

No. 87823-4

CHAMBERS, J. (concurring) — I concur with the majority in result. The Washington State Constitution, our founding charter, sets forth the qualifications for being a superior court judge. They are simple. “No person shall be eligible to the office of judge . . . of a superior court, unless he shall have been admitted to practice in the courts of record of this state.” Const. art. IV, § 17. Under our constitution, any person admitted to practice in Washington courts of record is eligible to be a judge. The petitioners contend that the legislature may, and has, add additional qualifications to those set forth in the constitution. We have answered this question already, and the answer is no. *Gerberding v. Munroe*, 134 Wn.2d 188, 210, 949 P.2d 1366 (1998); *In re Bartz*, 47 Wn.2d 161, 164, 287 P.2d 119 (1955).

I respectfully concur.

AUTHOR:

Justice Tom Chambers

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WE CONCUR:

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Justice Steven C. González

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