

Ballot Measure Statement
2016 General Election

September 08, 2016

**Referred to the People by the
Legislative Assembly**

Measure 94

Amends Constitution: Eliminates mandatory retirement age for state judges

Result of "Yes" Vote: "Yes" vote amends constitution, state judges not required to retire from judicial office after turning 75 years old. Statutes cannot establish mandatory retirement age. **Yes**

Result of "No" Vote: "No" vote retains constitutional provisions requiring state judges to retire from judicial office after turning 75 years old, authorizing statutes establishing lesser mandatory retirement age. **No**

Summary: Article VII (Amended), section 1a, of the Oregon Constitution, requires state judges to "retire from judicial office at the end of the calendar year" in which they turn 75 years old. Section 1a(1) authorizes laws that establish a lesser age—not younger than 70 years—for mandatory retirement. Measure amends constitution to remove provision requiring mandatory retirement at age 75, as well as provision authorizing statutes requiring mandatory retirement at age 70 or older. Measure retains constitutional provision that authorizes statutes permitting retired judges to be recalled to temporary active service. Measure retains constitutional provision that authorizes laws permitting or requiring judges to retire due to a physical or mental disability or any other cause that renders them incapable of performing their judicial duties.

Estimate of Financial Impact: There is no financial impact to state revenue or expenditures. There is no financial impact on local government revenue or expenditures.