

CACR 11 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **11**

RELATING TO: sheriffs.

PROVIDING THAT: there shall be no age limitation for a person to hold the office of county sheriff.

SPONSORS: Sen. Reardon, Dist 15; Sen. Abbas, Dist 22

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution eliminates the age limitation for sheriffs.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: sheriffs.

PROVIDING THAT: there shall be no age limitation for a person to hold the office of county sheriff.

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That article 78 of the second part of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

2 [Art.] 78. [Judges ~~and Sheriffs~~, When Disqualified by Age.] No person shall hold the office of
3 Judge of any Court~~;~~ or Judge of Probate~~;~~ ~~or Sheriff of any county,~~ after he has attained the age of
4 seventy years.

5 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
6 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November 2026.

7 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
8 insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
9 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2026 session of the general court shall
10 be approved.

11 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:

12 “Are you in favor of amending article 78 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

13 [Art.] 78. [Judges, When Disqualified by Age.] No person shall hold the office of Judge of any
14 Court or Judge of Probate after he has attained the age of seventy years.”

15 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
16 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
17 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the
18 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
19 official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
20 the 2026 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

21 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
22 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.

23 VII. Voters' Guide.

24 AT THE PRESENT TIME, no person may be a sheriff after he or she has turned
25 seventy years old.

26 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, there shall be no age limitation on the office
27 of sheriff.