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2025 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **8**

RELATING TO: sheriffs.

PROVIDING THAT: no person shall hold the office of county sheriff after he or she has attained the age of seventy-five years.

SPONSORS: Sen. Abbas, Dist 22; Rep. Doucette, Rock. 25; Rep. D. Mannion, Rock. 25;
Rep. Osborne, Rock. 2

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution raises the retirement age for sheriffs to 75 years of age.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

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PROVIDING THAT: no person shall hold the office of county sheriff after he or she has attained the age of seventy-five years

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, **and no person shall hold the office of Sheriff of any county after he has**
5 **attained the age of seventy-five years.**

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

8 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
9 insert in their warrants for the said 2026 election an article to the following effect: To decide
10 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2025 session of the general court shall
11 be approved.

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

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

14 [Art.] 78. [Judges and Sheriffs, When Disqualified by Age.] No person shall hold the office of
15 Judge of any Court, or Judge of Probate, after he has attained the age of seventy years, and no
16 person shall hold the office of Sheriff of any county after he has attained the age of seventy-five
17 years.”

18 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot
19 with other constitutional questions or on the official ballot. The ballot containing the question shall
20 include 2 ovals next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no oval is marked, the
21 ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular
22 official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by
23 the 2025 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

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

26 VII. Voters' Guide.

27 AT THE PRESENT TIME, no person may be a sheriff after he or she has turned

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1 seventy years old.

2 IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, no person may be a sheriff after he or she has

3 turned seventy-five years old.