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New Candidate For Governor of Missouri

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Missouri Auditor Tom Schweich says he is running for governor in 2016.

Schweich announced his candidacy Wednesday at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. It sets up the potential for a high-profile Republican primary against Catherine Hanaway, a former Missouri House speaker and U.S. attorney.

Schweich has been auditor since 2011 and was elected to another four-year term in November. He can run for governor without giving up his current job.

Democratic incumbent Governor Jay Nixon is prohibited by term limits from seeking re-election.

Hanaway declared her candidacy a year ago.

Attorney General Chris Koster is the only Democrat campaigning for governor.

Others could still join the race before the official candidacy filing period starts next year.

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