

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVES GREEN AND HUGHES

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the mandatory retirement of judges; to provide that a judge shall not remain in office beyond his seventy-fifth birthday; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article V, Section 23(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§23. Judges; Retirement

Section 23.

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(B) Mandatory Retirement. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, a judge shall not remain in office beyond his ~~seventieth birthday~~ seventy-fifth birthday. A judge who attains seventy-five years of age ~~A judge who attains seventy years of age~~ while serving a term of office shall be allowed to complete that term of office.

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 April 18, 2026.

1 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
 2 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
 3 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
 4 follows:

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE