

Regular Session, 2006

ACT No. 860

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREENE AND TOOMY

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for the qualifications of office for judges; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide for an effective date; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article V, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§24. Judges; Qualifications

Section 24.(A) A judge of the supreme court, a court of appeal, district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction shall have been ~~admitted to the practice of law in this state for at least five years prior to his election and shall have been~~ domiciled in the respective district, circuit, or parish for ~~the two years~~ one year preceding election and shall have been admitted to the practice of law in the state for at least the number of years specified as follows:

- (1) For the supreme court or a court of appeals - ten years.
- (2) For a district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction - eight years.

(B) He shall not practice law.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on September 30, 2006.

1 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
3 to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall
4 read as follows:

5 To provide that a person shall have been admitted to the practice of law for
6 ten years preceding election to the supreme court or a court of appeals and
7 for eight years preceding election to a district court, family court, parish
8 court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction; and to decrease the
9 requirement that a person be domiciled in the respective district, circuit, or
10 parish from two years to one year preceding election. Effective January 1,
11 2008, and applicable to any person who is elected to the office of judge on
12 and after January 1, 2008. (Amends Article V, Section 24)

13 Section 4. Be it further resolved that the provisions of this Amendment shall become
14 effective on January 1, 2008, and shall be applicable to any person who is elected to the
15 office of judge on and after January 1, 2008.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE