

1 the effective date of this constitution shall not be diminished, nor shall the benefits
2 to which a surviving spouse is entitled be reduced.

3 ~~(B) Mandatory Retirement. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a~~
4 ~~judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventieth birthday. A judge who attains~~
5 ~~seventy years of age while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that~~
6 ~~term of office.~~

7 Section 2. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
8 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
9 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add
10 Article X, Section 31 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

11 §31. Public office or employment; age

12 Section 31. No person shall be denied the right to hold public office or public
13 employment based solely on age.

14 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
15 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 12,
16 2019.

17 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
18 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
19 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
20 follows:

21 Do you support an amendment to remove the mandatory retirement age for
22 judges and to prohibit a mandatory retirement age for public office holders
23 and public employees? (Effective January 1, 2020) (Amends Article V,
24 Section 23; Adds Article X, Section 31)

DIGEST

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HB 178 Reengrossed

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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 based solely on age.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Oct. 12, 2019.

(Amends Const. Article V, §23; Adds Const. 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 term "solely" from the ballot language.

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

1. Change the ballot language to reflect the removal of the existing mandatory retirement age for judges and to specify the prohibition of a mandatory retirement age for public office holders and public employees.