

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Jetton

H.B. No. 3452

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to complaints submitted to and sanctions issued by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 33.0211(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission shall maintain a file on each written complaint filed with the commission. The file must include:

(1) the name of the person who filed the complaint;

(2) a sworn statement from the person who filed the complaint attesting that the contents of the complaint are true to the best of the person's knowledge;

(3) the date the complaint is received by the commission;

(4) [~~3~~] the subject matter of the complaint;

(5) [~~4~~] the name of each person contacted in relation to the complaint;

(6) [~~5~~] a summary of the results of the review or investigation of the complaint; and

(7) [~~6~~] an explanation of the reason the file was closed, if the commission closed the file without taking action other than to investigate the complaint.

SECTION 2. Sections 33.034(a), (e), and (i), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1 (a) A judge who receives from the commission a public
2 sanction or censure issued by the commission under Section 1-a(8),
3 Article V, Texas Constitution, or any other type of public
4 sanction, including a public admonition or warning, is entitled to
5 a review of the commission's decision as provided by this section.
6 This section does not apply to a decision by the commission to
7 institute formal proceedings.

8 (e) The review by the court under this section[+
9 [~~(1)~~] of a sanction or censure issued in a formal or
10 informal proceeding is a review of the record of the proceedings
11 that resulted in the sanction or censure and is based on the law and
12 facts that were presented in the proceedings and any additional
13 evidence that the court in its discretion may, for good cause shown,
14 permit[~~;~~ and

15 [~~(2) of a sanction issued in an informal proceeding is~~
16 ~~by trial de novo as that term is used in the appeal of cases from~~
17 ~~justice to county court].~~

18 (i) The court's decision under this section is only [~~not~~]
19 appealable by the commission to the supreme court.

20 SECTION 3. Section 33.037, Government Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 Sec. 33.037. SUSPENSION PENDING APPEAL OR FORMAL
23 PROCEEDINGS. (a) If a judge who is convicted of a felony or a
24 misdemeanor involving official misconduct appeals the conviction,
25 the commission shall suspend the judge from office without pay
26 pending final disposition of the appeal.

27 (b) If the commission has initiated formal proceedings

1 against a judge, 10 days after the appointment of a special master,
2 the commission shall suspend the judge from office without pay
3 pending final disposition of the formal proceedings unless the
4 special master recommends against suspension.

5 SECTION 4. Section 74.055(c), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (c) To be eligible to be named on the list, a retired or
8 former judge must:

9 (1) have served as an active judge for at least 96
10 months in a district, statutory probate, statutory county, or
11 appellate court;

12 (2) have developed substantial experience in the
13 judge's area of specialty;

14 (3) not have been removed from office;

15 (4) certify under oath to the presiding judge, on a
16 form prescribed by the state board of regional judges, that:

17 (A) the judge has never been publicly reprimanded
18 or censured by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct; ~~and~~

19 (B) the judge has not received more than one
20 public sanction, including a public admonition or warning, from the
21 State Commission on Judicial Conduct that was determined to be
22 warranted by a court of review under Section 33.034; and

23 (C) the judge:

24 (i) did not resign or retire from office
25 after the State Commission on Judicial Conduct notified the judge
26 of the commencement of a full investigation into an allegation or
27 appearance of misconduct or disability of the judge as provided in

1 Section 33.022 and before the final disposition of that
2 investigation; or

3 (ii) if the judge did resign from office
4 under circumstances described by Subparagraph (i), was not publicly
5 reprimanded or censured as a result of the investigation;

6 (5) annually demonstrate that the judge has completed
7 in the past state fiscal year the educational requirements for
8 active district, statutory probate, and statutory county court
9 judges; and

10 (6) certify to the presiding judge a willingness not
11 to appear and plead as an attorney in any court in this state for a
12 period of two years.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

ADOPTED

MAY 22 2023

By: Joan Huffman *Lacey Spaw*
Secretary of the Senate H.B. No. 3452
Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3452:
By: Supan Huffman C.S. H.B. No. 3452

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the discipline of judges by the State Commission on
3 Judicial Conduct and the legislature.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 33.001(b), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) For purposes of Section 1-a, Article V, Texas
8 Constitution, "wilful or persistent conduct that is clearly
9 inconsistent with the proper performance of a judge's duties"
10 includes:

11 (1) wilful, persistent, and unjustifiable failure to
12 timely execute the business of the court, considering the quantity
13 and complexity of the business;

14 (2) wilful violation of a provision of the Texas penal
15 statutes or the Code of Judicial Conduct;

16 (3) persistent or wilful violation of the rules
17 promulgated by the supreme court;

18 (4) incompetence in the performance of the duties of
19 the office;

20 (5) failure to cooperate with the commission; ~~[or]~~

21 (6) violation of any provision of a voluntary
22 agreement to resign from judicial office in lieu of disciplinary
23 action by the commission; or

24 (7) persistent or wilful violation of Article 17.15,

1 Code of Criminal Procedure.

2 SECTION 2. Section 33.0212, Government Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 33.0212. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON FILED
5 COMPLAINTS. (a) As soon as practicable after a complaint is filed
6 with the commission, commission staff shall conduct a preliminary
7 investigation of the filed complaint and draft recommendations for
8 commission action.

