Proposal No. 67

By Commissioner Wetherington

A proposal to revise
ARTICLE V, s. 8, Fla. Const., and to create
ARTICLE XII, s. 21, Fla. Const.; providing for
an increase in the length of membership in the
Florida bar which is required of a candidate
for the office of circuit judge or county
judge; providing that a circuit judge or county
judge who is in office when this amendment
takes effect retains eligibility to serve in
that office.

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
JUDICIARY
SECTION 8. Eligibility.--No person shall be eligible
for office of justice or judge of any court unless the 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 years except
upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half of
which the justice or judge has served. No person is
eligible for the office of justice of the supreme court,
judge of a district court of appeal, or judge of the circuit
court unless the 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 he is, and has
been for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of

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Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person
is eligible for the office of county court judge unless the
person he is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a
member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by
general law, a person shall be eligible for election or
appointment to the office of county court judge in a county
having a population of 40,000 or less if the person he is a
member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

Section 2. Article XII of the Florida Constitution is
revised by adding section 21 to that article to read:

ARTICLE V

JUDICIARY

SECTION 21. Circuit and county judges.--Any circuit
court judge or county court judge who is in office on the date
that the amendment to Section 8 of Article V takes effect,
relating to Florida bar membership of 10 years for any such
judge, is eligible to qualify and continue to serve in that
office.

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