

ANALYSES OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

The following comments supporting or opposing the proposed amendment reflect positions presented in committee proceedings, during house or senate floor debate, or in the analysis of the resolution prepared by the House Research Organization (HRO) when the resolution was considered by the House of Representatives.

- Because people are living and working longer than in decades past, it is appropriate to allow judges and justices to serve beyond the current mandatory retirement age of 75.
- Increasing the mandatory retirement age for judges and justices will allow experienced and competent public servants who are willing to continue to serve.
- Allowing judges and justices to serve longer could decrease turnover and ensure a more predictable and stable judicial system.
- Since judges and justices in Texas are elected, any issues with the performance of a particular judge or justice can be addressed by the electorate.

Comments by Opponents

- No opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment was expressed during legislative consideration of the proposal.