
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 63

2025 Regular Session

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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))