

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB473
Version:	FA1-A3
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Impact:	Budget neutral

Research Analysis

The third amendment to the floor substitute for SB473 eliminates the proposed age limit for district court judges. As a result, only appellate court justices and judges would be required to retire at age seventy-five.

As amended, SB473 establishes a seventy-five year old age limit for serving as a Supreme Court Justice, judge for the Court of Civil Appeals or judge for the Court of Criminal Appeals and requires any judge serving in these positions to retire at age seventy-five or at the completion of the term that the judge or justice turns seventy-five. A judge or justice that is seventy-five years of age on or before the effective date of the act must also retire on the effective date of the act, provided they will also have the option to complete their term.

A justice or judge that wishes to complete his or her term must submit a signed affidavit 30 days prior to their seventy-fifth birthday to the chief presiding judge of his or her court.

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Fiscal Analysis

The FA1-A3 eliminates the proposed mandatory retirement age for district court judges. Vacancies that result from these mandatory retirements are anticipated to have a budget neutral impact on state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.