

1 House Joint Resolution

2 A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8  
 3 of Article V of the State Constitution to increase the  
 4 age after which a justice or judge may no longer serve  
 5 in a judicial office.

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

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

14 ARTICLE V

15 JUDICIARY

16 SECTION 8. Eligibility.—A ~~No~~ person is not ~~shall be~~  
 17 eligible for the office of justice or judge of any court unless  
 18 the person is an elector of the state and resides in the  
 19 territorial jurisdiction of the court. A ~~No~~ justice or judge may  
 20 not ~~shall~~ serve after attaining the age of seventy-five ~~seventy~~  
 21 years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term,  
 22 one-half of which has been served. A ~~No~~ person is not eligible  
 23 for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a  
 24 district court of appeal unless the person is, and has been for  
 25 the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. A ~~No~~  
 26 person is not eligible for the office of circuit judge unless  
 27 the person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a  
 28 member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by

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29 | general law, a ~~no~~ person is not eligible for the office of  
30 | county court judge unless the person is, and has been for the  
31 | preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless  
32 | otherwise provided by general law, a person is ~~shall be~~ eligible  
33 | for election or appointment to the office of county court judge  
34 | in a county having a population of 40,000 or fewer ~~less~~ if the  
35 | person is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

## ARTICLE V, SECTION 8

38 | REVISING AGE LIMITS FOR JUDGES AND JUSTICES.—The State  
39 | Constitution currently prohibits a justice or judge from serving  
40 | in a judicial office after attaining the age of 70 years except  
41 | upon temporary assignment or to complete a judicial term, if  
42 | one-half of the term has been served. This proposed amendment  
43 | increases the age after which a justice or judge may no longer  
44 | serve to 75 years of age. However, a justice or judge who has  
45 | attained the age of 75 years may continue to serve upon  
46 | temporary assignment or to complete a judicial term.