

**FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW NO. 3-FKZ OF APRIL 5, 2005 ON
AMENDING THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ON THE JUDICIAL
SYSTEM OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Adopted by the State Duma on March 16, 2005

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Article 1

To amend Federal Constitutional Law No. 1-FKZ of December 31, 1996 on the Judicial System of the Russian Federation (Sobraniye Zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1997, No. 1, item 1; 2001, No. 51, item 4825) as follows:

1) the second sentence of Article 14 shall be set forth in the following wording: "The maximum age for holding the office of a judge of a federal court shall be 70 years."

2) paragraph 2 of Article 15 shall be set forth in the following wording:

"2. The office of a judge shall be terminated or suspended by decision of the relevant qualification college of judges, except for the cases of termination of the office of a judge due to the expiry of its term or the reaching by a judge of the maximum age for holding the office of a judge."

Article 2

The provision of Article 14 of Federal Constitutional Law No. 1-FKZ of December 31, 1996 on the Judicial System of the Russian Federation (in the wording of this Constitutional Law) on the maximum age for holding the office of a judge of a federal law shall apply to all judges of federal courts who have not reached the age of 65 as on the day of the entry into force of this Federal Constitutional Law, except for judges of federal courts appointed to the post for the first time for a term of three years.

Article 3

This Federal Constitutional Law shall enter into force from the day of its official publication.

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