eyes Select Board

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SOUTH HADLEY – With more than three months to go before the town's April 7 municipal election, Robert G. Judge, the aide to State Rep. John W. Scibak, D-South Hadley, has taken out nomination papers for selectman.

Judge, who took out the papers on Friday, according to Town Clerk-Treasurer Judith

E. Barthelette, is the first resident to do so for the Select Board. The three-year terms of Selectman Richard A. Constant and Carlene C. Hamlin will expire in April.

The position pays \$2,000 a year.

Judge said this week that he will definitely follow through on his plans to run for selectman.

"I feel that people who have ideas should run for office and

try to make a contribution," he said.

Judge, who chairs the Historical Commission, is a former chairman of the Personnel Board and a former associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

He has worked in personnel for most of his career, including many years with the Behavioral Health Network of Springfield.

Judge, 56, lives at 180 North

Main St. with his wife, Brenda L. Mathieu.

Feb. 11 is the deadline for candidates for major municipal offices to return papers with the signatures of 50 voters. Residents seeking berths as Town Meeting members need only submit the signatures of 10 voters.

Board of Assessors member David E. Hutchinson has also taken out nomination papers, but to run for re-election.