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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HJR36 by McReynolds (Proposing a constitutional amendment to permit a state justice or judge who reaches the mandatory age of retirement while in office to complete the justice's or judge's current term if less than two years remain in that term.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$77,468.

The joint resolution would permit a state justice or judge who reaches the mandatory age of retirement during the first four years of the justice's or judge's term of office to complete the first four years of the justice's or judge's current term. To the extent the state would accrue a cost savings by having a justice or judge who has reached the mandatory age of retirement continue to be available to dispose of a court's docket, the fiscal implication to the State is not anticipated to be significant.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Local government may accrue minimal cost savings by having a justice or judge who has reached the mandatory age of retirement continue to be available to dispose of a court's docket.

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