REGULAR CALENDAR

January 28, 2026

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Minority of the Committee on Judiciary to which was referred CACR 9,

AN ACT relating to the retirement age for judges. Providing that the mandatory judicial retirement age shall be increased from 70 to 75. Having considered the same, and being unable to agree with the Majority, report with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Joe Alexander

FOR THE MINORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

MINORITY
COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Judiciary**
Bill Number:	**CACR 9**
Title:	**relating to the retirement age for judges. Providing that the mandatory judicial retirement age shall be increased from 70 to 75.**
Date:	**January 28, 2026**
Consent Calendar:	**REGULAR**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

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