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FDR's Court Packing Plan

Supreme Court opposition to Roosevelt's programs continued with the Court consistently vetoing New Deal legislation. FDR asked Congress to approve a law that would permit the President to increase the number of Supreme Court judges from nine to fifteen if the judges refused to retire by the age of 70. **The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1937** – or “court packing plan” as opponents called it – was intended to make the Supreme Court approve New Deal laws. It never became a law because it threatened the separation of powers.

QUALIFYING TEST FOR SUPREME COURT JOBS



1. How many judges are on the Supreme Court?

How long do they serve for? _____

Who appoints them? _____

2. What was the Judiciary Reorganization Act?

3. Why did FDR want to change the number of Supreme Court judges? _____

4. Why did this bill never become a law? _____

5. Answer the following based on the cartoon above:

a. Who are the men on the right? _____

b. What is FDR doing? _____

c. Explain what's in the garbage and why. _____

d. What is the main idea of the cartoon? _____

