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CRC ACTION

Commissioner

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Commissioner Schifino moved the following:

CRC Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

SECTION 8. Eligibility.-

No person shall be eligible for office of justice or judge
of any court unless the person is an elector of the state and
resides in the territorial jurisdiction of the court. No justice
or judge shall serve after attaining the age of seventy years
except upon temporary assignment or to complete a term, one-half



12 of which has been served. No person is eligible for the office
13 of justice of the supreme court or judge of a district court of
14 appeal unless the person is, and has been for the preceding ten
15 years, a member of the bar of Florida. No person is eligible for
16 the office of circuit judge and shall not preside on the circuit
17 bench in any capacity, unless the person is, and has been for
18 the preceding ~~five~~ ten years, a member of a bar of one of the
19 states or territories of the United States of America, of which
20 the last five years were as a member of the bar of Florida.
21 ~~Unless otherwise provided by general law, no~~ No person is
22 eligible for the office of county court judge unless the person
23 is, and has been for the preceding five years, a member of the
24 bar of Florida. Unless otherwise provided by general law, a
25 person shall be eligible for election or appointment to the
26 office of county court judge in a county having a population of
27 40,000 or less if the person is a member in good standing of the
28 bar of Florida.

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30 A new section is added to Article XII of the State
31 Constitution to read:

32 ARTICLE XII

33 SCHEDULE

34 Qualifications of circuit judges and county court judges.-
35 The amendment to Section 8 of Article V, which revises the
36 qualifications for a person to be eligible for the office of
37 circuit judge, shall only apply prospectively from January 8,
38 2019. The amendment may not be construed to affect a person who
39 has assumed the office of circuit judge on or before January 8,
40 2019, or any person who has been nominated for a vacancy in the



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41 office of circuit judge by a judicial nominating commission, but
42 has not yet assumed office, as of January 8, 2019.

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45 And the title is amended as follows:

46 Delete everything before the enacting clause

47 and insert:

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A proposal to amend

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Section 8 of Article V of the State Constitution to

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create a new section in to Article XII of the State

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Constitution to require a person to have at least ten

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years membership in a bar in the United States of

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America, the preceding five of which must be in The

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Florida Bar, in order to be eligible to serve in the

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office of circuit judge or preside on the circuit

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bench.