



2023-2024 General Assembly

# HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 16.14: Raise Mandatory Retirement Age for Appellate Judges

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 16.14 of S.L. 2023-134

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***OVERVIEW:** Section 16.14 of S.L. 2023-134 creates age limits for judges. This section prohibits any justice or judge of the appellate division of the General Court of Justice from continuing in office beyond the last day of the month in which the justice or judge attains 76 years of age. Justices and judges so retired may be recalled for periods of temporary service. Superior court and district court judges are prohibited from continuing in office beyond the last day of the month in which the judge attains 72 years of age, but retired judges may be recalled for periods of temporary service.*

*This section became effective October 3, 2023, and applies to justices, judges, and magistrates serving on or after that date, provided that nothing in this section may be construed to automatically halt the retirement process of a justice, judge, or magistrate that has already initiated that process.*

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