9 (a-1) On completion of the preliminary investigation and
10 submission of recommendations under Subsection (a), commission
11 staff shall provide to the judge who is the subject of the complaint
12 written notice of:

13 (1) the complaint, the results of the preliminary
14 investigation, and the commission staff's recommendations for
15 commission action regarding the complaint; and

16 (2) the judge's right to attend each commission
17 meeting at which the complaint is included in the report filed with
18 the commission members under Subsection (a-2).

19 (a-2) Not later than the 10th business day before a
20 scheduled commission meeting [~~120th day after the date a complaint~~
21 ~~is filed with the commission]~~, commission staff shall prepare and
22 file with each member of the commission a report detailing:

23 (1) each complaint for which a preliminary
24 investigation has been conducted under Subsection (a) but for which
25 the investigation report has not been finalized under Subsection
26 (b);

27 (2) the results of the preliminary investigation of

1 the complaint; and

2 (3) the commission staff's recommendations for
3 commission action regarding the complaint.

4 (b) Not later than the 120th [~~90th~~] day following the date
5 of the first commission meeting at which a complaint is included in
6 the report filed with the commission under Subsection (a-2) [~~staff~~
7 ~~files with the commission the report required by Subsection (a)],~~
8 the commission shall finalize the investigation report and
9 determine any action to be taken regarding the complaint,
10 including:

- 11 (1) a public sanction;
- 12 (2) a private sanction;
- 13 (3) a suspension;
- 14 (4) an order of education;
- 15 (5) an acceptance of resignation in lieu of
16 discipline;
- 17 (6) a dismissal; or
- 18 (7) an initiation of formal proceedings.

19 (b-1) After the commission meeting at which an
20 investigation report is finalized and an action is determined under
21 Subsection (b), the commission shall provide to the judge who is the
22 subject of a complaint:

23 (1) written notice of the action to be taken regarding
24 the complaint not more than five business days after the commission
25 meeting; and

26 (2) as the commission determines appropriate, notice
27 of the action to be taken published on the commission's Internet

1 website not more than seven business days after the commission
2 meeting.

3 (c) If, because of extenuating circumstances, the
4 commission [staff] is unable to finalize an investigation report
5 and determine the action to be taken regarding a complaint under
6 Subsection (b) [~~provide an investigation report and recommendation~~
7 ~~to the commission]~~ before the 120th day following the date of the
8 first [the complaint was filed with the] commission meeting at
9 which a complaint is included in the report filed with the
10 commission under Subsection (a-2), the commission may order an
11 extension [the staff shall notify the commission and propose the
12 number of days required for the commission and commission staff to
13 complete the investigation report and recommendations and finalize
14 the complaint. The staff may request an extension] of not more
15 than 240 [270] days from the date of the first [the complaint was
16 filed with the] commission meeting at which a complaint is included
17 in the report filed with the commission under Subsection
18 (a-2). [The commission shall finalize the complaint not later than
19 the 270th day following the date the complaint was filed with the
20 commission.]

21 (d) [~~The executive director may request that the~~
22 ~~chairperson grant an additional 120 days to the time provided under~~
23 ~~Subsection (c) for the commission and commission staff to complete~~
24 ~~the investigation report and recommendations and finalize the~~
25 ~~complaint.~~

26 [~~(e)~~] If the commission orders an extension of time under
27 Subsection (c) [chairperson grants additional time under

1 ~~Subsection (d)]~~, the commission must timely inform the legislature
2 of the extension. The commission may not disclose to the
3 legislature any confidential information regarding the complaint.

4 SECTION 3. Section 33.0213, Government Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Sec. 33.0213. NOTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
7 INVESTIGATION. On notice by any law enforcement agency
8 investigating an action for which a complaint has been filed with
9 the commission, the commission:

10 (1) may place the commission's complaint file on hold
11 and decline any further investigation that would jeopardize the law
12 enforcement agency's investigation; or

13 (2) shall ~~[. The commission may]~~ continue an
14 investigation that would not jeopardize a law enforcement
15 investigation regarding the conduct subject to the complaint and
16 may issue a censure or sanction based on the complaint.

