

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATE CONSTITUTION

Establishing Retirement Age for Judges of Supreme and Superior Courts

TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 4, 1952

BALLOT TITLE

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6

"Shall Article IV of the Constitution be amended by adding a new section to provide that judges of the supreme court and superior courts shall retire at the age of seventy-five but permitting the legislature to prescribe a lesser age or other causes for retirement?"

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Be It Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Washington in Legislative Session assembled:

THAT, At the general election to be held on the Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday in November, 1952, there shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state for their adoption and approval, or rejection, an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Washington, by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 3(a) of Article IV, which shall read as follows:

Section 3(a). A judge of the supreme court or the superior court shall retire from judicial office at the end of the calendar year in which he attains the age of seventy-five years. The legislature may, from time to time, fix a lesser age for mandatory retirement, not earlier than the end of the calendar year in which any such judge attains the age of seventy years, as the legislature deems proper. The pro-

vision shall not affect the term to which any such judge shall have been elected or appointed prior to, or at the time of, approval and ratification of this provision. Notwithstanding the limitations of this section, the legislature may by general law authorize or require the retirement of judges for physical or mental disability, or any cause rendering judges incapable of performing their judicial duties.

And Be It Further Resolved, That the secretary of state shall cause the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published for at least three months next preceding the election in a weekly newspaper in every county in the state in which such a newspaper is published.

Passed the House February 8, 1951.

CHAS. W. HODDE,
Speaker of the House.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1951.

VICTOR A. MEYERS,
President of the Senate.

STATE OF WASHINGTON—ss.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State March 12, 1951.

EARL COE,
Secretary of State.