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HB 533 Original

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Wright

Abstract: Increases the number of supreme court justices, eliminates supreme court districts, and provides for the appointment of supreme court justices.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that the supreme court shall be composed of a chief justice and six associate justices, four of whom must concur to render judgment.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides for supreme court districts and the election of supreme court justices.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> increases the number of associate justices <u>from</u> six <u>to</u> eight, and increases <u>from</u> four <u>to</u> five the number of justices who must concur to render judgment.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> eliminates the supreme court districts and the election of supreme court justices.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> permits the governor to appoint supreme court justices for a term of ten years.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 5, 2024.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §§3, 21, and 22; Adds Const. Art. V, §22.1; Repeals Const. Art. V, §4))