A proposal to revise

ARTICLE V, s. 8, Fla. Const.; raising the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges; eliminating the provision that a justice or judge reaching mandatory retirement age may serve out a term already half served.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 8 of Article V of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE V

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SECTION 8. Eligibility.--No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge of any court unless such person is an elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the respective court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy-two except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which he has served. No person is eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless such person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of circuit judge unless such person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person is eligible for the office of county court judge unless such person is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be

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eligible for election or appointment to the office of county court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or fewer less if such person he is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

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