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Sponsor(s): Senators Kline, Constantine, Sheahan, Kohl-Welles and Prentice

Brief Description: Revising qualifications for judicial offices.

SB 5785 - DIGEST

Provides that a judge of the supreme court shall be admitted to the practice of law in the courts of record of this state not less than fifteen years prior to taking office.

Provides that a judge of a superior court shall be admitted to the practice of law in the courts of record of this state not less than five years prior to taking office.

Declares that this act takes effect thirty days after election if the proposed amendment to Article IV, section 17 of the state Constitution specifying qualifications for judges is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the next general election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and ratified, this act is void in its entirety.