



# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION D

January 17, 1995, Introduced by Senator V. SMITH 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 establish qualifications for judicial offices.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to establish qualifications for judicial offices, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

## ARTICLE VI

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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.

1           (2) TO BE QUALIFIED TO SERVE AS A JUDGE OF A TRIAL COURT, A  
2 JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, OR A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT,  
3 A PERSON SHALL HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR AT  
4 LEAST 5 YEARS. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY JUDGE OR  
5 JUSTICE APPOINTED OR ELECTED TO JUDICIAL OFFICE PRIOR TO THE DATE  
6 ON WHICH THIS SUBSECTION BECOMES PART OF THE CONSTITUTION.

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

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