

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0009

Mandatory judicial retirement.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Zwonitzer, Dn., Berger,
Brown, Connolly, Gingery, Patton and Stubson

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to modify the mandatory retirement age for
3 supreme court justices and judges of other courts in
4 Wyoming.

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6 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
7 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
8 *separately, concurring therein:*

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
11 Constitution, Article 5, Section 5 is proposed for
12 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
13 next general election for approval or rejection to become
14 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a
15 majority of the electors at the election:

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1 **Article 5, Section 5. Retirement and compensation of**
2 **justices and judges.**

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4 Subject to the further provisions of this section, the
5 legislature shall provide for the ~~voluntary~~ retirement and
6 compensation of justices and judges of the supreme court
7 and district courts, and may do so for any other courts, on
8 account of length of service, age and disability, and for
9 their reassignment to active duty where and when needed.
10 ~~The office of every such justice and judge shall become~~
11 ~~vacant when the incumbent reaches the age of seventy (70)~~
12 ~~years, as the legislature may prescribe; but, in the case~~
13 ~~of an incumbent whose term of office includes the effective~~
14 ~~date of this amendment, this provision shall not prevent~~
15 ~~him from serving the remainder of said term nor be~~
16 ~~applicable to him before his period or periods of judicial~~
17 ~~service shall have reached a total of six (6) years.~~ The
18 legislature may also provide for benefits for dependents of
19 justices and judges.

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21 **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse
22 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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1 The adoption of this amendment would remove the
2 current mandatory retirement age of seventy (70) for
3 Wyoming supreme court justices and Wyoming judges.

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