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Senate Joint Resolution No. \_\_\_\_

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article V of the State Constitution, relating to eligibility for judicial office, to increase the age beyond which a justice or judge may not serve, except on temporary assignment or to complete a term, from 70 to 75.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 8 of Article V of the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE V  
JUDICIARY

SECTION 8. Eligibility.--No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy-five ~~seventy~~ years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served. No person is eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless the person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of circuit judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no

1 person is eligible for the office of county court judge unless  
2 the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a  
3 member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by  
4 general law, a person shall be eligible for election or  
5 appointment to the office of county court judge in a county  
6 having a population of 40,000 or less if the person is a  
7 member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
9 placed on the ballot:

10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

11 ARTICLE V, SECTION 8

12 RETIREMENT AGE; JUSTICES AND JUDGES.--Proposing an  
13 amendment to the State Constitution to raise the mandatory  
14 retirement age for justices and judges from 70 to 75.

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