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**Commissioner Donelon Announces Support for Amendment  
5 Re: Mandatory Judicial Retirement Age**

Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon is supporting Amendment 5 which would eliminate the mandatory age-based retirement requirements for state judges.

“Imposing an age limit of 70 amounts to an anachronism that fails to take into account modern lifespans and lifestyles. More importantly, judgeships are the only elected position in Louisiana with a mandatory retirement age and experienced and competent judges are being forced to retire and it’s Louisiana citizens who will pay the price,” said Donelon. “I encourage voters to vote for Amendment 5 and retain the right to choose an elected official who they feel has the ability to best serve them.”

Amendment 5 is a legislatively referred constitutional amendment that was introduced as a result of Act 875 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session. Voters who want to eliminate the age-based ban will vote FOR Amendment 5 on the statewide ballot November 4.

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