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1 A proposal to amend
2 Section 8 of Article V and create a new section in
3 Article XII of the State Constitution to increase the
4 age after which a justice or judge may no longer serve
5 in a judicial office on or after a specified date.

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7 Be It Proposed by the Constitution Revision Commission of
8 Florida:

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10 Section 8 of Article V of the State Constitution is
11 amended, and a new section is added to Article XII, to read:

12 ARTICLE V

13 JUDICIARY

14 SECTION 8. Eligibility.—No person shall be eligible for
15 office of justice or judge of any court unless the person is an
16 elector of the state and resides in the territorial jurisdiction
17 of the court. No justice or judge shall serve after attaining
18 the age of seventy-five ~~seventy~~ years except upon temporary
19 assignment or to complete a term, one-half of which has been
20 served. No person is eligible for the office of justice of the
21 supreme court or judge of a district court of appeal unless the
22 person is, and has been for the preceding ten years, a member of
23 the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for the office of
24 circuit judge unless the person is, and has been for the
25 preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida. Unless
26 otherwise provided by general law, no person is eligible for the
27 office of county court judge unless the person is, and has been
28 for the preceding five years, a member of the bar of Florida.
29 Unless otherwise provided by general law, a person shall be
30 eligible for election or appointment to the office of county
31 court judge in a county having a population of 40,000 or less if
32 the person is a member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

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ARTICLE XII
SCHEDULE

Eligibility of justices and judges.—The amendment to Section 8 of Article V increasing the age at which a justice or judge is no longer eligible to serve in judicial office, except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, shall take effect July 1, 2019.