17 SECTION 4. Section 33.034(a), Government Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

19 (a) A judge who receives from the commission a public
20 sanction or censure issued by the commission under Section 1-a(8),
21 Article V, Texas Constitution, that makes the judge ineligible for
22 assignment under Section 74.055 [or any other type of sanction] is
23 entitled to a review of the commission's decision as provided by
24 this section. This section does not apply to a decision by the
25 commission to institute formal proceedings.

26 SECTION 5. Section 33.037, Government Code, is amended to
27 read as follows:

1 Sec. 33.037. SUSPENSION FROM OFFICE [~~PENDING APPEAL~~]. (a)
2 If a judge who is convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor involving
3 official misconduct appeals the conviction, the commission shall
4 suspend the judge from office without pay pending final disposition
5 of the appeal.

6 **(b) If the commission initiates formal proceedings against**
7 **a judge, the commission shall suspend the judge from office without**
8 **pay not later than the 30th day after the date a special master is**
9 **appointed and pending final disposition of the formal proceedings**
10 **unless the special master determines the suspension is unwarranted.**

11 **(c) If the commission issues a public reprimand of a judge**
12 **based on the judge's persistent or wilful violation of Article**
13 **17.15, Code of Criminal Procedure, the commission shall:**

14 **(1) suspend the judge from office without pay for 60**
15 **days; and**

16 **(2) send notice of the reprimand and suspension to:**

17 **(A) the governor;**

18 **(B) the lieutenant governor;**

19 **(C) the speaker of the house of representatives;**

20 **(D) the presiding officers of each legislative**
21 **standing committee with jurisdiction over the judiciary;**

22 **(E) the comptroller;**

23 **(F) the chief justice of the supreme court;**

24 **(G) the Office of Court Administration of the**
25 **Texas Judicial System; and**

26 **(H) the presiding judge of the administrative**
27 **judicial region for the court served by the suspended judge.**

1 SECTION 6. Section 74.055(c), Government Code, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (c) To be eligible to be named on the list, a retired or
4 former judge must:

5 (1) have served as an active judge for at least 96
6 months in a district, statutory probate, statutory county, or
7 appellate court;

8 (2) have developed substantial experience in the
9 judge's area of specialty;

10 (3) not have been removed from office;

11 (4) certify under oath to the presiding judge, on a
12 form prescribed by the state board of regional judges, that:

13 (A) the judge has never been either:

14 (i) publicly reprimanded or censured by the
15 State Commission on Judicial Conduct; or

16 (ii) publicly reprimanded, sanctioned, or
17 censured, or any combination of those punishments, more than once,
18 unless the reprimand, sanction, or censure has been reviewed and
19 rescinded by a special court of review under Section 33.034; and

20 (B) the judge:

21 (i) did not resign or retire from office
22 after the State Commission on Judicial Conduct notified the judge
23 of the commencement of a full investigation into an allegation or
24 appearance of misconduct or disability of the judge as provided in
25 Section 33.022 and before the final disposition of that
26 investigation; or

27 (ii) if the judge did resign from office

1 under circumstances described by Subparagraph (i), was not publicly
2 reprimanded or censured as a result of the investigation;

3 (5) annually demonstrate that the judge has completed
4 in the past state fiscal year the educational requirements for
5 active district, statutory probate, and statutory county court
6 judges; and

7 (6) certify to the presiding judge a willingness not
8 to appear and plead as an attorney in any court in this state for a
9 period of two years.

10 SECTION 7. Section 665.052(b), Government Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (b) In this section, "incompetency" means:

13 (1) gross ignorance of official duties;

14 (2) gross carelessness in the discharge of official
15 duties; ~~or~~

16 (3) inability or unfitness to discharge promptly and
17 properly official duties because of a serious physical or mental
18 defect that did not exist at the time of the officer's election; or

19 (4) persistent or wilful violation of Article 17.15,
20 Code of Criminal Procedure.

21 SECTION 8. As soon as practicable after the effective date
22 of this Act, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall adopt
23 rules to implement Section 33.001(b), Government Code, as amended
24 by this Act.

25 SECTION 9. Sections 33.001(b) and 665.052(b), Government
26 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to an allegation of
27 judicial misconduct received by the State Commission on Judicial

1 Conduct or the legislature on or after the effective date of this
2 Act, regardless of whether the conduct or act that is the subject of
3 the allegation occurred or was committed before, on, or after the
4 effective date of this Act.

5 SECTION 10. Section 33.037, Government Code, as amended by
6 this Act, applies only to a special master appointed to hear a
7 formal proceeding on or after the effective date of this Act.

