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COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill: House Bill 90

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Sponsor: Representative Harper

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Synopsis: This bill amends the Pennsylvania Constitution to change the mandatory retirement age for judges from 70 to 75.

Summary: This bill amends Section 16(b) of Article V of the Pennsylvania Constitution to state that justices, judges and justices of the peace shall be retired on the last day of the calendar year in which they attain the age of 75 years.

Background: Identical legislation (House Bill 79) changing the mandatory retirement age from 70 to 75 passed both chambers during last session and became Pamphlet Law Resolution No. 3. In order to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution, the legislation must pass both chambers again during this session and then must be approved by the voters via a referendum.

Current Law: Section 16(b) of Article V of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides that justices, judges and justices of the peace shall retire when they attain the age of 70 years.