

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION P

June 7, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Bishop, Gilbert, Faunce, Shulman, Kowall, Kuipers, Koetje, Birkholz, Ehardt, Raczkowski and Julian and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and the Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 19 of article VI, to raise the age after which a person shall not be elected or appointed to judicial office from 70 to 75 years of age.

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 age after which a person shall not be elected or appointed to judicial office from 70 to 75 years of age, 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

1 have a common seal. Justices and judges of courts of record must
2 be persons who are licensed to practice law in this state.

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

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

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