Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS AND SENATOR LAFLEUR

1	A JOINT RESOLUTION
2	Proposing to amend Article V, Section 23 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to
3	judges; to remove provisions that establish an age beyond which judges shall not
4	remain in office; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to
5	electors and provide a ballot proposition.
6	Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7	elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for
8	their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article V,
9	Section 23 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
10	§23. Judges; Retirement
11	Section 23. (A) Retirement System. Within two years after the effective date
12	of this constitution, the legislature shall provide for a retirement system for judges
13	which shall apply to a judge taking office after the effective date of the law enacting
14	the system and in which a judge in office at that time may elect to become a member,
15	with credit for all prior years of judicial service and without contribution therefor.
16	The retirement benefits and judicial service rights of a judge in office or retired on
17	the effective date of this constitution shall not be diminished, nor shall the benefits
18	to which a surviving spouse is entitled be reduced.
19	(B) Mandatory Retirement. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a
20	judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventieth birthday. A judge who attains
21	seventy years of age while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that
22	term of office.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
2014.
Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election
there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
follows:
Do you support an amendment to remove the constitutional requirement that

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a judge retire upon attaining the age of seventy or, if his seventieth birthday

occurs during his term, that he retire upon completion of that term? (Amends

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Article V, Section 23)