

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION FF

November 7, 2007, Introduced by Rep. David Law and referred to the Committee on
Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 19 of article VI, to raise the retirement age of judges.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to raise the retirement age of judges, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 19. (1) The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and other courts designated as such by the legislature shall be courts of record and each shall have a common seal. Justices and judges of courts of record must be

1 persons who are licensed to practice law in this state.

2 (2) To be qualified to serve as a judge of a trial court, a
3 judge of the court of appeals, or a justice of the supreme court, a
4 person shall have been admitted to the practice of law for at least
5 5 years. This subsection shall not apply to any judge or justice
6 appointed or elected to judicial office prior to the date on which
7 this subsection becomes part of the constitution.

8 (3) No person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial
9 office after reaching the age of ~~70~~75 years.

10 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
11 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
12 in the manner provided by law.