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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Ring moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with ballot and title amendments)

Delete lines 27 - 48

and insert:

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 in good standing 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 person is eligible for the office of county~~
~~court judge unless the person is, and has been for the preceding~~
~~five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise~~



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14 ~~provided by general law, a person shall be eligible for election~~
15 ~~or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county~~
16 ~~having a population of 40,000 or less if the person is a member~~
17 ~~in good standing of the bar of Florida.~~

18 ARTICLE XII

19 SCHEDULE

20 Eligibility of justices and judges.—The amendments to
21 Section 8 of Article V changing the bar membership requirements
22 for justices and judges and changing the age after which a
23 justice or judge is no longer eligible for the office of justice
24 or judge of any court except upon temporary assignment or to
25 complete a term, and this section, shall take effect January 1,
26 2013, and apply to justices and judges elected or appointed on
27 or after that date.

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29 ===== B A L L O T S T A T E M E N T A M E N D M E N T =====
30 And the ballot statement is amended as follows:

31 Delete lines 51 - 61
32 and insert:

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



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43 effect January 1, 2013, and applies to justices and judges
44 elected or appointed on or after that date.

45 The State Constitution currently requires that justices of
46 the Supreme Court and judges of the district courts of appeal be
47 members of The Florida Bar for the 10 years preceding taking
48 office and that judges of circuit and county courts be members
49 of The Florida Bar for the 5 years preceding taking office.
50 Currently, county judges in counties that have a population of
51 40,000 or fewer are exempt from this requirement, but are
52 required to be members in good standing of The Florida Bar. This
53 proposed amendment requires justices and all judges to be
54 members in good standing of The Florida Bar for the 10 years
55 before taking office. This proposed amendment takes effect
56 January 1, 2013, and applies to justices and judges elected or
57 appointed on or after that date.

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59 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete line 6

62 and insert:

63 in a judicial office, to require a justice or judge to
64 have been a member in good standing of The Florida Bar
65 for 10 years, to provide for the amendments to