



# HOUSE BILL 205: Increase Retirement Age/Judges & Magistrates

2015-2016 General Assembly

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**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 205 increases the mandatory retirement age for magistrates, and for justices and judges in the General Court of Justice, to allow them to serve until the end of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 205 increases the mandatory retirement age for justices, judges, and magistrates from 72 to 75 and allows them to serve until the end of the calendar year in which they turn 75, rather than at the end of the calendar month.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective December 1, 2015, and apply to justices, judges, and magistrates holding office or elected or appointed on or after that date.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 205 is somewhat similar to House Bill 50 which received third reading in the House on 3/25/2015 and has been referred to the Committee and Rules and Operations of the Senate. House Bill 50 amended the mandatory retirement age for magistrates, and for judges and justices of the General Court of Justice to require retirement on December 31 of the year the magistrate, judge or justice attains the age of 72. The two bills have some similarities and some differences and have different effective dates

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