

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUDGES: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the mandatory retirement of judges

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to remove the age limitation for judges to serve in the office of judge and to provide that a judge shall not remain in office after reaching one hundred percent of his final average compensation; to provide for applicability; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§23. Judges; Retirement

Section 23.

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(B) Mandatory Retirement. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a judge shall not remain in office beyond ~~his seventieth birthday~~ the date he attains one hundred percent of his final average compensation from the judicial retirement system. A judge who ~~attains seventy years of age~~ becomes eligible to receive one hundred percent of his final average compensation from the judicial retirement system while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

1 (2) The provisions of this Paragraph shall apply to all judges sworn in to the
2 office of judge on or after January 1,1997.

3 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
4 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
5 2026, or at a statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

6 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
7 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
8 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
9 follows:

10 Do you support an amendment to remove the age limitation for judges to
11 serve in the office of judge and to provide that a judge sworn in to the office
12 of judge on or after January 1,1997, shall not remain in office after reaching
13 his maximum retirement compensation? (Amends Article V, Section 23(B))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the age limitation for judges to serve in the office of judge and provides that a judge shall not remain in office after reaching his maximum retirement compensation.

Present constitution provides that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his 70th birthday, but also provides that he may remain in office until the completion of his term if he attains 70 years of age while serving a term of office.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes the present constitution age limitation and provides that a judge shall not remain in office after reaching his maximum retirement compensation.

Proposed constitutional amendment applies to all judges sworn in to the office of judge on or after Jan. 1,1997.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026, or at a statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §23(B))