

House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 8 of Article V and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution to create term limits for Supreme Court justices and judges of the district courts of appeal; limiting applicability to justices and judges appointed after the effective date of the amendment.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the following amendment to Section 8 of Article V and the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State Constitution are agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically authorized by law for that purpose:

ARTICLE V

JUDICIARY

SECTION 8. Eligibility.—

(a) No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy years except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been served.

53 and judges appointed to office after the effective date of the
54 amendment.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
56 placed on the ballot:

57 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

58 ARTICLE V, SECTION 8

59 ARTICLE XII

60 TERM LIMITS FOR APPELLATE COURTS.—Proposing an amendment to
61 the State Constitution to limit the terms of Supreme Court
62 justices and judges of the district courts of appeal. They
63 currently serve unlimited 6-year terms, if retained, until age
64 70 or beyond that age, if less than one-half of a term remains
65 at age 70. The amendment limits them to two full terms, with
66 partial terms not counting toward the limits. The amendment does
67 not apply to current justices and judges.