2022 VOTERS' GUIDE

EXPLAINING THE AMENDMENT
TO THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTION
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Question 1:

Are you in favor of amending articles 71 and 81 of the second part of the constitution to read as follows:

[Art.] 71. [County Treasurers, County Attorneys, Sheriffs, and Registers of Deeds Elected.] The county treasurers, county attorneys, sheriffs and registers of deeds, shall be elected by the inhabitants of the several towns, in the several counties in the State, according to the method now practiced, and the laws of the state, provided nevertheless the legislature shall have authority to alter the manner of certifying the votes, and the mode of electing those officers; but not so as to deprive the people of the right they now have of electing them.

[Art.] 81. [Judges Not to Act as Counsel.] No judge shall be of counsel, act as advocate, or receive any fees as advocate or counsel, in any probate business which is pending, or may be brought into any court of probate in the county of which he or she is judge.

Explanation:

AT THE PRESENT TIME, the constitution references registers of probate while the office's duties were redistributed to circuit court clerks in 2011.

IF THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED, the constitution will no longer include the reference to registers of probate.

If the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.