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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Matt DeVille.

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DIGEST

SB 5 Engrossed

2024 First Extraordinary Session

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Present constitution provides the supreme court to be comprised of seven justices. Provides that the state will be divided into at least six supreme court election districts, and that at least one judge shall be elected from each district. Provides that on the effective date of the constitution, the districts and the number of justices assigned to each district will be retained, but will be subject to change by a law that is enacted by a 2/3s vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Proposed constitutional amendment removes the six election district minimum requirement and provides that beginning January 1, 2025, present law districts be retained as residency requirement and each justice be elected by a statewide vote. Also, retains present constitution requirement that a change in the districts or number of justices must be enacted by law by a 2/3s vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2025, and applies to all elections for the office of supreme court justice occurring on and after that date.

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 4)