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DIGEST

SB 86 Engrossed 2025 Regular Session Barrow

Present constitution requires that no judge may remain in office beyond that judge's 70th birthday.

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.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides for an effective date of January 1, 2027.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. V, Sec. 23)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the original bill

1. Removes proposed constitutional amendment language that no person shall be denied the right to hold public office or public employment based solely on age.
2. Changes the statewide election date for the proposed constitutional amendment to repeal the mandatory retirement age of judges from November 15, 2025 to November 3, 2026.
3. Removes public employees from the proposed ballot language.
4. Changes the effective date from January 1, 2026 to January 1, 2027.
5. Makes technical changes.