

1 S.155

2 Introduced by Senator Illuzzi

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Code of judicial conduct; political conduct of judges; judicial
6 candidate for nonjudicial elective office

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to permit a judge to hold another
8 judicial elective office. Current law prohibits judges from holding any other
9 elective office.

10 An act relating to permitting a judge to hold another judicial elective office

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. Canon 5(A)(3) of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct is amended to
13 read:

14 (3) A judge shall resign from judicial office upon becoming a candidate
15 for any nonjudicial elective office, except that a judge of probate or an
16 assistant judge may be a candidate for reelection or may serve as town meeting
17 moderator, provided that the judge complies with the provisions of Section 5C.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE; RETROACTIVITY

2 This act shall take effect on passage and shall apply retroactively to any
3 judge holding or becoming a candidate for any elected judicial office at any
4 time before or after the effective date of this act.