

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE : NO. 659 JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
: DOCKET
AMENDMENTS TO RULE 701 :
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RULES :
OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION :
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ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 23rd day of June, 2026, it is Ordered pursuant to Article V, Section 10 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania that Rule 701 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Judicial Administration is amended in the attached form.

This ORDER shall be processed in accordance with Pa.R.J.A. 103(b), and shall be effective immediately.

Additions are **bolded** and are underlined.
Deletions are **bolded** and are [bracketed.]

Rules of Judicial Administration

Rule 701. Assignment of Judges to Courts

(A) **Conditions Applicable for the Certification of Senior Magisterial District Judges, Judges or Justices.**

- (4) Senior status shall end on the last day of the calendar year in which a magisterial district judge, judge or justice attains age **[seventy-eight] 80**.
- (5) For certification of senior status, a magisterial district judge, judge or justice shall verify such additional information as required by the application for certification forms authorized under paragraph (B) below.
- (6) A magisterial district judge, judge or justice may only be certified for senior status for a maximum of ten years, absent extraordinary circumstances, as determined by the Chief Justice. **[However, those serving in senior status as of the effective date of this rule may continue to serve until subject to the age limit of paragraph (4) above.]**
