

By Commissioner Wetherington

1 Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, no person
2 is eligible for the office of county court judge unless the
3 person he is, and has been for the preceding ten five years, a
4 member of the bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by
5 general law, a person shall be eligible for election or
6 appointment to the office of county court judge in a county
7 having a population of 40,000 or less if the person he is a
8 member in good standing of the bar of Florida.

9 Section 2. Article XII of the Florida Constitution is
10 revised by adding section 21 to that article to read:

ARTICLE V

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13 SECTION 21. Circuit and county judges.--Any circuit
14 court judge or county court judge who is in office on the date
15 that the amendment to Section 8 of Article V takes effect,
16 relating to Florida bar membership of 10 years for any such
17 judge, is eligible to qualify and continue to serve in that
18 office.