## **DIGEST**

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HB 1 Original

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**Abstract:** Changes the composition of the supreme court <u>from</u> six associate justices <u>to</u> eight associate justices and the number of districts <u>from</u> a minimum of six <u>to</u> nine.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the supreme court shall be composed of a chief justice and six associate justices, four of whom must concur to render judgment.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> changes the number of associate justices <u>from</u> six <u>to</u> eight, and increases <u>from</u> four <u>to</u> five the number of justices who must concur to render judgment.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the state shall be divided into at least six supreme court districts, and at least one justice shall be elected from each.

Proposed constitutional amendment increases the number of supreme court districts to nine.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §§3 and 4)