

Issue 1

EXPLANATION

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AGE AT WHICH A PERSON MAY BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED JUDGE, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH COURTS OF CONCILIATION, AND TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A SUPREME COURT COMMISSION

Proposed by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly

To amend Section 6 of Article IV and to repeal Sections 19 and 22 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio

The Ohio Constitution currently prohibits a judge from taking office if the judge is seventy years old on or before the day the judge takes office. The proposed amendment prohibits a judge from taking office if the judge is older than seventy-five on or before the day of the election or appointment, as opposed to seventy on or before the day the judge takes office.

The proposed amendment also repeals the section of the Ohio Constitution that allows the General Assembly to establish courts of conciliation to resolve disputes if parties submitted the dispute and agreed to abide by the judgment.

Finally, the proposed amendment repeals the section of the Ohio Constitution that allows the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a five member Supreme Court Commission to assist the Court dispose of business on the Court's docket.

If approved, the amendment would take effect immediately.