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HB No. 13

(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

JUDGES. (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for the qualifications of office for judges.

DIGEST

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

Proposed constitutional amendment increases such time requirement to ten 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 September 30, 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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary A to the re-engrossed bill.

1. Increases the length of time a person must have been admitted to practice law in the state before being elected as a judge to any court from five years to ten years.
2. Changes the date of the submission of the proposed amendment to the voters from November 7, 2006 to September 30, 2006.