

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION U

September 03, 2020, Introduced by Rep. Chirkun and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending sections 4 and 19 of article VI, to provide an age limitation for visiting judges and to modify the age limitation for election or appointment to judicial office.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to provide an age limitation for visiting judges and to modify the age limitation for election or appointment to judicial office, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the



people of the state:

ARTICLE VI

Sec. 4. Except to the extent limited or abrogated by **section 6 of article IV, ~~section 6, or section 2 of article V, section 2, or section 19 of this article,~~** the supreme court shall have general superintending control over all courts; power to issue, hear and determine prerogative and remedial writs; and appellate jurisdiction as provided by rules of the supreme court. The supreme court shall not have the power to remove a judge.

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 persons who are licensed to practice law in this state.

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

(3) ~~No~~**A** person shall **not** be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of ~~70~~**75** years.

(4) A person shall not serve as a visiting judge of a trial court after reaching the age of 75 years.

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

