

UNTIL THE JUDGE'S SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY; PROVIDED THAT FROM AND AFTER THE JUDGE'S SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY, A MAJORITY OF JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS ANNUALLY CERTIFIES THAT THE JUDGE IS PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND TEMPERAMENTALLY QUALIFIED TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF OFFICE. A JUDGE SO CERTIFIED SHALL, DURING THE YEAR FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION, BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OR REELECTION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 3, 18B, AND 41D OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) IF A CERTIFICATION OF A JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS IS AT ISSUE, THAT JUDGE SHALL EXCUSE HIMSELF OR HERSELF FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE CERTIFICATION, AND THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS SHALL SIT AS A MEMBER OF THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING THAT CERTIFICATION.

5A.

(f) An appellate court judge shall retire when he attains his [seventieth] SEVENTY-FIFTH birthday.

18B.

(a) For the purpose of implementing the amendments to this article, dealing with the selection and tenure of appellate court judges, the following provisions shall govern.

(b) Each judge of an appellate court who is in office for an elected term on the effective date of these amendments, unless he dies, resigns, retires, or is otherwise lawfully removed, shall continue in office until the general election next after the end of his elected term, or until his [seventieth] SEVENTY-FIFTH birthday, whichever first occurs. His continuance in office is then subject to the provisions of section 5A(c) and (d) of this article, applicable to judges of that court, but in no event shall any judge continue in office after his [seventieth] SEVENTY-FIFTH birthday.

(c) Each judge of a court specified in subsection (b) who is in office on the effective date of these amendments, but who has not been elected to that office by the voters, shall, within fifteen days after the effective date of these amendments, be reappointed to that office. His continuance in office is then subject to the provisions of section 5A(c) and (d) of this article, applicable to judges of that court, but in no event shall any judge continue in office after his [seventieth] SEVENTY-FIFTH birthday.

41D.

The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint each judge of the District Court whenever for any reason a vacancy shall exist in the office. All hearings, deliberations, and debate on the confirmation of appointees of the Governor shall be public, and no hearings, deliberations or debate thereon shall be conducted by the Senate or any committee or subcommittee thereof in secret or executive session. Confirmation by the Senate shall be made upon a majority vote of all members of the Senate. A judge appointed by the Governor may take office upon qualification and before confirmation by the Senate, but shall cease to hold office at the close of the regular annual session of the General Assembly next following his appointment or during which he shall have been appointed by the Governor, if the Senate shall not have confirmed his