8 SECTION 11. A former or retired judge on a list maintained
9 by a presiding judge under Section 74.055(a), Government Code, who
10 is ineligible to be named on the list under Section 74.055(c),
11 Government Code, as amended by this Act, shall be struck from the
12 list on the effective date of this Act and may not be assigned to any
13 court on or after the effective date of this Act.

14 SECTION 12. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2023

TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3452 by Jetton (Relating to the discipline of judges by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the legislature.), **As Passed 2nd House**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3452, As Passed 2nd House : a negative impact of (\$494,948) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2024	(\$247,474)
2025	(\$247,474)
2026	(\$247,474)
2027	(\$247,474)
2028	(\$247,474)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023
2024	(\$247,474)	2.0
2025	(\$247,474)	2.0
2026	(\$247,474)	2.0
2027	(\$247,474)	2.0
2028	(\$247,474)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to shorten the timeframes for investigating and disposing of complaints filed with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC).

The bill would amend the Government Code to require SCJC to conduct a preliminary investigation and draft recommendations for commission action as soon as practicable after complaint has been filed.

The bill would require SCJC to provide to judges who are the subject of a complaint of the commission staff's recommendations for commission action and the judge's right to attend each commission meeting at which a

report prepared and filed not later than the 10th business day before a scheduled commission meeting includes the complaint against the judge.

The bill would require SCJC to prepare and file, not later than the 10th business day before a scheduled commission meeting, a report detailing each complaint for which a preliminary investigation has been conducted but for which the investigation report is not finalized; the results of the preliminary investigation; and the commission staff's recommendations for commission action regarding the complaint.

The bill would also require the agency, not later than the 120th day following the date of the first commission meeting at which the complaint is included in the the report filed not later than the 10th business day before a scheduled commission meeting, to finalize the investigation report.

The bill would require SCJC, within 5 days of the commission meeting at which the investigation report is finalized and a commission action is determined, to provide the judge who is subject to a complaint written notice of the action to be taken regarding the complaint and to publish notice of the action to be taken on the commission's website not more than 7 business days after the commission meeting.

If, because of extenuating circumstances, the agency is unable to finalize an investigation report and determine an action to be taken regarding the complaint before the 120th day from the date of the first commission meeting at which the complaint is included in the the report filed not later than the 10th business day before the commission meeting, the bill would provide that the agency could order an extension of not more than 240 days from the date of that first commission meeting.

The bill would also amend the Government Code to add persistent or willful violation of the rules for setting bail under Article 17.15 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to the definition of "willful or persistent conduct that is clearly inconsistent with the proper performance of a judge's duties" for the purposes of Section 1-a, Article V, Texas Constitution.

The bill would require SCJC to suspend a judge from office without pay for 60 days under certain circumstances and, if they do, to notify the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the House of Representatives, the presiding officers of the standing committees of each house of the legislature with applicable jurisdiction, and the comptroller.

The bill would allow the commission to suspend, or place on hold, an investigation if the person is under continued investigation by any law enforcement agency.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.

Methodology

Costs reflected in the table above are based on information provided by SCJC.

Based on the information provided by SCJC, this analysis assumes the agency would need additional staff to resolve complaints in the shorter times frames that would be established by the bill. Because many of the complaints the agency receives involve issues requiring substantial legal research and analysis it is assumed 2.0 additional attorney positions (2.0 FTEs) would be required to implement the bill's provisions.

Salary, benefit, and payroll contributions for these positions would total \$245,204 in fiscal year 2024; \$245,204 in fiscal year 2025; \$245,204 in fiscal year 2026; \$245,204 in fiscal year 2027; and \$245,204 in fiscal year 2028.

Other operating expenses would total \$2,270 in fiscal year 2024; \$2,270 in fiscal year 2025; \$2,270 in fiscal year 2026; \$2,270 in fiscal year 2027; and \$2,270 in fiscal year 2028.

Technology

Operating expenses above include technology impacts of \$1,325 in Fiscal Year 2024 and \$1,325 in Fiscal Year 2025, for hardware and Lexis Nexis licenses.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 242 State Commission on Judicial Conduct

LBB Staff: JMc, SD, KDw, JPa, MW

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2023

TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3452 by Jetton (relating to the discipline of judges by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the legislature.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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LBB Staff: JMc, KDw, JPa, MW

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 16, 2023

TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3452 by Jetton (Relating to complaints submitted to and sanctions issued by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 242 State Commission on Judicial Conduct

LBB Staff: JMc, KDw, DKN

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 10, 2023

TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3452 by Jetton (Relating to complaints submitted to and sanctions issued by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.), **As Introduced**

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