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HB 63 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides that a judge shall not remain in office after reaching 75 years of age.

<u>Present constitution</u> provides that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his 70th birthday, but also provides that he may remain in office until the completion of his term if he attains 70 years of age while serving a term of office.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> changes the mandatory age of retirement <u>to</u> 75 <u>from</u> 70 years of age.

<u>Proposed constitutional amendment</u> applies to all judges sworn in to the office of judge on or after Jan. 1, 1997.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 3, 2026, or at a statewide election authorized by law, whichever occurs first.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §23(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Provide that a judge shall not remain in office after reaching 70 years of age and his maximum retirement compensation.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Add technical amendments.
- 2. Change the mandatory age of retirement to 75 from 70 years of age.
- 3. Remove provisions relative to attaining 100% of final average compensation from the judicial retirement system.
- 4. Make corresponding technical changes to the ballot.