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Newton Won't Seek House Post, He Says

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NEW PORT RICHEY -Miller Newton, Pasco County circuit clerk, said Thursday he does not intend to be a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives this year.

Newton said he is planning to seek election to the clerk's office unless he is "pressed" into making the race for the Congressional District post now held by U.S. Rep. Bill B. Gunter, D-Orlando.

Newton lost the Democratic primary to Gunter last year in his first bid for public office. He was appointed to the

clerk's post in May after the resignation of long-time clerk Stanley Burnside.

Newton told the Pasco Times he believes he has an obligation to continue clerk.

A former University of South Florida education professor, Newton has been reorganizing and modernizing the clerk's office since his appointment.

Speculation over his candidacy has arisen since Gunter began indicating that he may leave his seat to seek the U.S. Senate post now held by U.S.



MILLER NEWTON ... Circuit Court clerk.

Sen. Edward Gurney, R-Fla. Pasco-Pinellas Circuit Judge Richard Kelly reportedly is considering a race for Congress if Gunter decides to go for the Senate.

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