
DIGEST

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HB 203 Reengrossed

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Jackson

Abstract: Prohibits the denial of the right to hold public office or public employment based on age and provides for the removal of the mandatory retirement age for all judges.

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.

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; Adds Article X, §31)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Remove the requirement that judges over the age of 70 submit to a review conducted by the Judiciary Commission.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill:

1. Add technical amendments.