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HB No. 13

Abstract: Provides for the qualifications of office for a judge of the supreme court, court of appeal, district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction.

Present constitution requires that a judge of the supreme court, a court of appeal, district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction has been admitted to the practice of law in the state of La. for at least five years prior to his election.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the qualifications necessary to run for judicial office require that a person shall have been admitted to the practice of law for at least the number of years specified as follows:

- (1) For a parish, municipal, or traffic court - 5 years
- (2) For a family, drug, juvenile, or district court - 8 years
- (3) For a court of appeals - 10 years
- (4) For the supreme court - 10 years

Present constitution requires a judge to have been domiciled in his district, circuit, or parish for the two years preceding his election and prohibits a judge from practicing law.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the requirement as to domicile in a district, circuit, or parish from two years to one year preceding his election.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 7, 2006.

Effective Jan. 1, 2007. Applicable to any person qualifying for election to the office of judge or who is elected on or after Jan. 1, 2007.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §24)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill.

1. Provides for the length of time a person must have been admitted to practice law in the state before being elected as a judge on certain courts.
2. Changes the requirement of domicile in a district, circuit, or parish from two years to one year preceding his election.