

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 63

2025 Regular Session

Green

June 11, 2025

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 63 by Representative Green, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1.
- That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 through 5 by Senator Miller (#3061) be adopted.
2.
- That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 6 through 8 by Senator Miller (#3061) be rejected.
3.
- That the following amendment to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 8 through 10 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Do you support an amendment to change the mandatory retirement age for judges from seventy to seventy-five, provided that a judge may continue to serve to complete a term of office? (Amends Article V, Section 23(B))"

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Jason Hughes

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Senator Gregory A. Miller

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Representative Michael T. Johnson

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Senator Patrick Connick

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Representative Robby Carter

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Senator Alan Seabaugh

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DIGEST

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**Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

JUDGES: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to the mandatory retirement of judges

**Report adopts Senate amendments to:**

1. Remove application of provisions to judges sworn in after January 1, 1997.
2. Change the election date to April 18, 2026.

**Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:**

1. Changed the ballot language to delete the provisions referencing judges sworn in after January 1, 1997.

**Report amends the bill to:**

1. Insert ballot language to provide that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventy-fifth birthday and shall be allowed to complete his term of office.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present constitution 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.

Proposed constitutional amendment changes the mandatory age of retirement to 75 from 70 years of age.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held April 18, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §23(B))