



96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2009 and 2010

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0120

Introduced 3/26/2010, by Sen. Don Harmon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. VI, Sec. 11

Proposes to amend the Judiciary Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that a person must have been a licensed attorney-at-law for a minimum of ten years to be eligible to serve as a Circuit Judge, a minimum of twelve years to be eligible to serve as an Appellate Judge, and a minimum of fifteen years to be eligible to serve as a Supreme Court Judge, except that a person serving as a Judge on December 31, 2010 is not disqualified from completing the current term of office or seeking an additional term. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article VI of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 11 as follows:

10 ARTICLE VI
11 THE JUDICIARY

12 (ILCON Art. VI, Sec. 11)

13 SECTION 11. ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

14 No person shall be eligible to be a Judge or Associate
15 Judge unless that person ~~he~~ is a United States citizen, a
16 licensed attorney-at-law of this State, and a resident of the
17 unit which selects him or her. A person must have been a
18 licensed attorney-at-law for a minimum of ten years to be
19 eligible to serve as a Circuit Judge, a minimum of twelve years
20 to be eligible to serve as an Appellate Judge, and a minimum of
21 fifteen years to be eligible to serve as a Supreme Court Judge,
22 except that this requirement does not disqualify a person
23 servng as a Judge on December 31, 2010 from completing the

1 current term of office or seeking an additional term for that
2 office. No change in the boundaries of a unit shall affect the
3 tenure in office of a Judge or Associate Judge incumbent at the
4 time of such change.

5 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

6 SCHEDULE

7 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
8 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
9 Constitutional Amendment Act.