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## DIGEST

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HB 203 Original

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Jackson

**Abstract:** Prohibits the denial of the right to hold public office or public employment based on age, provides for the removal of the mandatory retirement age for all judges, and authorizes the legislature to require judicial candidates reaching the age of 70 years to submit to a review by the Judiciary Commission.

Present constitution requires that no judge may remain in office beyond his 70th birthday. This provision allows a judge to complete the current term if he attains 70 years of age while in office.

Proposed constitutional amendment repeals the mandatory retirement age of judges and authorizes the submission of judges who reach the age of 70 years while in office to a review by the Judiciary Commission.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that no person shall be denied the right to hold public office or public employment solely on account of age.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 6, 2018.

(Amends Article V, §23(B); Adds Article X, §31)