

Existing 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 the supreme court or court of appeals - 10 years.
- (2) For a family, drug, juvenile, or district court - 8 years.

Existing 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, 2008. Applicable to any person who qualifies for election to the office of judge on or after Jan. 1, 2008.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §24)