

Rep. Ed Brooks won't seek re-election

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GOP state Rep. Ed Brooks, of Reedsburg, announced today he will not seek re-election, citing his health.

Brooks' office said in a statement recent tests "indicated he needs to maintain control over the leukemia that he battled into remission last year."

"I've been humbled and honored to represent the good citizens from the best Assembly district in Wisconsin for 10 years," Brooks said. "All I can say to describe my experience is that it has been awesome!"

Brooks, 75, was elected to the Assembly in 2008 and has been a regular Dem target, though he won re-election in 2016 with 57.8 percent of the vote. He announced almost a year ago that he had been diagnosed with leukemia saying in a statement he planned to "fight it every step of the way."

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Brooks is 14th member of the chamber to decide against seeking re-election this fall. Seven members have announced plans to retire without seeking another office; five are running for another office; one has already won a local office and resigned; and one joined the Walker administration.